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It's November in Stoneham, New Hampshire, and that means it's time for the Chamber of Commerce elections. The race is already a bit heated, as the long-standing Chamber president is being challenged by a former lover—Tricia's own sister, Angelica. Then local small business owner Stan Berry throws his hat in the ring.

Unfortunately, it's not there for long when he's found murdered in the Brookview Inn. The murder weapon is a brass letter opener belonging to the inn's receptionist. Tricia knows there's no way the receptionist is a killer. And when Angelica asks Tricia to help clear her name and win the election, she sees little choice except to start snooping.

She soon uncovers a ballot box full of lies and betrayals, and a chamber full of people who had grudges against the victim. But were they serious enough to lead to murder? And who truly had something to gain? Tricia will have to do some serious sleuthing before she pulls the lever on a killer.

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## From Reader Review Not the Killing Type for online ebook

### Lauren says

Woooow. Tricia is a TERRIBLE person. Here are some of the things she does that pissed me off:

1. Was SUPER judgy about Pixie's Christmas decorations.
2. Called the fat women in a "chubby chaser's" mag she found "pathetic," and determined that any man who could be attracted to them was "sick"
3. Was incredibly nosy! Maybe this is just a part of all mysteries, and I haven't noticed how awful it is until now, but Tricia was seriously annoying me by asking everyone their business all the time.
4. Talks constantly about calories, eating healthy, how she regrets eating some stupid danish for breakfast - your diet is boring, Tricia. Shut up about it.
5. Lies to the town's wedding planner in order to get personal information from her. Seriously, she pretends she might get married (when in reality she has NO intention of doing so), then pointedly says she'd only want a friend to be her wedding planner, then pries the details of the wedding planner's recent breakup out of her.
6. When a character confesses that she was raped, Tricia immediately thinks "How could he possibly have felt sexual desire for her? She was fat!" And then she asks the lady how much older she was than her rapist, as if to say "Really? I just can't believe anyone could rape you!"
7. (view spoiler)

Really, really, REALLY terrible. I will not be reading another in this series.

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### LORI CASWELL says

November in Stoneham means a Chamber of Commerce election. The members have gathered at the Brookview Inn to cast their votes. This year is different because Bob Kelly actually has opposition. Both Tricia's sister, Angelica and local small business owner Stan Berry are running against the long time president. But before the election can even take place the ballot shrinks to just two contenders. During a short break Tricia finds Stan Berry dead just down the hall from the meeting room. The murder weapon is a letter opener belonging to the hotel's receptionist. Tricia can't believe that sweet woman could kill anyone.

So now in addition to helping Angelica win an election Tricia has to track down a killer. Could it be someone she knows? She barely knew the victim but someone not only wanted him off the ballot but permanently voted out. With a hotel full of suspects she has her work cut out for her...

### Dollycas's Thoughts

Murder on the Half Shelf really left us hanging with Tricia's ex back in town. This story didn't pick up exactly where that one left off but Christopher is sure bringing a bit of strife to Tricia's life. Also complicating her life is a new man in town and her on and off relationship with Police Chief Baker. Hard to keep this relationship going with Tricia so close to all these investigations.

Add to this her friend Ginny's wedding with a planner I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy, the Chamber election, the holidays with Pixie's decorating ideas and another murder this story becomes one you just can't put down.

Lorna Barrett has given us one of her best with this installment. I love this series and each one is better than

the last and the first one was excellent. If this series is new to you start at the beginning and enjoy every one. Fans of this series will fall for the residents of Stoneham, New Hampshire all over again.

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### **Deb Sharp says**

I can't get enough of this wonderful series! I would love to live in Stoneham.

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### **Jeannie and Louis Rigod says**

This seventh novel in the mystery series known as 'a Booktown Mystery,' continues to astound me as it continues to gather momentum with each volume published.

Tricia Miles, owner of 'Haven't A Clue' bookstore, in Stoneham, New Hampshire, is dealing with her ex-husband, Christopher Benson, current on-off again boyfriend, Police Chief Baker, and her sister, Angelica Miles who is attempting to become the President of the Chamber of Commerce for Stoneham. It is also nearing Thanksgiving, the Christmas Holidays, and her best friend, Ginny's up-coming wedding.

What else can cause additional angst? Why, of course, Tricia's finding the corpse of Stan Berry, the only other contender for the C of C's Presidency. As this election heats up, so does the search for the killer. Can it be as simple as Angelica or the current Chamber's President, Bob wanting the competition out of the way? Or is it an unknown relative wanting the estate? Or???

I was surprised, myself, and truly can say...the killer was 'Not The Killing Type!' I was given this novel proof as a gift from the author to me as a friendship gift. I just had to write this review as I'm truly a fan of this series, and seem to grow more invested in the mysteries as the stories become more quick-paced, intricate, and the characters become more fully developed. I can honestly say...this is the best volume in the series to date....Now, when is the next one due out???

