



BOOK REVIEW

West Of Bliss

(NAPSA)—Returning to the quirky retirement community of Valhalla Springs, award-winning Suzann Ledbetter reintroduces readers to her lovable cast of oddball characters in *West of Bliss* (MIRA Books, \$6.50). The novel builds upon the trials and tribulations of Hannah Garvey as she attempts to adjust to life in the supposedly sedate Missouri Ozarks after escaping a high-paying but unfulfilling job in Chicago.

Picking up where *North of Clever* leaves off, *West of Bliss* begins with the wedding of two of the senior citizens at the retirement community run by Hannah. A bridesmaid at the nuptials—it's about as close as she ever wants to get to a wedding altar—the perpetually beleaguered Hannah is stunned when her boyfriend, Sheriff David Hendrickson, suddenly proposes to her.

While Hannah searches for reasons to turn David down, disaster suddenly strikes. A gunman opens fire with an assault rifle at a farewell bash for two of her residents. When the smoke clears, 14 are wounded and three killed. Although he now has a major murder case on his hands, David can't help but wonder about certain connections—specifically involving Hannah—that make matters even more complicated.

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