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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Webb, author of *Desert Cut* and four other Lena Jones mysteries, launches a new series featuring a warm and unconventional heroine, zookeeper Theodora Teddy Bentley. Teddy is dismayed to learn that a pregnant anteater in her care, Lucy, appears to have mauled to death a prominent patron of California's Gunn Landing Zoo, Grayson Harrill. When it turns out that someone shot Harrill first, Teddy turns sleuth to discover who framed her beloved Lucy. The colorful supporting cast includes Teddy's beauty queen mother, who makes her daughter call her Caro; Harrill's wife and descendant of the zoo's founder; and the zoo's controversial director. Webb deftly weaves zoological lore into the fast-moving plot. She errs only in going too far in giving the anteater's point-of-view (*Get out. If you don't get out, I'll uncurl my claws and give you a rake down your belly*). The book's human perspective conveys everything we need to know about

Lucy, her habitat and her behavior. (*Dec.*)

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From Webb takes a break from her Lena Jones novels to launch a new series featuring zookeeper Theodora “Teddy” Bentley. Teddy’s wealthy family disapproves of her occupation and her home on a leaky boat on the wrong end of the Gunn Landing marina on California’s central coast. Her mother, Caro, a much-divorced former beauty queen, tries to set her up with a suitable husband, but Teddy is more concerned with sinister events at the zoo. When a human corpse turns up in the enclosure of Lucy, the giant anteater, everyone assumes that the animal is the culprit. Teddy, though, is confident that, although dangerous, Lucy is not guilty. Convincing the local sheriff, Joe Rojas, who also happens to be Lucy’s former fiancé, is another matter. As Teddy investigates, she turns up corruption and unseemly behavior among the upper crust of Gunn Landing. Webb’s new series combines a good puzzle with animal lore, a behind-the-scenes look at zoo operations, and plenty of humor. --Barbara Bibel

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