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When Gabby St. Claire's ex-fiancé, Riley Thomas, asks for her help in investigating a possible murder at a couples retreat, she knows she should say no. She knows she should run far, far away from the danger of both being around Riley and the crime.

But her nosy instincts and determination take precedence over her logic. At the retreat center she feels like she's stepped into the pages of a creepy gothic novel: an isolated island that's often foggy, an old lodge with a dark history, and a small pool of suspects who each have either motive, means, or opportunity for murder. When another life is threatened, the risk intensifies.

Gabby and Riley must work together to find the killer. In the process, they have to confront demons from their past and deal with their present relationship. If they don't learn to trust each other, they could both end up as fodder for the supposedly cursed island's folklore.

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## **Dust and Obey Details**

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## **Lyndi says**

It was good to see Riley back as more of a main character of this series. And this time, Gabby is being paid to be noisy. But will it cost her? She now has to play act like she is married to her former fiancé. Can she do it and not fall back head over heels in love with him? Read the book to find out.

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## **Julia Lance says**

I couldn't wait for this book to come out! This series just keeps getting better and better! I absolutely loved this book! It's a good thing I had a house full of sick kids laying around because I couldn't put it down. I ended up staying up until almost 2am to finish it. My favorite line from this book is, " I knew I was loved by my Creator. I would never find my wholeness in anyone but him. So I pressed on." This book is full of suspense and will keep you on your toes. If you want to know which guy Gabby chooses or what Sierra and Chad's baby is going to be then this is the book you have been waiting for. This book feels like it redeems all the hard feelings and emotions you get from the other books not going the way YOU thought they would. Christy obviously has it all planned out so well and this book will leave you with a big smile. It's exactly how I hoped everything would turn out so far. It's full of mystery and murder and excitement and all the other things you expect from Gabby St. Claire! I can't wait for the next one! Awesome job Christy as always!

Note: I was given this book by the Author in exchange for an honest review all thoughts and opinions are my own!

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## **Sherry Sellers says**

### **Great book**

Love love love this book . it kept me on the edge of my seat so to speak. Can't wait to start next book in this series.

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## **Dawn Trainer says**

### **Perfect!**

This book did not disappoint!!! I have fallen in love with these characters and their world!!!

I definitely recommend this book!!!

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## Zann says

I'm finding Gabby to be a bit irritating regarding her relationship (or lack thereof) with Riley. Some elements of the story seemed rather contrived but if you just roll with it, then this is another fun installment in the series.

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## Jasmine says

*Can their romance be revived?*

Gabby and Riley are back together. Cue the music....or wait... no, they're not. I will admit that I've kinda skipped around the *Squeaky Clean* series, reading whichever books find their way into my excited hands, so I'm not 100% caught up on Gabby and Riley's on-off relationship. But I LOVED this book! It was so much fun to see them finally letting it all out, everything they've kept buried inside. Of course, with those two, especially Gabby, this is done while trying to survive and unmask a murderer.

When I first started **Dust And Obey** I wasn't sure if the storyline would exactly be my cup-of-tea. BUT, a **Christy Barritt** book never lets me down. I was pulled into the story from the start, gleefully sorting through the clues along with Gabby and Riley and finally picking who I thought the killer was, and was pretty much unable to put the book down. Every **Christy Barritt** book I read becomes my favorite, so until the next book comes out **Dust And Obey** is definitely my favorite *Squeaky Clean Mystery*.

I loved the Gothic atmosphere of **Dust And Obey**, the creepy mansion, the cast of suspects who all seem to have something to hide, the romantic tension, the almost over-the-top danger in the dark... Ahhh, this is what makes a good story for a dark and stormy night...

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## Laura says

DUST AND OBEY is a great cozy mystery by Ms. Barritt. Set on a creepy island off the east coast, the island is known as Cemetery Island as one of it's names. The reason is because there were a lot of shipwrecks there... A marriage counselor holds couple retreats there for couple's who are floundering in their marriage, except that some of the wives are killed or attacked. Gabby and Riley are hired to see who is behind them... Everyone is sort of stranded to the island, so it's like a real-life Clue game. Who did it and why? Everyone has means or motive it seems.

