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**As a professional organizer, Maggie McDonald brings order to messy situations. But when a good friend becomes a murder suspect, surviving the chaos is one tall task . . .**

Despite a looming deadline, Maggie thinks she has what it takes to help friends Jason and Stephen unclutter their large Victorian in time for its scheduled renovation. But before she can fill a single bin with unused junk, Jason leaves for Texas on an emergency business trip, Stephen's injured mastiff limps home—and Stephen himself lands in jail for murder. Someone killed the owner of a local Chinese restaurant and stuffed him in the freezer. Stephen, caught at the crime scene covered in blood, is the number one suspect. Now Maggie must devise a strategy to sort through secrets and set him free—before she's tossed into permanent storage next . . .

## Dead Storage Details

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# From Reader Review Dead Storage for online ebook

## Jackie Nolan says

I have not read the previous books in this series but I didn't feel like I was missing any information by doing so. The author has done a good job of developing the characters so you are able to get a good sense of who they are.

I really enjoyed Maggie's character. She seems like she would be a wonderful friend to have since she's very caring and loyal. I also appreciate her love for animals. I enjoyed her organization skills and how she goes about doing everything.

The mystery kept me interested and guessing until the very end. It was very well written since I was completely stumped on who the killer was.

\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## Vicki May says

I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Professional Organization expert Maggie McDonald wanted nothing more than to help her friends Jason and Stephen organize their home. When her appointment time with the ultra-punctual Stephen comes and goes with no sign of him, she knows something is very wrong. Stephen's dog, Munchkin, comes limping home badly injured which leads Maggie into yet another murder mystery. Maggie faces frightened business owners, the secretive homeless community and an uncooperative Stephen while trying to find out who was responsible for the murder of a beloved restaurant owner. She is racing the clock to save Stephen from the danger he faces in jail, both physically and mentally. Dead Storage is full of twists, humor and wonderful organizational tips. A great next installment in a fun series.

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## Carol says

Maggie McDonald is a professional organizer. She helps her customers put order into unorganized or messy conditions. Each chapter begins with a suggestion to help the reader organize.

Maggie is scheduled to help her friends organize their house prior to having it remodeled. She arrives with her golden retriever, Bella, to meet with Stephen and his mastiff, Munchkin, who is a therapy dog for him. No one answers!!!! Where could they be?? Then Munchkin shows up injured but without Stephen. What happened to Munchkin??? Where is Stephen?? Turns out Stephen has been arrested for the murder of a Chinese restaurant owner. Now Maggie must

investigate to prove him innocence.

A well written, well plotted story with many social issues mixed into the puzzle. Issue such as immigration, threats against Maggie's son, homelessness, small business survival problems, gambling, mentoring and financial help needed for hard working unprivileged kids to get advanced education, therapy dogs, traumatic experience problems, adventure, intrigue, mystery, suspense, friendship and trust are all well organized to create an fast paced story.

There are two ginger-colored cats, Holmes and Watson.

Dead Storage is book # 3 in the Maggie McDonald

Mystery series. It can be read as a stand alone. I am

looking forward to reading the beginning of the series.

I volunteered to read Dead Storage. Thanks to the author and publishing company via Net Gallery for the opportunity. My opinion is my own.

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### **Celia says**

Dead Storage is Mary Feliz' third installment in the Maggie McDonald Mysteries, and is just as entertaining and enjoyable as the first two. Maggie and her family seem to finally be settling into their lives in Orchard View, California after a recent move (and several mishaps), and her organizing service is beginning to take off. Maggie is happy to be working on friends' Stephen and Jason's home, but when Stephen fails to show up for a session and she finds his constant companion, mastiff dog, Munchkin, severely injured, Maggie knows something very bad has happened. Stephen has been arrested for the murder of the owner of the Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant, but refuses to speak to anyone but Maggie, whom he convinces to prove his innocence. Maggie feels completely out of her element, but using her organizational skills, begins to investigate. However she desperately needs to find a missing witness to help her put all the pieces together.

Maggie is a wonderful and caring protagonist who has the help of her family and friends to assist her in her quest, and I had a hard time putting this book down. I found myself just as anxious as Maggie to solve the mystery. Each chapter starts with an organizational tip which I personally found to be very timely and helpful and can't wait to try. I can't recommend this book and series highly enough, and while it can definitely stand alone, don't miss the first two books in the series!

I voluntarily received a copy of this book, and all thoughts and opinions are my own.

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### **Lisa Morin says**

Dead Storage is the third book in this series by Mary Feliz.

Maggie MacDonald is fun character, she is dedicated to her family, friends and her career.

