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Phi Beta Murder: A Rex Graves Mystery

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Readers meet up once again with Rex Graves in the third mystery to follow the Scottish barrister with a knack for getting involved in the ultimate crime. Rex is on his way out of the beautiful Scottish countryside, leaving behind Helen, his new woman-friend, and his mother, to visit his son on the campus of his American college. Campbell Graves is supposed to be enjoying life at Hilliard University in Jacksonville, Florida, but lately on the phone he's sounded rather distant, and Rex wants nothing more than to see his son and make sure everything is all right. Unfortunately for Rex, his bad luck continues: the day he steps on campus is the day a young man is found in his locked room…hanging from the ceiling. And Rex finds himself immersed in the questions surrounding the young man's death. Murder or suicide ends up being a very hard call to make, as a plethora of students, teachers, and all-round strange sorts seem to come out of the woodwork.

While all this is going on, Rex's ex-girlfriend flounces across his already messed-up world. Moira Wilcox is a woman who once had Rex's heart. She is back from a horrible time in Iraq filled with death-defying experiences, and wants nothing more than to get back together with the one man she could always count on. Soon Rex must split his time between worrying about his son, solving a crime that seems to involve a million people with a million different agendas, and trying to balance his love life—without losing people in the process.

Humor and well-written characters add to the story, as does some reflection on the causes of suicide. A wonderful read and great plot for cozy mystery lovers.
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