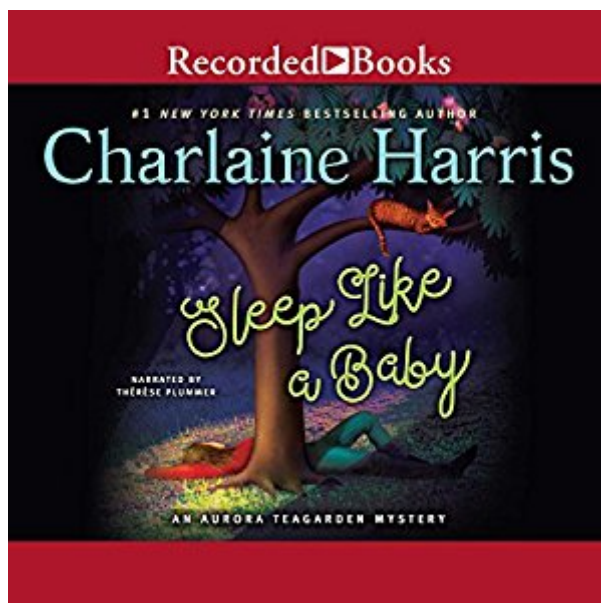


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Synopsis

Number one New York Times best seller Charlaine Harris returns to her Aurora Teagarden mystery series with a fabulous new book featuring the small-town Southern librarian. In the latest installment of the number one New York Times best-selling Charlaine Harris's Aurora Teagarden series, Robin and Aurora have finally begun their adventure in parenting. With newborn Sophie proving to be quite a handful, Roe's mother pays for a partially trained nurse, Virginia Mitchell, to come help the new parents for a few weeks. Virginia proves to be especially helpful when Robin has to leave town for work and Roe is struck with a bad case of the flu. One particularly stormy night, Roe wakes to hear her daughter crying and Virginia nowhere to be found. Roe's brother Philip helps her search the house, and they happen upon a body outside. But it isn't Virginia's. Now, not only does she have a newborn to care for and a vulnerable new marriage to nurture, but Roe also has to contend with a new puzzle - who is this mystery woman dead in their backyard, and what happened to Virginia? This heart-pounding and exciting next installment of the Aurora Teagarden series will leave fans happy and hungry for more.

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Customer Reviews

Charlaine Harris is an amazing and prolific author. I've thoroughly enjoyed several of her series: the Sookie Stackhouse novels, Lily Bard, Midnight TX, Harper Connelly. But the Aurora Teagarden series was my least favorite -- nothing wrong with them -- I read a couple and enjoyed them, just not as much as the others, so I haven't kept up with the series and things have moved on since the last time I knew what Roe was up to. In this novel, the 10th in the series, she has newly married and had

a baby! Her husband is a mystery author and she is deep in the throes of breastfeeding. We read about breastfeeding .. a lot. At least twenty times, maybe more. In the hands of a lesser author this would be excruciating. In Harris' capable hands it's only tedious and annoying -- and I'm very pro-breastfeeding. I just got sick of reading about it. And baby love. I've been there. I understand it. But it's not that fun to read about. Thankfully, Harris has a good sense of humor, which helps a lot. Harris is an excellent writer. Her dialogue is realistic and the mystery is interesting. When new-ish husband Robin has to go away for a convention they hire a young woman to help Roe out while he's gone. One night, Roe wakes up to find the baby screaming, the babysitter missing -- and a body in the backyard! If you're familiar with the series you know what to expect. This can be read as a standalone, though it's more enjoyable if you know the history of the character. Books in the series are: *Real Murders*, *A Bone to Pick*, *Three Bedrooms One Corpse*, *The Julius House*, *Dead Over Heels*, *A Fool and His Honey*, *Last Scene Alive*, *Poppy Done to Death*, *All the Little Liars*, and *Sleep Like a Baby*.

In *SLEEP LIKE A BABY: AN AURORA TEAGARDEN MYSTERY*, Roe is a brand-new mother who is totally caught up in baby care and breastfeeding. Normally I dislike cozy mysteries where the heroine is obsessing over how important her children are to her, but author Charlaine Harris is such a pro, I loved this fast-reading novel, and finished it in two sittings. Although there are at least nine earlier novels in the Aurora Teagarden series, this one works fine as a standalone. I've read a couple of the earlier books, and have watched the ones presented as Hallmark TV mysteries, but didn't need that background at all to enjoy this series entry. In the novel, Roe has remarried after losing her first husband (Martin), she has a new baby (Sophie), and her teenage half-brother (Phillip) is sharing her household. Roe comes down with a dreadful case of flu on the eve of her mystery writer husband's departure for Bouchercon. Husband Robin has been nominated for an Anthony award, so Roe hides the extent of her illness to keep from spoiling his day in the sun. Even so, the solicitous and over-protective Robin hires a nanny (Virginia) to help Roe look after the baby during his brief absence. Roe takes to her bed, and Virginia brings Sophie to her at feeding times. Then Roe wakes to the sound of Sophie's crying on the baby monitor. Sophie is hungry, and Virginia has vanished. Roe and Phillip search the premises, and discover a body in the backyard. But it's not Virginia--it's a woman who's a total stranger. Except, as it turns out, the woman has a connection to Robin that puts him and Roe under suspicion of murder. Of course it's up to Roe to solve the mystery. *SLEEP LIKE A BABY* will appeal primarily to female readers, because of the focus on newborn care. It has a simplistic mystery plot with a totally guessable

ending. But it's an entertaining, enjoyable read, and anyone who loves cozy mysteries, Hallmark mysteries, and Charlaine Harris novels is going to like it.

I am a huge fan of the Aurora Teagarden Mystery series and was thrilled to get this latest book to review. Without giving too much away, Aurora has entered a new chapter in her very eventful life and yet is still haunted by events from her past. I enjoy the characters in this series, especially Aurora and her mother and their relationship. I like Charlaine Harris' writing in this series particularly and find it a fun, easy, relaxing read. Like other books in this series, it easily stands on its own, but don't miss the fun of the previous books in this series.

I don't know what happened. I used to love this series years ago, when Harris's Sookie books were all the rage. I actually used to think this was her best series. There was just something super comforting about these books - a sleuthing librarian! But these latest two installments didn't give me any comfort. The opposite - the plots were ridiculous and the main character annoying. So I don't know. Either I am a different reader now, or Charlaine Harris has become a different writer, but her books are not for me anymore.

So as it turns out, I like Charlaine Harris' Sookie Stackhouse books SO much they have spoiled me for her other series. My daughter also read this and told me it's actually good for it's genre, but I found the writing rather awkward and kept wondering what made Ms. Harris lose her writer chops! But because of daughter's comments, and her additional comment that she actually enjoyed it, I am saying it's okay. Just not for me.

I'm somewhat new to the Charlaine Harris books, being about halfway through (and loving every minute of) the Sookie Stackhouse series. I really enjoy the way she writes. I am coming into this series at book 10, and I was able to follow and enjoy it. Harris has a strong, likable voice, and her stories are interesting. I think I'm going to go back and read the rest of the books.~*~

The Aurora Teagarden Mystery series have followed Aurora Teagarden and her club, who help solve murders. Aurora is a librarian and is very good with finding clues, often helping the local police solve murders. This newest edition follows Roe (Aurora) and Robin in their new marriage and life with their new baby. A nanny is hired and disappears and a mystery woman is found in their yard. The book is a quick read and enjoyable. The series has even been made into Hallmark movie series

and stars Candace Cameron Bure as Aurora. You will like the story and the main characters.

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