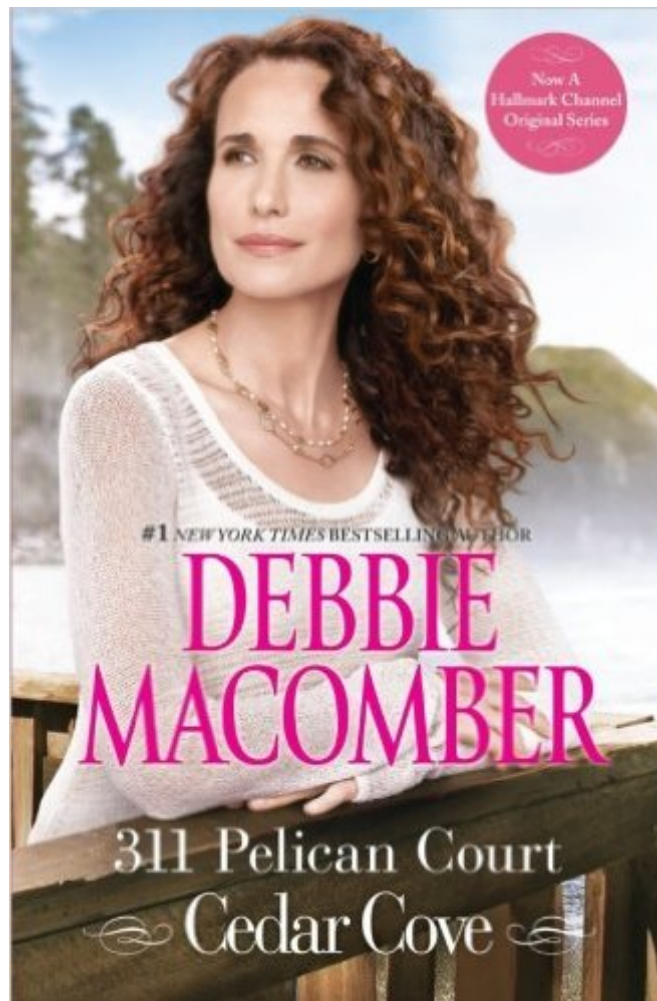


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311 Pelican Court (A Cedar Cove Novel)



Synopsis

Olivia Lockhart Cedar Cove, Washington Dear Reader, One thing about Cedar Cove is people sure are interested in what other people are doing. Take Zach and Rosie Cox, for instance. Everybody in town knows that they recently got a divorce. Everybody also knows that I decreed a somewhat unusual custody arrangement. It won't be the kids moving between Rosie's place and Zach's. They'll continue to live in the family home at 311 Pelican Court. Their parents are the ones who'll be going back and forth. I have to say I'm not immune to gossip myself. People are asking if I'll stay with Jack, who runs the Cedar Cove Chronicle, or will I get back with my ex? But the really big gossip is about the dead man; the man who died at a local bed-and-breakfast. Who is he and why did he show up there in the middle of the night? Roy McAfee, a local private investigator, is determined to find out. I hope he does; and then I'll fill you in. Talk soon; Olivia

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Customer Reviews

311 Pelican Court, the third installment in the Cedar Cove series, was an excellent read. The family at this address are Rosie and Zach Cox with their children Allison and Eddie. Rosie and Zach are ordered through their divorce to let the children stay at the house and they are to find alternate housing on the days they don't have custody. This way the kids aren't going from one house to the other. They stay put and it's Zach and Rosie moving back and forth constantly. This book isn't just about the Cox family though. All the characters from the previous book are in this one too. They all have their own problems and situations to get through. There is also some new characters added in

and some characters from the previous book that play a bigger role in this book. This keeps the book entertaining and moving. Debbie Macomber writes storylines everyone can believe. There is the Olivia, Jack, Stan "love triangle", Grace Sherman recovering from the death of her ex-husband Dan. Also the death of the mystery man at the bed and breakfast. Maryellen and Jon play a role in this book also trying to get along after the birth of their daughter. There is also bit in Grace's storyline involving Olivia's brother that is very interesting. I can't say more or I'll ruin the book. 311 Pelican Court is a good book filled with characters that could be your next door neighbors. There is enough going on in this small town that you will not be able to put this book down until you've read the last word. A definite must read!

