Mrs. Pollifax on the China Station by Dorothy Gilman

Absorbing and worthwhile...You won't want to put the book down

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Once again, Mrs. Pollifax, the cheerful little woman with the flyaway white hair and a penchant for old hats is plunged headfirst into another hair-raising CIA mission. Posing as a tourist in China, Emily Pollifax meets the sinister challenges of the Orient to safeguard a treasure for the CIA... and all but loses her life in the bargain.

This was the second Mrs. Pollifax novel I've read and I was not disappointed. If you're at all a fan of Agatha Christies Miss Marple - I think you'll really enjoy Mrs. Pollifax. If you've never read Mrs. Pollifax - begin with the first in the series so that you understand how she came to be working for the US Government - that book is: The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax. This book is charming overall. The author does an excellent job hiding the identity of Mrs. Pollifax's accomplice - and enemy - until the time is right for us to know. The suspense is very good. I love the small unfolding romances as well. My only complaint, if you can call it that, is that Mrs. Pollifax is able to resolve something tricky (I won't tell you which thing and ruin it for you - don't worry) by almost luck at one point - I would have preferred her to use her brains and resourcefulness more in some instances. But - it is a minor quibble - she's so charming - I'm eager to read more of the series! Hope you enjoy it too. :)

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