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### **Kim says**

When did Trish become so unlikeable? And really another body found on a toilet? What is up with that?

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### **Juanita says**

[ to when she found the chubby chasers magazine, how she was grossed out. Throughout the entire book, she acted like it was a complete mystery why a man might be attracted to larger women, and that really bothered me. I'm not skinny myself, and I struggle with finding myself attractive at times, partly because of the way I know so many people view me. With that said, there

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## Chance Lee says

I've had a like/hate relationship with these little books, but this one pushed me right over the forward slash from the "e" in like face-first into hate. HATE. This was a miserable reading experience, and I don't think I'll read these any more.

Here's what I liked about other books in the series: the town, loosely resembling Milford, NH, but mostly populated with bookstores; what the author would probably call "alternative lifestyles" being explored through some of its characters: freegans, ex-cons, etc.; dramatic, as far as cozies go, mysteries with a bit of danger; people patiently explaining to the judgmental main character what a horrible person she is, without saying it.

Here's what I hated: the extremely judgmental main character, her relationships, anything that didn't have to do with the bookstore. And that's this book. It is ENTIRELY about Tricia, her disgusting attitude, her relationships, and very little time spent in the bookstore. After the initial murder, literally nothing happens over the next 300 pages except for three men falling all over Tricia for no reason and wondering who is going to be elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. High drama, folks. Tricia hates Pixie's tacky Christmas decorating style, she seems to think recycling is pointless, and she generally complains about everything. It's so tiresome.

Angelica, Tricia's sister, calls her "stuffy," which I appreciated, but Tricia pouts so much about it, it feels like I'm supposed to sympathize with her and her horrible, gross, judgmental attitude. Tricia loosens up a bit, ordering an extra drink or a dinner that isn't simply a salad, but it's not enough. She rolls her eyes, either literally or figuratively, on practically every third page.

Here are some of her greatest (read: worst) hits:

1. Pixie: "It's a condition of my parole that I not frequent businesses that serve alcohol. Just in case I'm tempted to... you know."

Tricia: Take up her old life as a prostitute? Yes, Tricia could see the danger frequenting a bar might pose. [Me: Oh my god. Yes, one drink and you become a WHORE.]

2. Tricia took a tiny sip of her drink. It was watered down, as most restaurant drinks seem to be.

3. Couldn't Pixie see the items in the box for what they were -- someone else's cast offs? [Me: OH MY GOD. Tricia's parents were stuffy assholes, and Tricia hates them for it, yet she, herself, is a stuffy asshole.]

4. The way she kept nodding, Frannie seemed to be imitating a bobblehead.

5. This attractive, well-dressed--and well-spoken--young man didn't look the worse for wear for being brought up by a single mother. And he didn't sound all that bitter about his experience, either. [Me: OH MY FUCKING GOD. Yes, most men brought up by single mothers are ugly, wear rags, and can't speak no English very good. Are you kidding me? And she just met the man. Why would he complain to someone he just met about his upbringing? Oh, probably because sour-ass Tricia totally would herself.]

6. No, this tree was elegant. Pixie was willing to settle for bright and gaudy. [Me: LEAVE IT ALONE.]

7. Tricia: "The fact that we're talking fact and not fiction makes no difference to me." [Me: Tricia is borderline sociopathic about finding dead bodies at this point. Literally no one cares that someone is killed.

Why should I care who did it?]

8: Tricia: "What would make women pose for these demaning kinds of publications?

Angelica: "Let's see... to pay the rent? Put food on the table? Maybe it was a chance for them to feel sexy?"

[Me: This is one of the few scenarios in the book where someone actually calls Tricia out on her judgmental bullshit.]

9. Tricia found herself getting antsy. What if Angelica won? Would she be so busy she'd have no time for Tricia? [Me: Yes, Tricia is turning Angelica's Chamber president bid into something all about her. Literally four pages ago, Angelica called Tricia early in the morning, and Tricia told her to go away because it was too early for her to be awake.]

I did like how, after finding a dead body in a bathroom, Tricia is disappointed for not bringing a book with her to occupy herself while waiting for the police. I'd probably think the same thing. And I liked a line about how just because two New Hampshire towns might just be 15 miles apart, it could take a freaking hour to get between them because of the state's circuitous highway system.