Family friends Stephen and Jason add an entertaining bit of drama to this story.

Jason is away, Stephen has found himself in a bit of trouble. Knowing Jason would run home in a flash,

Stephen begs Maggie to help him. How hard can it be right? Well, Stephen is in jail, facing a murder charge,

Maggie faces the homeless situation as she searches for a woman who can help them and she's investigating the murder.

Will Maggie be able to solve the murder and free Stephen before Jason finds out?

She will need more than her organizational skills to get her out this mess.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book provided by the publisher and NetGalley.

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### **Ann says**

I like this cozy series, Maggie McDonald Mystery #3. Maggie has a habit of finding dead bodies and this time her client Stephen is found covered in blood standing over a dead body. She wants to help and have the crime solved before his partner Jason returns home. There are always some very useful tips for getting rid of clutter and storage in your home. Dog lovers will also enjoy since Maggie is a dog fanatic and most of her clients have dogs. This book touches on the homeless and brings a little light to the subject.

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### **Teresa Kander says**

Maggie is a fascinating, enjoyable character who would make a great friend to have if she were a real person. She likes to keep things organized and ordered and could teach me a lot. :)

All of the characters are well-developed, and you can see growth in the core group from the first book. I look forward to seeing the friendships grow and evolve in future stories. The various settings are described so vividly that you feel as if you are right there with the characters.

The mystery kept me guessing through the entire book...I was blaming the wrong person for about 80% of the story!

\*\*I received a copy of this book with no expectation of a positive review. All thoughts and opinions are entirely my own.\*\*

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### **Kristine (A Cozy Booknook) says**

This is an enjoyable series and this is a great addition. The story quickly drew my attention and kept me reading until I turned the last page. The mystery kept me guessing with plenty of suspects and a few twists, I really like seeing the growth of the characters with each new book. I look forward to reading more in this series.

I received a copy of this book from the author. My review has been voluntarily submitted.

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### **Sara says**

A very enjoyable book. This is the third in a series, but the first I have read. The main character, Maggie McDonald, quickly felt familiar even though this was my introduction to her. I had expected more about

organizing, since she is a professional organizer and she's starting a new job, with old friends, to organize their belongings. The book took a very fast turn into different territory. In quick succession, Maggie is dealing with an injured dog, a friend in jail, a murder, a US citizen without a birth certificate and fearful of deportation, and the problems of the homeless. As Maggie perseveres through these problems, she proves to be one very organized person! Although it did not have the organization plot I had expected, tips are found throughout the book (maybe not enough to get my life organized). I really enjoyed the book and look forward to trying the earlier ones and future books.

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## **Merry Chapman says**

Lots of twists and turns take you on a roller coaster ride through this mystery-a real page turner!

Maggie McDonald is a professional organizer and agrees to help her friends Stephen and Jason with their home so they can begin renovations. While waiting for Stephen to return home so they can get started since Jason was called away on business, Stephen's dog, Munchkin shows up badly injured while there is no sight of Stephen. While taking Munchkin to a vet, she is summoned by the police department where she finds Stephen is arrested but won't talk to anyone but Maggie. So begins an incredible murder mystery with lots of twists and turns and social issues that get woven in. There are many secrets that make solving the mystery to free her friend, Stephen one of the hardest things Maggie has to do. Can she solve it before Stephen's PTSD creates some horrible problems for him? Why won't Stephen tell the police what happened since he was attacked like his dog? What have the store owners seen? Are they involved? So many crazy red-herrings you are led away from any of the people you thought were suspects and then the ending! You meet the strong characters - sometimes pig-headed which causes a lot of dead-ends. This is a page turner and a great read. Although this is the third book in the series, it can be read as a stand-alone. I received a copy of this book from the author, but the opinions here are strictly my own.

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## **Betty says**

Maggie McDonnell has a meeting with Stephen to begin to organize his and Jason's home for the remodel. Jason is away leading his team of first responders in Texas due to tornadoes and flooding. Maggie is surprised that Stephen has missed the appointment. However, she starts putting Belle in the backyard. Suddenly, Belle is upset and Maggie sees Munchkin, Stephen's bull mastiff limping home. She takes them to their vet. Munchkin has been in a fight. She begins to look for Stephen. Paolo calls her and wants to meet her at once. He tells Maggie that Stephen is in jail as he was found wandering in a Chinese restaurant and the owner dead in the refrigerator unit. Stephen had been in a fight. Stephen wants to see her and he begs her not to tell Jason as he wants to protect a young male whose birth certificate was not issued at his birth. As Maggie examines the situation she learns about the homeless problem, being Hispanic and no birth certificate and frighten and scare small store owners. Her son is threatened at his school. She can't tell Jason about Stephen's plight. Maggie must tread slowly if she manages to get Stephen out of jail before he is charged with the murder. Organizations' tips are included at the beginning of each chapter. I highly recommend this book and series.

