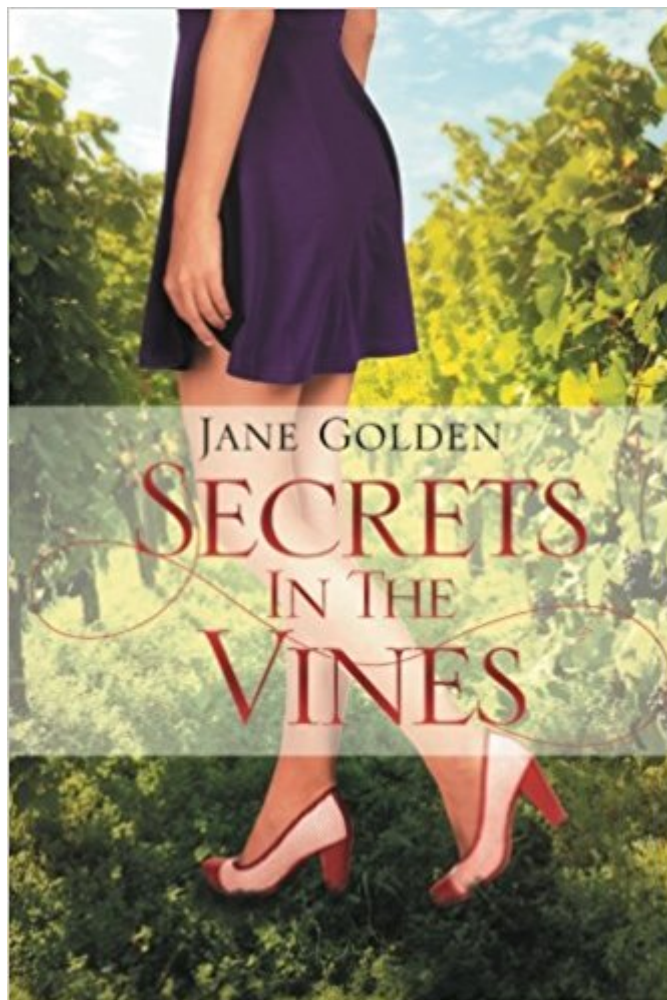




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Synopsis

Jeni, the wife of a recently appointed diplomat, enjoys cultural intrigue and lasting friendships when she joins the exotic International Ladies of Bucharest. But when Jeni volunteers to help one of those friends solve a mystery on an old family vineyard, she learns that trips to Romania's wine country can be deadly. Two murders, with Jeni caught in the middle, have the police pointing fingers the wrong way. Jeni must fight against the clock to solve the mystery before she is arrested or, worse, becomes the true murderer's next victim.

Praise For *Secrets in the Vines* | From CLARION REVIEW: "Golden's first-hand knowledge of Romania is fascinating." | FROM BLUEINK REVIEW: "Nothing makes an overworked genre like mystery seem quite so fresh as a story set in an exotic locale. *SECRETS IN THE VINES* takes this theory to heart, offering up a murder mystery set in the wine country surrounding Romania. It's a winning formula." "Author Jane Golden drew on her own time in Bucharest to set up this tale, and it pays off nicely. Observations about the life of a foreigner trying to make sense of a new culture are spot-on and often funny; thoughts about parking customs and the laconic pace of government reflect an outsider's tendency to compare things to life at home, while also taking us deeper into the atmosphere. The mystery is gripping, but it's the setting that steals the show." The review concludes with this about *SECRETS IN THE VINES*: It has a "terrific pacing and a plot that ends well." Better yet, the reviewer states that "we're left wanting more of this juicy escapism." | FROM KIRKUS REVIEWS: "An engaging mystery that turns the classic expatriate dream on its head." | FROM Marian Petrutza, President of the Romanian-American Press Association: "The perfect vacation book....Colorful, entertaining, and beautifully written."

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Customer Reviews

Jane Golden, author of an Eastern European Mystery Series (SECRETS IN THE VINES and DANUBE DEFIANCE), was born with an inherent sense of adventure. The Biloxi, Mississippi native gives new meaning to tripping abroad. Experiencing international travel for the first time in her early teens, the brief jaunt stuck with her. She knew in her heart that the day-long excursion to a Mexican border town was the beginning of a lifetime of exotic journeys, which later included trips to Chile, Malawi, Costa Rica, the Caribbean, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Jordan, and Europe. After practicing law for many years, she was unexpectedly thrust into the role of a diplomat wife in Eastern Europe. Much of the background material in SECRETS IN THE VINES and DANUBE DEFIANCE is borrowed from personal travel experiences, including humorous insights and unique perspectives gained upon arrival in Bucharest. Jane's profound insights into the Romanian culture are eye opening in both books, igniting the curiosity of the reader while providing non-stop entertainment. Jane hopes her books, which are complete works of fiction, will disabuse Western readers of the "vampire" image of Romania and introduce the world to the beautiful, intriguing and lighter sides of the country and its people. Rich wines, a colorful culture, and great friends are all woven together in her travel mystery novels just as they were for her in real life. She hopes that SECRETS IN THE VINES and DANUBE DEFIANCE pique the curiosity of readers to delve deeper into this fascinating country and its warm and welcoming people. At a time when our news sources paint a bleak picture of a frightening world and many people are afraid to travel, Jane Golden's travel mystery books are intended to offer up kinder, gentler places on earth which still exist and are worthy of a visit or extended vacation.

I was surprised how much I liked this book. I read the first two chapters, and I couldn't put it down. I finished the book in one day. I liked it a lot more than 'The Expats' by Chris Pavone. The storyline was more believable, the mystery was more interesting, and I still got to live vicariously through the heroine as an expat in an exotic location. This book definitely made me want to travel to Romania. I highly recommend it. It's one of the most enjoyable fiction books I've read this year.

Loved this book! It had a way of bringing you into the setting that made you feel as if you were in Romania as well. It was a mystery; however, hilarious at the same time. Once I started reading it I couldn't put it down and even ordered more copies to give as gifts!

I thoroughly enjoyed this easy reading book. The author hooks you and leads you on an adventure in Romania. Once completely absorbed into the story line, I found myself asking, "Who did it?" It was well written and humorous. This book brings Romania to light for those who have not had the opportunity to travel there. It sounds like a lovely place to visit!

Having visited Romania myself, I enjoyed the humorous digressions describing Romanian everyday life. At times I had to laugh out loud while reading this book. Aside from the humor, Ms. Golden touches on the very real problems of smuggling, drugs, and human trafficking. The book reads easily and holds your interest, culminating in the solution to the mysterious murders.

This book was delightful. The author takes the reader on an adventure in Bucharest and the surrounding area of Romania. In this story, the Romanian culture comes to life. It is even more fun for those who have had the wonderful opportunity to experience travel to Romania. It was like returning for another trip with a mystery thrown in as a bonus.

I read the entire book in 24 hours. LOVED IT! Hilarious and riveting! Is there another book out by Golden?

Great read. I thoroughly enjoyed the setting and characters and infusion of humor.

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