



# *Lavender House*

by Lev AC Rosen

Review by Suhani



Mystery

Recommended for 16+

**What originally made you interested in reading/watching/playing this media? How did you hear about it or come across it?**

I came across it while scrolling through the mystery section of the library, and picked it out after reading the summary in the front cover.

**Is it part of a series? If so, what series is it?**

Evander Mills series

**What is this media about? Make sure to give enough interesting details without spoiling too much!**

This media is about a queer cop, Evander Mills, who got fired from his job after getting caught in a bar with a man. A woman, Pearl, came up to him and offered him a job to investigate the death of her wife, Irene, knowing Mills was a queer as well and could be trusted. During the investigation, Mills stayed in their Lavender House and went through everyone living in it to find out who did it. He got beat by old colleagues, narrowed it down from several suspects to only two, and ended up not being able to confront the murderer before things came to a head at the final dinner they shared.

### **Who are the main characters? What makes them interesting or unique?**

The main character is Evander Mills. Mills is interesting because while he is investigating, he is also finding himself through the house and finding the family within it. The other characters, Alice, Pearl, Irene, Margo, Elsie, Henry, and Cliff, are all unique because they have two sides to them. One side of them is for the public, a side where they're a straight and perfect business with marriages, and the other side is for themselves and their true selves. Their true selves are their queer sides, where they can be with their actual partners and live freely in their house, though it could be confined. Alice is unique because she's the only non-queer person living in the house and has mixed opinions about them.

### **Does this media remind you of anything else you've read/watched/played?**

It doesn't remind me of anything I've seen. It's a new media for me.

### **What type of person might enjoy this media? For example, this book is for someone who likes Percy Jackson, someone who enjoys getting scared, someone who likes a challenge, etc.**

I think someone who likes mysteries and loves cunning violence and betrayals would enjoy this book. As well as someone who likes deceit and figuring out outcomes.

### **Did you like this media? Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?**

I loved this media. Personally, it would depend on the person I was recommending the media to, as it's a queer book and appeals to only certain people. I probably wouldn't recommend it to anyone in my age group as of now.

### **Do you like the cover? Does it convey what the media is about?**

I love the cover, and after reading the book, it definitely conveys what the media is about. The background helped form the image of the house's inside, the blood and rabbits also made sense after finishing the book.

### **Do you have any last thoughts about this media that you would like to include in your review?**

In my opinion, I am very glad I found this book and series. Even if I knew the ending, it would be a re-read for me in the future.