

“Celebrant Sleuth: I Do ... or Die” by Hazel Edwards

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Rating: ****1/2

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Quinn, a self-described asexual and part time actor, part time celebrant (weddings, funerals, naming ceremonies and alike), describes how sleuthing skills come in handy when dealing with the ins and outs of the local’s lives, in a rural town. “Celebrant Sleuth: I Do ... or Die” by Hazel Edwards is a little difficult to classify. I must admit, that the title lead me to believe that it was going to be a cosy mystery, but it is more a collection of amusing anecdotes, rather than what I describe as a standard crime/sleuthing offering. It certainly doesn’t follow a traditional mystery/crime book style (not necessarily a bad thing). The stories are presented in first person, in memoir-style vignettes, and cover a range of weird and wonderful events that could happen in the life of a celebrant. It is clear that it is well researched and I suspect that more than one of the stories is based on a true event. Once I shifted my style/genere expectations I enjoyed the book. The book is well-written and fun to read. The bite-sized chapters make it an excellent choice for holiday reading, and managing on public transport voyages.

I received a copy of this book from Sisters in Crime, Australia in exchange for a fair and honest review.