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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Once again murder and small-town life go hand in glove in Albert's enchanting 24th China Bayles mystery (after 2015's Bittersweet). Hospice nurse Kelly Kaufman, who has been renting China's guest cottage in Pecan Springs, Tex., while going through a bitter divorce, disappears one day, but she later phones China to say that she needs the herbalist's help with a situation involving murder. While driving to meet China, Kelly has a car accident that leaves her in a coma. Police chief Sheila Dawson suspects it was no accident, and China begins to dig for more information. One obvious suspect is Kelly's husband, Richard, who's involved romantically with the erratic and ebullient sister of China's best friend and business partner, Ruby Wilcox. In addition, rumors about a disagreement between Kelly and hospice owner Marla Blake raise a red flag. China can't resist a mystery, even when it puts her in grave danger. Snippets of plant lore will please botanists. (Apr.)

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Praise for Susan Wittig Albert's New York Times Bestselling China Bayles Mysteries

"Engrossing...China continues to appeal with her herbal information and savvy sleuthing."—*Booklist* (starred review)

"[China Bayles is] such a joy...An instant friend."—Carolyn Hart, New York Times bestselling author

"One of the best-written and [most] well-plotted mysteries I've read in a long time." —Los Angeles Times

"[Albert] consistently turns out some of the best-plotted mysteries on the market." —*Houston Chronicle*

About the Author

SUSAN WITTIG ALBERT grew up on a farm in Illinois and earned her Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley. A former professor of English and a university administrator and vice president, she is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the China Bayles Mysteries, the Darling Dahlias Mysteries, and the Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter. She and her husband, Bill, coauthor a series of Victorian-Edwardian mysteries under the name Robin Paige.

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