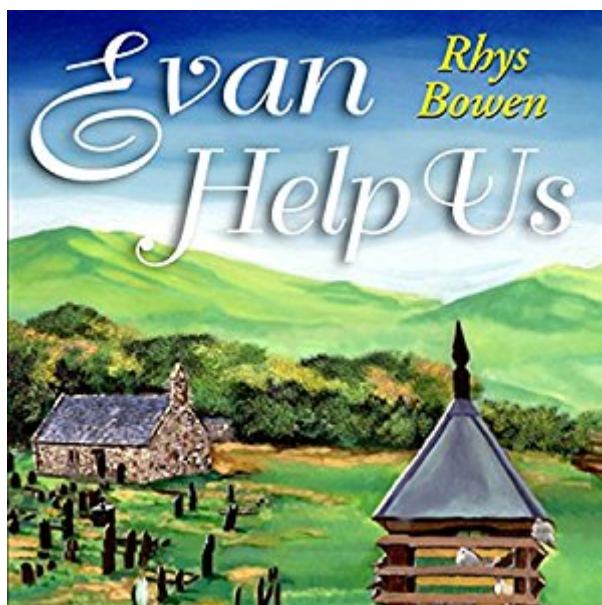


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Evan Help Us



Synopsis

Evan Evans is settling into his role as Constable of Llanfair, a small town nestled in the mountains of North Wales. Here, he has been a mediator of the minor disputes of the locals, between competing ministers, country merchants, and seemingly every Welch eccentric throughout the region. But an unusual series of events brings unseen hostilities to light, and Evan realizes just how deep the townsfolk's passions and hostilities lie. While the village of Llanfair has always been at odds with the neighboring town of Beddgelert, an intriguing archeological find in the nearby hills brings that rivalry to dangerous extremes, and creates a circus of local enthusiasm and gossip. The circus quickly turns deadly, however, when Llanfair's prodigal son, Ted Morgan, announces plans to erect an amusement park over the site's excavation. Soon, Constable Evans is drawn into a whirl of cultural pride, deception, and greed, and while he's at it uncovers the town's undaunted ambition - to earn the right to the longest name in the world. With the warmth, charm, and wry sense of humor that won listeners' hearts in *Evans Above*, Rhys Bowen offers a delightful new installment to an already cherished mystery series: *Evan Help Us*.

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Customer Reviews

The Constable Evans series has been a gem of a find in my search for authors and books. I enjoy reading about the land and the people of Wales, with their Welsh heritage and ways. Bowen has developed interesting characters with colorful personalities and quirks. Bowen's writing abilities grow with each book. The first book "*Evans Above*", was a bit simpler and lacking some of the fine art of

writing that is shown in the rest of the series. So if you find the first book to be not as interesting as you would like, I suggest you keep following the series because her writing ability grows with each book. It is nice to read books that do not have vulgarity, violence, or depressing heavy themes. I am always searching for such books and I have found that in Rhys Bowens writing.

The setting and characters are delightful. The author writes beautifully. I've read several so far. Readers who like MC Beaton's Hamish McBeth series are sure like this, too! (If I'd read this series first, I'd be saying the reverse.) Bowen makes you feel like you're in her lovely small Welsh town in somewhat the way Beaton brings you into hers in Scotland. A delightful cozy that will make you feel warm & fuzzy even when murder is afoot.

I wanted very much to like this series so even though I found the first book only "okay" I thought I would give book 2 a try. Again, it was just okay with a fairly obvious storyline and no character development at all. Evan Evans has no personality and I guess he must be the only single guy for miles the way all the women throw themselves at him. It's certainly not for his sparkling wit or conversational skills or smarts. How he behaves at the end of this book - no spoiler alert necessary - is not only not police procedure, but just plain stupid. Too stupid for me to read any more in this series. As far as the female characters: they're all one-dimensional caricatures i.e. the beautiful (who doesn't know it) saintly school teacher; the wise-cracking, sluttily dressed barmaid; the motherly landlady, etc.

It was a different kind of experience reading this book. By and large it was good, well thought out and for the most part entertaining. Unfortunately the ethnic dialogs were annoying to me and I did not understand why it had to be written that way. A mere reference to different speech patterns would have sufficed.

Evan left the big city to live a simpler life as a village constable. But he is discovering that the rural life is not necessarily the quiet life. First, the Colonel finds an ancient ruin and the village jumps to assumptions about what that would mean to tourism. But then the Colonel is found dead, apparently drowned in a stream. And then a man who left the village years ago reappears with plans to create an amusement park in an abandoned mine. And that's enough complication, but there are also the young ladies who have taken a fancy towards him. This, the second book in this series, is engaging and fun to read. The secondary characters continue to develop more depth, as does Evan himself.

Nice plotting keeps things moving and the ending is great! Read and enjoy.

This series is quite easy to read with no scandal or significant violence laid out. If you rebook I'll Nguyen for light Agatha Christie type mysteries these ones fit the bill.

Good writing but a bit slow and cautious. interesting slice of Wales Life. I have been there and agree it's a great place.

That's surprising given I've been to Wales and it was very foggy and damp -- but the Wales described in this book is a wonderful place indeed -- beautiful and filled with kind, caring people (who unfortunately for any outsider speak Welsh!) This is the second book in the series -- I'm reading them in order -- and I think I liked it better than the first. I thought at first I had everything all figured out, and was disappointed, but as it turned out, I wasn't even close. That's a great mystery. Add to that a wonderful world you enter when you read this book... The plot involves a summer resident (a retired Colonel living on a pension who comes to this tiny village in Wales every year for a holiday) who is found dead right after he's discovered some ruins. The local constable, Evan Evans, immediately believes he was murdered, but the police higher up the chain of command try to insist it's an accident. Then there is another death -- made to look like a suicide. Is there one killer or two? Evans gets involved in trying to find the connection between these two deaths as the key to discovering what happened. All in all, a great book to curl up with when you have the time to read uninterrupted -- it creates a wonderful mood.

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