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### **Karen says**

Where do I start? I am so sad the book is done, I loved it. I love that it is the middle of summer and yet I have been transported for the last few days to Stoneham NH in the fall, my favorite time of year. I love the characters, Lorna Barret's book town mysteries was actually a series I happened on at my Library and after the first book I was hooked, I have purchased the last two as hardcover and I am so glad I did, this way I did not have to wait for my Library to get it! This is one of my most favorite Cozy Mysteries Series and I highly recommend everyone read it. The characters are so lovely, the setting serene and the plot always grabs me! Grab a cup of tea, a blanket and turn of the phone and computer, you are going to want to read this book with out putting it down.

Enjoy!

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### **Amy says**

Don't think I will read this author again - the main character is so uptight and boring - stiff. Don't like the story line anymore.

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### **Crys says**

I adore this series - more to come

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### **Fred says**

Not the Killing Type is the seventh book in the Booktown Mystery series.

The Stoneham Chamber of Commerce is having their election for President. Angelica has decided to throw her hat into the ring against her former boyfriend, Bob Kelly. Then local sign maker Stan Berry adds his name. A break is taken before the vote and Tricia heads to the restroom and finds Stan dead, a victim of a stabbing.

What with Black Friday coming up soon and the wedding of Ginny and Antonio, Tricia hardly has time to take on an investigation. But with Angelica being looked at with interest in the murder, she and Tricia need to be out campaigning, so she can upset Bob.

Most all the regulars are back. Christopher, Tricia's ex, is back and making a pain of himself. Pixie, Tricia's ex-hooker salesperson, is here providing some humor. New to the series is Stan Berry, Jr., the son of the victim, who seems to be getting to know Tricia better.

Another great addition to the series. I feel that Tricia has decided to become a stronger person in her personal life and Angelica seems to be a little more considerate to her sister.

Looking forward to the next book in the series.

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### **Lorna Barrett says**

I wrote it; I liked it!

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### **Amy says**

Review Based on Advance Reading Copy

This is the seventh in the Booktown Mystery Series.

Tricia's life seems to be getting more complicated as the town starts to get ready for Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Christmas. She is dealing with on again - off again boyfriend Chief Baker, her ex-husband Christopher Benson who has come to Stoneham and now a new man is interested in her, or is he?

As well as Ginny's upcoming Wedding and her assistant Pixie wanting to dress up the store for the holidays.

The town of Stoneham is getting ready to elect a new President of the Chamber of Commerce. Will it be Bob who has held the position for years, Tricia's sister Angelica or Stan Berry.

Once again a body is found and it is Tricia again that finds it. One problem ,the body is Stan Berry. Now what will Tricia do!?

The ending took me totally by surprise, not at all what I expected.

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### **Sallee says**

The story continues in this latest Booktown mystery. I've enjoyed all the books so far. That said, for some

reason Tricia, the series' sleuth seemed very stuffy in this one. Indeed, in the book she is accused of being stuffy. She needs to let go more and let her inner child out. Her ex-husband is back in town and trying to woo her back, her police chief love interest seems detached and they do end up breaking up but he seems jealous of her ex and another younger character. The Chamber of Commerce is having an election. Bob Kelly, the incumbent is running against Tricia's sister, Angelica. The other candidate is found dead in the restroom of the inn where the the meeting was taking place and Tricia discovers the body...again. She is noted as the town jinx as she seems to be always coming across bodies. The book has a few twists and overall was a great read. I hope that we get to know the identity of Nigella Ricita who is the mystery character behind the scenes.

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### **Celinaresendez says**

Don't read. Not worth it. I don't understand how so many people give this series such high marks. Now, I have a sense of humor and I do not get offended easily. This book however was one disappointment after the other. I ended up skimming pages and skipping ahead to see that I correctly guessed who and why someone was murdered in this novel.

I am done reading this series. The last two books were very disappointing. I love the idea of small town, cozy mysteries. I liked this series a lot when I first started reading it. However, the last two novels, I don't know if there are bad things happening in the author's personal life, but the characters have evolved into assholes. I tried #7 even after #6 was just rampant with rudeness and negativity. As I read more books in a series I typically like the characters more. Not with this novel. The main character is obnoxious. She is petty and shallow. It might make a difference in the story if the author had an ability to use it to charm readers but she fails miserably at that.

At first I thought the author was changing things around. Angelica wasn't such a bitch, especially to her sister. Tricia was coming to the conclusion she needed to lighten up. But as I read more and more I realized nothing was going to change. The mystery in itself was disappointing the the murderer was too obvious. The background was even more disappointing. Chubby Chasers International?? Really? The author wrote that one of the women in the magazines was the size of two zebras. Seriously? This is what your novels have turned to? But even worse than that were Tricia's comments about people who were over weight. I started praying someone would murder her if she mentioned her caloric intake one more time. So is the author overweight and doesn't like herself or is she skinny and afraid of gaining weight? Trying to figure out why she would write constantly about Tricia's food intake and fear of eating too much at dinner.

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