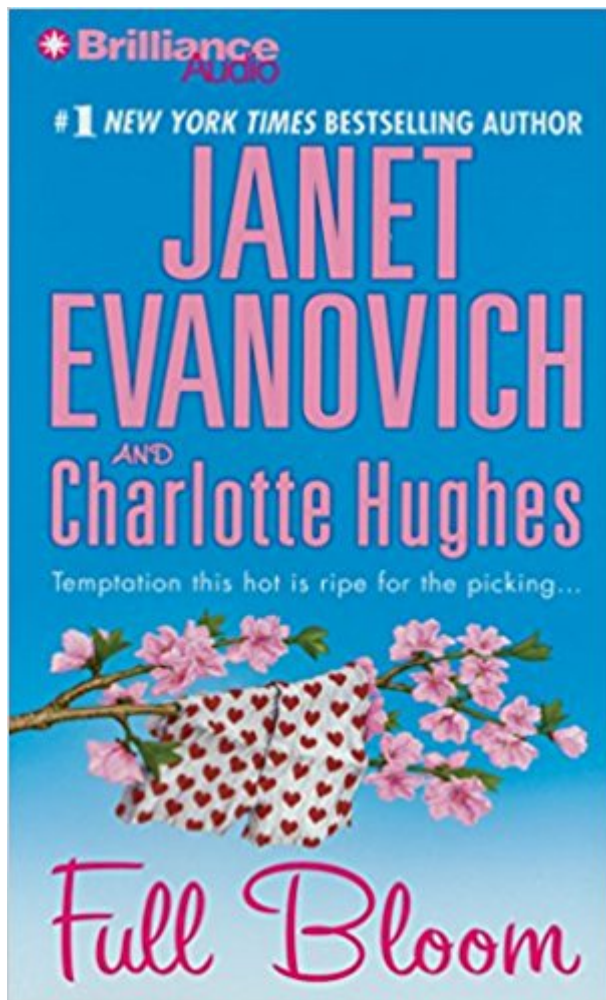




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Full Bloom (Full Series)



Synopsis

Dear listener, The temperature's on a "sizzle" again in Beaumont, South Carolina, where peach trees are in season and ripe for the picking. So is its newest entrepreneur, Annie Fortenberry, who has inherited her grandmother's B&B (and its eccentric handyman Erdle Thorney). According to a local psychic she also inherited a spirit from its glory days as a brothel—not the kind of publicity the Peach Tree Bed & Breakfast needs if it's hosting millionaire Max Holt's upcoming wedding! If rumors of a naughty, prank-playing ghost aren't stressful enough, a mysterious man has arrived with an eye on Annie and her master suite. Wes Bridges is all leather and denim, sporting a two-day beard, straddling a Harley, and sending the B&B's testosterone level through the roof. Annie's cool demeanor may be dropping as fast as Wes's jeans, but leave it to her missing ex-husband to dampen the passion! Turns out someone has done him in, and all evidence points to Annie! Wrapped up in a murder plot, Annie must find the killer, save her own neck, and get back to where she was wrapped up in Wes's strong loving arms. We guarantee that you're going to have as much fun listening to Full Bloom as we had writing it! (Even if we were surprised by the ending!) And you won't want to miss the hair-raising shenanigans when Fleas, the hound dog, meets the most cantankerous, snooty, bad-tempered, twenty-two-pound orange cat. Janet & Charlotte

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Customer Reviews

Set in Beaumont, S.C., the fifth installment in Evanovich's Full series (after 2004's Full Blast) gets off to a raucous start. When photographer Wes Bridges comes looking for a room at Annie Fortenberry's B&B, a former bordello that's supposedly haunted, Annie mistakes him for her drunken handyman and hits poor Wes on the head with her rolling pin. Hilarity ensues as Annie and her cast of eccentric boarders provide first aid to Wes in the form of a local veterinarian who specializes in livestock tranquilizers. The comedy gives way to murky mystery when the police locate the body of Annie's philandering husband, Charles, who disappeared three years earlier, and arrest Annie for his murder. The romance between Wes and Annie heats up the sheets, even as the list of suspects grows. Unfortunately, the plot flattens out, and even boarder Destiny's efforts to provide the B&B's ghost with therapy fail to rekindle the novel's earlier humor. While readers will be amused by the wacky first few chapters, the mystery never reaches the intensity of Evanovich's Stephanie Plum novels, and fans will likely be disappointed with this less than stellar entry. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Starred Review Annie Fortenberry has knocked out Wes Bridges twice already, and he still wants to stay at her bed-and-breakfast, a former house of ill repute she's inherited from her grandmother. With a psychic/medium, perpetually tipsy handyman, aging ballerina, and kleptomaniac ghost who doesn't know she's dead as long-term residents, not to mention frequent visits from a dog named Fleas, the cat who hates him, and an absentminded 90-year-old veterinarian neighbor, the Peach Tree Bed and Breakfast is in a constant state of chaos. Now, with the discovery of Annie's missing husband's body in the garden, murder and mayhem have been thrown into the equation. Despite all of this, Annie, a prime suspect in the heinous crime, still has to finish the last-minute details of a secret, elaborate celebrity wedding she's hosting at the inn. With Wes, Annie might finally have found the love of her life--unless she learns the real reason he's checked into the Peach Tree. Part of the Jamie Swift and Max Holt series, this screwball comedy will greatly please readers with its rapid-fire dialogue, roller-coaster pace, and unconventional characters. Shelley Mosley Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Charlotte Hughs and Janet Evanovich can write a good book together. There is laughter, suspense, romance in their books. I just lost my husband and I found these books and they have helped me a

lot. I have cried, laughed and stayed up most of the night to finish it. I would recommend these books to people who want a feel good.

This book lacks the charm and wit of the other "full" books. Too many contrived disasters to make it interesting, the resident ghost gets boring as well as the perpetually drunk handyman. The main characters arrest for murder without evidence is an amateur writers way to fill pages. The "BIG WEDDING" with all its unfunny happenings just made sorry I bought the book.

Average writing from this author, no fall down humor as in her first writing.

The full series is fun reading. Both authors team up for great reading. Things do always go the way you expect.

This fifth book in the Full Series is the best so far. The first book Full House was a nice romance book with a limited mystery, but it introduced us to Max. The next three books: Full Tilt, Full Speed and Full Blast took Max and now Jamie into adventures and a developing romance. When it seems to be evening out, enter this book. I love that the characters move from book to book so that there is an atmosphere of familiarity without stagnating. For me it brings this charming southern town to a more dimensional level. This book also brings in the humor I associate with Evanovich in Her Plum series. Though not as developed I still found some laugh out loud moments and look forward to Full Scoop, the next in the series.

I'm so caught up with these characters who add spice and character to the dimensions of Beaumont! Janet has brought diversity, danger, but in the end>>> spontaneous romance! She draws us in and creates a story that makes us not want to stop reading until we get to the end!!!!

This is a great book. It is definitely a fun to read. It keeps you in suspense to the very end. It is a humorous mystery story with a twist or two. I would highly recommend this book. As usual this is another great book by a great author.

I generally really enjoy Evanovich's books - I love the Plum series and have read every single one. Having finished all of those, I moved on to the Full Series hoping to read some more fun Janet novels. The first three Fulls were ok but this one was so bad! How does Abby end up with Wes? I

have no idea because the guy is a complete stranger but all of a sudden she trusts him and is in love with him?! She believes he is a photographer but she allows him to get mixed up with her husband's murder investigation?! The rest of the characters and story are slightly entertaining but the love story really lost me. It just didn't seem authentic to the story.

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