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The demise of Genevieve Bayard, however, isn't the only crime in Alpine. There has been a rash of burglaries, including at Emma's own cozy log cabin. Are the break-ins and the murder connected? As Emma digs, she uncovers a shocking scandal that may point the finger of guilt at one of her nearest and dearest . . . while single-handedly changing the history of Alpine itself.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Quilters will especially enjoy Daheim's 17th cozy (after 2004's *Alpine Pursuit*) to feature Emma Lord, publisher of the *Alpine Advocate*, the weekly newspaper of rural Alpine, Wash. When Genevieve Bayard, who grew up in Alpine, returns for a visit after a long absence, Annie Jeanne Dupré, the gentle, heavy-handed organist at St. Mildred's, decides to hold a welcome-back party for Gen and the other members of their old quilting group. Gen's sudden death at the party (from eating poisoned cheesecake, an autopsy later reveals) upsets everyone, but Emma's *House & Home* editor, Vida Runkel, who was absent at the time of the murder, is unusually disturbed and starts to behave strangely. Break-ins, a stranger in the local motel, burned quilt patterns, an anonymous letter, suspicious medications and another death compound the mystery. Daheim sympathetically portrays the small mountain town and its denizens, particularly Emma and her brother, Ben, a priest who's serving as St. Mildred's interim rector. Readers will also be enticed by the food and drink the characters often turn to for comfort. *Agent, Maureen Moran. (Apr. 26)*

From [Booklist](#)

Emma Lord, owner and publisher of the *Alpine Advocate*, is back for another adventure featuring a small town in Washington State and its eclectic residents. What lifts this series above the typical cozy is Emma herself: a dedicated journalist who left Seattle to buy a small-town newspaper and who is trying to move on from the death of her fiancé. Her occasional "no strings attached" sleepovers with Sheriff Milo Dodge are proof of Emma's independence, yet she is not immune to the dashing Rolf Fisher of the Associated Press. (That the frugal Emma will blow a fortune on a new outfit for her first date with Rolf is one example of why she is so lovable.) In this outing, a former resident is poisoned when she returns home for a visit. Suspicion is cast upon her best friend, church organist Annie Jeanne. To the chagrin of Emma's brother, Ben, a down-to-earth priest, some parishioners have stopped attending mass for fear of being poisoned during Communion. Daheim fans will welcome another encounter with the ever-enchanting Emma. *Jenny McLarin*
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Review

Praise for Mary Daheim and her Emma Lord mysteries

"If you like the 'Cat Who' mysteries by Lilian Jackson Braun, you'll find similar fun here."

—San Antonio Express-News

"Mary Daheim writes with wit, wisdom, and a big heart. I love her books."

—CAROLYN HART

"If you like cozy mysteries, you need to try Daheim's Alpine series. . . . Recommended."

—The Snooper

"Daheim writes . . . with dry wit, a butter-smooth style, and obvious wicked enjoyment."

—The Oregonian

"The characters are great, and the plots always attention-getting."

—King Features Syndicate

"Witty one-liners and amusing characterizations."

–Publishers Weekly

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