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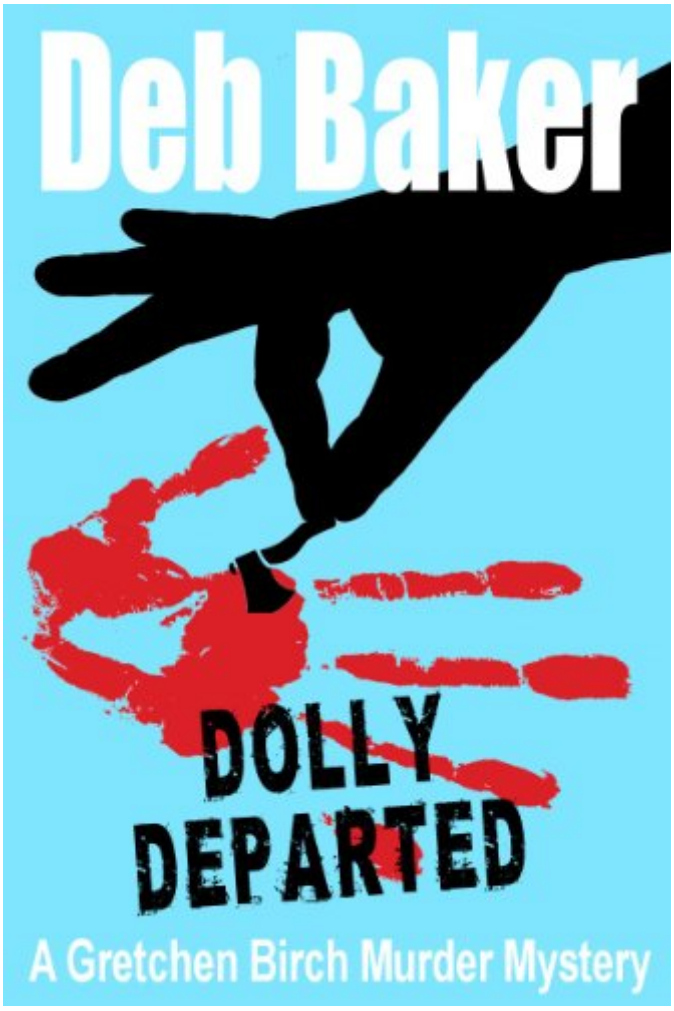

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Synopsis

When Gretchen Birch finds Charlie Maize, owner of a dollhouse shop, on the floor â “ dead and covered with toppled miniature room boxes â “ she fears that Charlieâ ™s death wasnâ ™t an accident. One of the room boxes (displays that depict real-life scenes with furniture and miniature dolls) is the set for a murder, complete with a tiny bloody axe and red splatters on its tiny walls. What The Critics Are Saying"A trio of smart, independent women...the peek into this world is fascinating" ~ Romantic Times"Quick-paced...engaging characters" ~ Armchair Interviews"A puzzling mystery filled with charm as well as suspense" ~ Who Dunnit"Sharp and entertaining" ~ Curled Up With a Good Bookâ œFun, frantic and thoroughly engagingâ • ~ Sandra Balzo, author of Brewed Crude Tattooed

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Customer Reviews

I’ve become addicted to the Gretchen Birch cozy series. You don’t need to be a doll collector to like the series - you don’t even have to like dolls. One of the many things I enjoyed about the series is the Arizona setting. I’ve never been to Arizona but it makes me feel like I am right there. I think Gretchen is a great character as well as her sidekicks - her aunt Nina and doll appraiser friend April. Not to mention the little dogs! Deb Baker weaves an entertaining storyline and a good mystery. This

is worth the read! I enjoyed it a lot!

A Scottsdale western parade is off to a rocky start for doll restoration artist Gretchen Birch when she’s startled by a rude clown, must chase after her runaway teacup poodle, and discovers the body of dollhouse store owner Charlene "Charlie" Maize. Even creepier is that one of the miniature room boxes that Charlie designed contains a bloody axe that is left scattered across the floor of her store. As upset as she is by Charlie’s sudden death by an allergic reaction, Gretchen would probably have left things alone had she not been specifically ordered away by the very interested (in Gretchen) detective Matt Albright. As handsome as he is though, Matt comes with a psychotic estranged wife, a busybody gossiping mother, and a paralyzing fear of dolls. So as much to annoy Matt as to discover who murdered her friend Gretchen and her Curves-workout crew investigate Charlie’s life to uncover her drug addict son, an embezzling dollhouse builder, and a sister whom Charlie believed was murdered. Riding the wave of crafty/collecting mysteries, Baker stands out with her entertaining and very funny doll-centered cozy. Quirky and likable characters serve as the center for this series, and readers will read just to spend time with them as much as they will to learn about the mystery. While the solution to the murder is handed to Gretchen (but not to reader, who may have already spotted the culprit) a little too easily, it’s the path to the answer that makes this novel so much fun. In what other mystery do the characters debrief and plan their investigation while changing workout stations at Curve? This is a fun cozy that doesn’t rely on gimmicks to make it unique.

Love this book! Was a little apprehensive about the doll collecting theme, but Deb Baker made it a fun read. Even my 14 year old loved it. I also loved how she made the dogs an intricate part of the characters lives. Perfect for an animal lover. I would reccomend this series to anyone who loves a good mystery and a good laugh.

Enjoyable mystery with colorful and interesting characters. Deb Baker writes with humor and her characters have spirit . Love the menagerie of pets.9

Well written. Good mixture of comedy,mystery, and suspense. I will not write another review. I will not be told how many words I have to write.

Good read. It was excited mysterious and kept you on suspense most of the time . Some of the time

it was rambling.Good book

I liked the plot. I hadn’t read about doll repair before, so I found the subject interesting. I haven’t read about doll repair before.

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