This book is the third in the Cedar Cove Series and reading it is like coming back to visit old friends. The book features Rosie and Zach Cox, a newly-divorced couple who have been instructed by Judge Olivia Lockhart to keep their children in the family home and to alternate moving in to have visitation with their children. They find this a very awkward way to live and they also discover many other problems with the divorce. Olivia is still a major character and she is dealing with two men who want her to marry her. Her best friend Grace is learning to deal with widowhood and she also finds herself in a romantic triangle. Grace's daughter Maryellen has an out-of-wedlock baby and tries to keep the father out of his daughter's life. Olivia's mother Charlotte meets an interesting man and they soon find themselves in a protest march together. The death of a mysterious man in a local bed and breakfast is never completely resolved and it leaves some unfinished business to be tackled in book #4 of the series. This is a delightful and very readable book and the series just seems to get better with each addition.

Debbie Macomber has created a marvelous little town everyone would want to live in. Set on the water's edge near Seattle, this charming town has characters aplenty with secrets to share and relationships for readers to revel in. All the characters we have come to love from the first two novels---Olivia, Jack, Grace, Maryellen, Charlotte, Justine, Cecilia---reappear as their stories progress. Others who played minor roles previously--- Bob, Peggy, Roy, Corrie-- begin to step into the spotlight. This neat handling of characters keeps the storylines fresh and the reader intrigued. The residents of 311 Pelican Court are Rosie and Zach Cox. We met them previously when their seventeen year marriage ended in divorce. Now they are dealing with the fallout from Judge Lockhart's ruling---they must alternate nights in the house and not force their children, Allison and Eddie, to be tossed from parent to parent. How they cope with this unusual arrangement and

come to terms with the misery they have inflicted on each other is the focal point of this installment. We finally learn Jon's secret and the mystery of the dead man at the local B&B heats up and is on the brink of a resolution. Olivia's love triangle with Jack takes many steps forward and backwards as ex-husband Stan stands poised to win her back. Maryellen struggles with being a single mom, and Grace allows a dirty little secret to take over her life. I'm hooked on Cedar Cove and can't wait to enjoy the next installment of this multi-faceted town that lies midway between Mitford and Peyton Place on the sex and sin meter.

"311 Pelican Court", the third book in Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove series, focuses mainly on the divorce of Zach and Rosie Cox. Judge Olivia Lockhart has decreed that while Zach and Rosie will split custody, their children will stay in one house, and Zach and Rosie will move back and forth between houses. This unique arrangement will change their relationship in a way they never could have imagined. Olivia is struggling with her own relationship issues as she has to decide between getting back together with her ex-husband Stan or continue her relationship with newspaperman Jack Griffin. Grace Sherman, still recovering from her husband's death, gets caught up in an online relationship, neglecting her would be suitor, Cliff Harding. Grace's daughter, Maryellen, has her own problems in her relationship with Jon Bowman, the father of her newborn daughter. Finally, the whole town wonders about the identity of the mysterious man found dead at Peg and Bob Beldon's bed and breakfast place. "311 Pelican Court" is a warm entry in Debbie Macomber's soap opera-like Cedar Cove series. Macomber deftly interweaves each person's story, switching between them swiftly, so if you don't like one character's story, one you will like quickly follows. Of all the stories, I found Grace's addiction to her online relationship to be the most compelling and realistic. Macomber is a good story teller, but her writing can be awkward at times and her plot devices could sometimes use more thinking out, as when Grace tried to trick Olivia into going to the movies because Jack was there. That scene was totally unbelievable. Still, the stories are interesting enough that it's easy to overlook the sometimes clumsy writing. This was a nice cozy read.

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