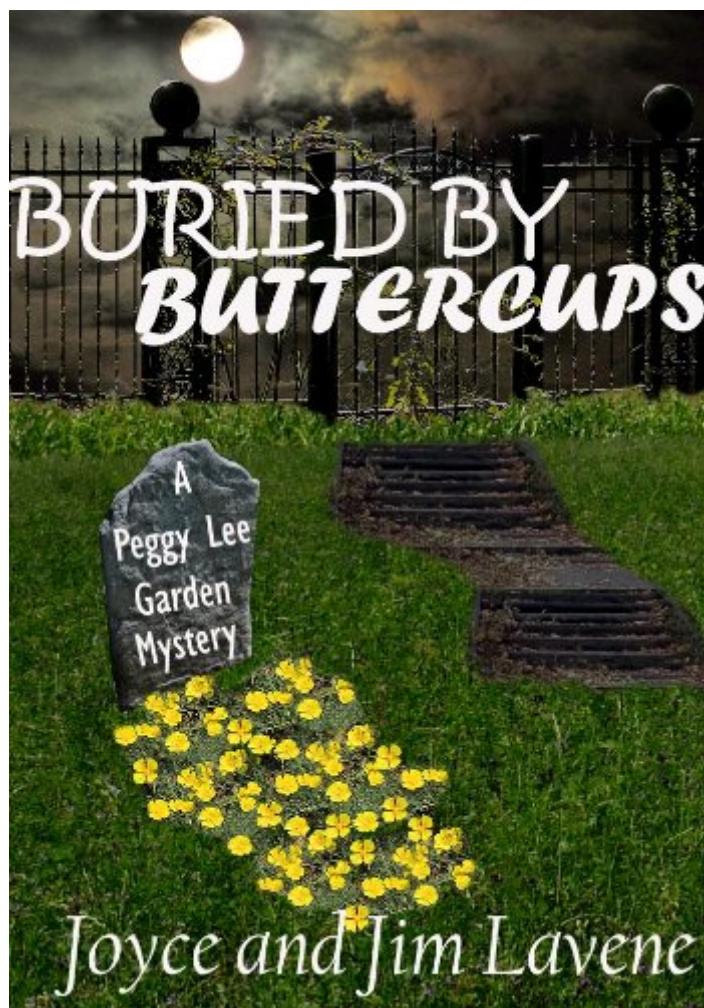


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# Buried By Buttercups (A Peggy Lee Garden Mystery)



## **Synopsis**

A novella of about 24,000 words, which includes the first chapter of the new Peggy Lee Garden Mystery Novel, A Thyme to Die, on sale Mother's Day, May 12th, 2013. Peggy Lee, owner of The Potting Shed garden shop, is involved in another murder investigation. After two years of being on the *out* with the Charlotte Police, new homicide Lieutenant Al McDonald, asks for her help. The choice of weapon for the killer is flower poison, starting with angel's trumpet. No one knows botanical poisons as well as Peggy. The investigation turns personal for her when she realizes the killer has used poison to draw her out. Two men with her dead husband's name have already died. Is the killer working toward getting rid of Peggy too?

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## **Customer Reviews**

This was just OK in my opinion. The characters were one dimensional and the outcome of the plot predictable. I wanted more depth than this.

This is an interesting story with well defined characters. I learned about plants and their qualities

and even though I enjoy gardening this was informative for me. Peggy is a strong lead character. She is an expert on poisonous plants. She teaches and she is asked to be an expert for police. There is a serial killer who is poisoning people by injecting them with distilled poisons from plants. I am sure it was because I had not read earlier books in this series, I found it difficult to understand Peggy's actions. Her new husband and her son are both very concerned about her safety, and she refuses to even consider their feelings. I think in earlier stories the discussions may have already been completed. But, for this reader, I would have liked to have had a little more background to understand her adamant decision to ignore her loved ones. The mystery was interesting, but I did get the murderer before the big reveal. I will look for another book in the series. I think the writing is quite well done and the characters are people who hold my interest. The expertise about plants is so fascinating, that alone would bring me back.

This cozy mystery about Peggy Lee a botanist who does a lot of experiments with plants specializing in poison plants. She teaches at an university, consult with police and co-owns a garden shop. This brings all books of the series together. Murders are occurring near her and plant poisons are being used. This is a favorite series and looking forward to read more.

keeps your attention from beginning to end and a quick read

Good little story. Good mystery although it was easy to figure out (I knew who it was the second time the character entered the story). But the information about the plants, and the way they were used in the murders was quite intriguing. Lavene was able to give the reader a lot in a few words. Always impressed with people that can write a short story. Although I don't get the title since it was more plants used to kill than just Buttercups. Good job, though and I'll read more by this author. You should, too!

This is a quick, short story that doesn't disappoint! The story will quickly grab your attention and keep you turning the pages. The cast of characters are well written and likable; people you would like to spend time with. There are plenty of twists and turns that will keep you guessing. This can be read as a stand-alone book, the authors do a superb job of giving background information on the characters so the reader won't feel lost. I'm looking forward to reading more in this series!

I like the Joyce & Jim Lavene books, especially the Peggy Lee series. Living near Charlotte, reading

the books is fun because I recognize the areas mentioned. This book was a little short for my taste, but took some turns I didn't expect, which made it interesting. I am always looking for new books in this series and I enjoyed this one as much as I have the others. I would recommend it to folks looking for a nice cozy mystery series to enjoy.

Well-rounded characters create a good ambiance for the story. A cliffhanger of a hidden professional life draws you to the next novel. Enjoyable.

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