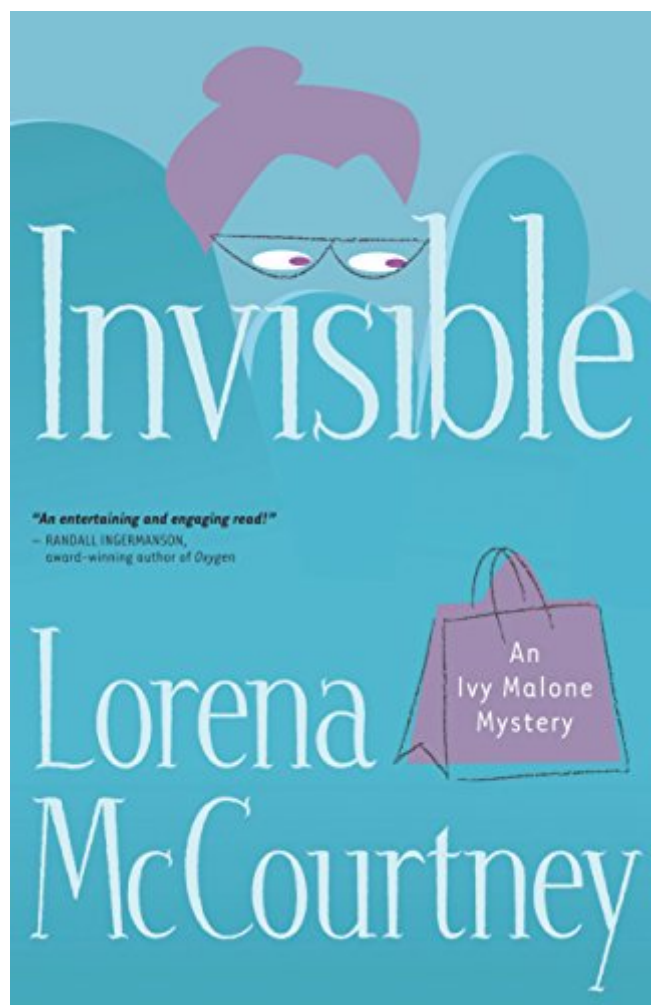


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Synopsis

She's not your average crime fighter! Ivy Malone has a curiosity that sometimes gets her into trouble, and it's only aggravated by her discovery that she can easily escape the public eye. So when vandals romp through the local cemetery, she takes advantage of her newfound anonymity and its unforeseen advantages as she launches her own unofficial investigation. Despite her oddball humor and unconventional snooping, Ivy soon becomes discouraged by her failure to turn up any solid clues. And after Ivy witnesses something ominous and unexplained, she can't resist putting her investigative powers to work again. Even the authorities' attempts to keep Ivy out of danger and her nosy neighbor's match-making schemes can't slow her down. But will the determination that fuels this persistent, quirky sleuth threaten her very safety?"I laughed out loud. McCourtney's charming mystery debuts a voice both enchanting and startling."-Colleen Coble, author of *Without a Trace*"Mccourtney's skill at blending whimsy, quirks, and questions into a lead character makes *Invisible* a must read."-Lois Richer, author of *Dangerous Sanctuary*"*Invisible* is a treat! Ivy Malone is a heroine with spunk and determination!"-Carol Cox, author of *A Stitch in Time*

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Customer Reviews

This book is a cute read, BUT... it does NOT END! I absolutely hate books that just lead into the next book that you have to buy to find out how the book ends, then, of course, that book leads into the next and then that one leads into the next... It just is not fair to the reader. It has few typos, is a decent storyline, and the characters are well written. But, all of this does not overcome the fact that there is just no ending. If you want to be caught up in a never ending story, then read this book. If you want to have a book that has a beginning, a middle, and an ending, then pass on this book. I will never read this author again. It is not playing fair to me, the reader, and I want the author to realize that there are people who will just say NO! I am one of them.

I picked this up as a kindle freebie, just looking for an easy and entertaining read. The writing is very good, the character (Ivy Malone) is fun and well developed, and the supporting characters are varied and interesting. The plot is pretty good too. It's nice having a main character who is an older woman -- there are thoughts and observations that would not be possible for another type of character. I'm glad I got the book, and I enjoyed it very much. I was surprised at the Christian slant, as that was not obvious from the kindle search -- although I would have seen that if I'd been shopping on Amazon's website instead. I'm actually glad I didn't know that, because I would have avoided the book. So I'm glad I read it, and I might even read another by this author. I think the Christianity fit very much with the character, and provided some of her motivations for thinking and doing certain things. It was a part of the character. Very credible, and the religion is not preachy but just used to describe the character. Not offensive, even if you're not religious, but by the end of the book I felt it was just a little over-used. Still, I'm definitely not a Christian, and I am easily put off by such, and I was not put off. Don't avoid the book over it. Read it anyway. It's a good read, and very enjoyable.

This book took a while to pick up -- it took between 15 and 20% into the story but the quirky characters and humor kept me engaged until that point. After that point, it became hard for me to put the novel down!! I wish more mysteries were like this -- lacking gruesome scenes and a murder in every chapter. So why only 4 stars and not 5? I don't like the way the story ends. Not only does the scene in the courthouse strike me as unbelievable, but also it changes the tenor of the story, from a light-hearted cozy mystery to a dark thriller. I do not enjoy the latter, because God did not give us a spirit of fear,

but of power, love and a sound mind. I would have gladly bought the second book in this series if this story had had complete closure, and the second book presented a whole other humor-filled mystery for Ivy to solve. As it is, I'm done with this series. That said, this novel is nevertheless definitely worth a read for lovers of cozy mysteries.

This was a fun read, and I enjoyed it. It reminded me of how my sister used to laugh about the two of us in our old age becoming "the Snoop Sisters" and go around town poking into this and that, and solving mysteries. I'd like to think we would have been as inventive, smart and determined as Ivy Malone. There's just one "sister" in Invisible because her good friend passes away, but I think she gets up to enough mischief for two. The only thing that seemed off, I thought, was how physically fit Ivy was for her age, and how much endurance she had. I don't see your average, every day retiree being as limber and spry as she was. I think Ivy is the exception, not the rule. Regardless, it was a great story and kept me chuckling and turning the next page till the end. Loved it.

To paraphrase what I told a friend of mine earlier, this book is really two stories in one: a story about a funny little old lady (or LOL as she puts it) who's out to solve a murder, and a story about how the Lord God is your blessed Savior and will make your life so much better if only you accept him into your life. To be honest, I didn't realize this was a Christian book when I picked it up. That being said, I've read, and enjoyed, quite a few Christian-slanted books before, but none even came close to laying on the God talk as thick as this one did. It got so bad at certain points in the book I was tempted to just give up on reading this altogether. I'm glad I persisted, though, because while it definitely isn't the next great American novel, the story aside from the religious shove was pretty entertaining. As for any other books by this author? Let me know when there's an abridged version available without all the preaching.

I don't give many 5 star reviews but...I found this an awesome read. Loved the fact that the main character was an older woman who still had a lot of spunk and life in her! All of the characters seemed true to life, the situations were believable and the "whodunit" not revealed until the end of the book. I found very few typos or other errors and it was a pleasure to read. I truly look forward to reading more of this series!

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