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A muggy July weekend in Toronto. A house party with a disparate assortment of guests. A tired police inspector and his rookie partner. And murder.

“Reminiscent of the best Agatha Christie had to offer... Humor, complications, and characters so real that you can just about touch them and smell their sweat.” —*Midwest Book Review*

Get to know and love (or hate) a rich cast of characters

Homicide inspector Paul Manziuk wants nothing more than a few days R and R to recharge his brain.

Constable Jacqueline Ryan believes she owes her promotion to the Homicide Squad to being a black woman, and that she'll do a better job of proving she belongs there if she can avoid working with the no-nonsense, intimidating Manziuk.

Senior corporate lawyer George Brodie and his wife Ellen want their son to marry a nice girl and settle down. To that end, Ellen invited the auburn-haired daughter of a distant relative for the July long weekend. But her plans go sadly awry when George invites his junior partners and their wives, and their son brings along his roommate—a ladies' man.

Jillian Martin, the spoiled young wife of one of George's partners, looks forward to being the center of attention at the house party. But first her husband insists they take along her disgusting older sister; then an old flame seems to be more interested by a boring religious do-gooder and an experienced older man makes fun of her. The last straw is when the jealous wife of another partner dares to challenge her.

After Jillian's lifeless body is found in one of the gardens on the estate, chaos ensues.

Manziuk and Ryan are given the case, and it isn't long before Manziuk feels he's been thrust into an Agatha Christie novel where everyone has a motive and it's necessary to sort through numerous baffling clues and conflicting alibis to find the truth. However, he's no Hercule Poirot, and Ryan is definitely not Miss Marple.

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- 1. *Shaded Light: The Case of the Tactless Trophy Wife*
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