Disclosure: I received a free copy from Kensington Books through NetGalley for an honest review. I would like to thank them for this opportunity to read and review the book. The opinions expressed are my own.

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## **Liz Caldwell says**

In this third book of the Maggie McDonald series, Mary Feliz has crafted a complex tale of deception, protection, immigration, homelessness, small businesses, mentors and friendship.

Yes, there is a lot to unpack in this book - without any spoilers.

Maggie has agreed to help her friends organize their stuff, in preparation for a major remodel. Then Jason is called out of town and Stephen isn't answering calls. Their dog turns up badly injured. When Stephen does surface, he's in jail, accused of the brutal murder of a local restaurant owner. He insists that Maggie not tell Jason, and begs her to find a young man who can't come forward until his fear of deportation is resolved. So Maggie, with the support of her family, starts asking questions to find the young man and try to clear Stephen. Along the way, she must track down a homeless woman who may have some of the answers. Everyone seems to be hiding something, and sorting it out is further complicated when one of Maggie's sons is threatened at school.

There is a lot going on and while many of the threads are woven into the conclusion, some are left a little looser than others. The young witness and the homeless woman are integral parts of the story, but not equally developed as characters. Annie is well drawn, but I would have liked to have known Rafi better.

There is a lot of social justice discussion, along with kids who need mentoring, and shop owners trying hard to keep their doors open with thin margins. All of these are important as both red herrings and clues, but they do occasionally get in the way of the story. In spite of the burdensome layers, I enjoyed the book and hope Ms. Feliz continues this series.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book received from the author.

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## **Juli says**

Professional Organizer Maggie McDonald is shocked to discover her best friend Stephen is a suspect in the murder of a local business owner. Stephen is a witness to the killing but is arrested for impeding the investigation. The local DA also wants to press murder charges because Stephen was found at the crime scene covered in blood. Maggie knows Stephen is innocent, but she soon discovers he is withholding information to protect another witness. Maggie must race the clock to discover the killer and help prevent a key witness from being deported before Stephen is charged with first degree murder. Can she solve the case in time to prevent Stephen from being sent to prison?

I enjoy the Maggie McDonald Mystery series. The plots are always well-written. The characters are likable, well-developed, and diverse. Dead Storage is the third book in the series, and I enjoyed this book just as much as the two prior novels! The mystery was paced perfectly, drawing out the suspense until the last two chapters. It kept me guessing until the end! I liked the fact that Maggie was not only investigating the murder, but also trying to find and assist the witness that Stephen was protecting. I had a bit of a hard time with the fact that Stephen made Maggie promise not to tell his partner Jason that he had been arrested. Jason is in law enforcement and is out of town when Stephen is arrested. Realistically speaking, I feel if his partner is facing a pending murder charge, someone would have contacted him to let him know what was going on. I don't believe it would have remained a secret for as long as it did. And Jason was only really mad at Maggie for two pages. Hiding the fact that his partner is in jail and possibly facing a murder charge would warrant being pissed for more than two pages. I would have remained angry for at least an entire chapter, if it had been me. :)

All in all, another great Maggie McDonald cozy! I can't wait for the next book! :)

**\*\*I voluntarily read an advanced readers copy of this book from Kensington via NetGalley. Opinions expressed in this review are entirely my own.\*\***

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### **Jennifer Brown says**

I'm not sure how I feel about this one. The story itself wasn't bad, but there was so much information that I think was unnecessary. This wasn't a long book to begin with and I feel like the author might have just been trying to fill more space. As a reader, I phased out a few times and lost my spot because it was boring. If I didn't know any better, I would think that this was a first book by this author. I MIGHT go back and read the first two, but if I do, I will be checking them out from the library and not buying them.

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Pamela Mitchell says**

I really like Maggie McDonald, professional organizer and amateur sleuth in a great cozy series by Mary Feliz with complex characters, a really good mystery with interesting twists and turns that will keep you guessing. I couldn't put this page-turner down and was reading as fast as I could to see what would happen next. Ms. Feliz doesn't disappoint and adds bonus organizational tips at the beginning of each chapter. Fans of well-crafted mysteries will enjoy Dead Storage. I voluntarily reviewed an advance reader copy of this book.

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