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William Doonan : Mediterranean Grave before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mediterranean Grave:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Slow, Extraneous Descriptions, SlowBy RicklesHenry Grave is an inspector for crime on cruise ships. He is in his eighties and still working. He is investigating the theft of an antique cup and the murder of a policeman on cruise ship. The writing is good and the mistakes are minimal. There is so much extraneous descriptions of things that have nothing to do with the plot/story line that the flow of the actual plot/story

bogs down to a standstill. I quickly got bored with the book and quit after reading 30% of it. The author is actually a good writer who needs to focus on the plot and not all the extra stuff. I felt as though he was trying to make the story longer by putting in all the worthless extras. Not worth my time. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I need a cruise

By S. M. Grigsby Since I am married to a man who is 84, and am desperate for a cruise, it took me all of about two seconds to decide to download this cozy mystery. Henry Grave is the 84 year old senior investigator for the Association of Cruising Vessel Operators who has been sent to investigate a murder onboard the Vesper, an older cruising yacht that is in the middle of a themed Mediterranean cruise. A WWII vet and survivor of a POW camp, Henry lives at Rolling Pines, "a community of active seniors" in Pennsylvania and in his spare time manages a semi-professional roller derby team, "currently in second to last place." He falls deeply in love on every cruise but is willing to flirt with any female who comes within range. He also has a fondness for vodka tonics, frequent naps, and food. Having clearly seen better days, the Vesper, equipped to accommodate 188 passengers, is only carrying 90 passengers, most of whom are looking for "spiritual renewal." The ship had as its featured guest, a "world famous guru and best-selling author. . . His latest is 'Healing the Hurting Human Heart.'" The ship was also carrying a valuable Minoan cup known as the Pasiphae Vessel from its place of discovery in Alexandria to Athens for restoration. An Egyptian federal agent was assigned to accompany it on its journey. But the agent is killed and the cup has disappeared. Henry Grave's job is to find the cup and the murderer. During the course of the search and the cruise, wonderfully strange characters are introduced and examined by this charming, seemingly befuddled gentleman with his fondness for the ladies and vodka tonics. It was good fun, and included some laugh out loud moments that surprised me. Some of the details of shipboard life make it obvious that the author, William Doonan, has spent time on cruise ships. According to his own website, he "is a writer and anthropology professor in Sacramento, CA. He has spent years working as an archaeologist, and years lecturing on cruise ships, traveling the world and speaking on issues as diverse as the Trojan War, piracy in the Adriatic, and the peopling of the Americas. And he loves a good mystery!" It was a perfect antidote for my distressing landlocked state although I did have a few issues with Doonan's depiction of men of a certain age, especially his claim that they tend to nod off unexpectedly. My husband had never done so although he does enjoy flirting with young women, but only in the nicest possible way. One afternoon as my husband was resting on the examining table in his doctor's office while we were waiting for test results to come back, I started reading this book to him from my Kindle. I thought it would take his mind off of his pain and help to pass the time. Even though in pain, he too, chuckled at the appropriate places. However, a few pages into the third chapter I happened to glance up at him, and sure enough, he had fallen asleep. So perhaps Doonan does know 84 year old men better than I do. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A funny novel about a cruise ship detective at work

By D. Meyer This is the third Henry Grave mystery I have read by this author. All of them were strangely unique and written with great humor. Here you have an 80 plus year old man that is underestimated by most people he meets. He appears to approach each problem with putting his own needs before his job. You have him taking naps and seeking food and drinks during most of his "working" hours. The reader soon finds that Henry sees himself as a great lover and world champion tango dancer and guess what? He convinced me! His character would appear to be that of a friendly, clumsy and naive old man, but you soon find out there is a very clever and dangerous person underneath this role. It is somewhat similar to the character Peter Falk played in the Columbo episodes. He appears inept at everything he does, to include misplacing his investigator credentials each time he introduces himself. I think anyone interested in humorous detective novels and cruise ship settings would enjoy this novel. I have no hesitation giving all three of these novels a five star rating.

Henry Grave is an investigator for the Association of Cruising Vessel Operators. A World War II P.O.W., Henry is as cunning as he is charming, and at 84 years of age, he fits right in with his fellow passengers. The cruising yacht Vesper is anchored off the Greek island of Thera, in the caldera of an ancient volcano when Henry comes aboard. An Egyptian federal agent was onboard to guard a valuable Minoan cup, but the agent was murdered and the cup, stolen. With the help of a Nicaraguan soap opera star, a New Age spiritualist, and a blind pickpocket, Henry draws on skills honed in a Nazi prison camp to track down a killer who might have his own reasons for taking this particular cruise, reasons unrelated to the sumptuous meals, delightful shipboard activities, and exciting ports of call. 12 million people take a cruise each year. Most have fun. Some die. Henry Grave investigates.

Doonan's crisp and descriptive writing style makes this a very entertaining and engaging read. This is the best combination of a murder mystery and humor that I have ever read. Based on the first book, Grave Passage, I had high expectations for Mediterranean Grave and my expectations were met and surpassed. Marc Filippelli, San Francisco Book