I guessed right away who-dun-it, but there were plenty of red herrings available making me wonder if I had it right or not. I did not guess the motive until it was revealed.

I am reading Ms. Barritt's books out of order, and it doesn't seem to make a difference as they are all stand-alone. However, if you do like to read them in order, they are:

Hazardous Duty  
Suspicious Minds  
It Came Upon a Midnight Crime  
Organized Grime  
Dirty Deeds  
The Scum of All Fears  
To Love, Honor, and Perish  
Mucky Streak  
Foul Play  
Broom and Gloom  
Dust and Obey  
Thrill Squeaker

Recommended. 5 stars for a spooky, edge of your seat read. .

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### **Jody Link says**

loved!

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### **Walter Price says**

**Another good one in this series.**

As usual following the adventures Gabby gets into is a mix of humor and mystery. Murder without graphic violence is a big plus.

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### **Tanya says**

Very fun, clean, enjoyable mystery/romance. The culprit was a little obvious, I thought, but overall it was a great read if you're in the mood for a fun mystery. I loved the main character. She was so spunky and funny. And I enjoyed the non-preachy but powerful Christian elements.

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### **April Parrish says**

#### **Christy Barritt Never Disappoints!!!**

This book was, as all the Squeaky Clean books have been, quite the page turner! It is an easy read and very entertaining! I would recommend, however, that you read the series in order --lots of character development in the previous books that you'd really hate that you missed out on if you start in the middle. These are good clean books, and though I don't agree with her on everything doctrinally, it definitely is still Christian fiction!!! Highly recommend this book!!!

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## **Dina says**

I have looked forward to this book for months and it didn't disappoint!

At the end of book 9 (Broom and Gloom) we learn that Gabby's ex fiancé Riley is moving back into his old room, down the hall from Gabby. Book 10 opens with Gabby and Riley coming face to face and him having a proposition for her: go undercover to investigate the death of a woman who supposedly committed suicide at a marriage retreat. The real kicker: they are going undercover as a married couple seeking counseling. Gabby is very nervous and unsure about this but agrees to it. Will they learn the truth about the suicide/possible murder? Will they figure out the truth of their own relationship? You can bet they do, and the story will leave you thoroughly satisfied and wanting more. Absolutely love this series! I can't recommend it highly enough.

Christy Barritt has become a favorite author of mine. She gives us characters that are so real, that we really care about. I love the wit and snarkiness of Gabby and the genuineness of Riley. The action always starts from the get go, and it never lulls.

This book ends with Sierra and Chad having their baby. Aunt Gabby will be spoiling him rotten in no time.

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## **Kelly Bridgewater says**

If you have read any of the Squeaky Clean series, then you know that you can't put them down.

Christy Barritt has a way of grabbing you and not letting go. Right from the first page, I was thrown into the action, and the tension escalated from there. I was held captive as I flipped the pages waiting to see what troubles would find Gabby and Riley next. As Dust and Obey progressed, I started to fall more in love with Gabby and Riley, begging for their happily-ever after. Dust and Obey is the tenth book, well actually the eleventh, and I have loved every single one of them. You don't have to read them in order. They are stand alone books because of the mystery hidden in the pages, but it helps to have some of the background played out in the past books to understand the emotions occurring between the different characters.

As a longtime fan of the Squeaky Clean series, I have seen the dilemmas and struggles that Gabby and Riley's relationship has undergone. This book also brings more trouble to their relationship, but there is a happy ending for me.

I, personally, enjoy how Barritt captures Gabby's train of thoughts and allows me to follow her emotional journey with her. This is Barritt's greatest strength in her writing. I really feel like I am right there with Gabby as she decides between Riley and her forever peace.

As Barritt writes about sixty-four percent into Dust and Obey, "Murky history, dead bodies, and secret passages. What more could you want?" This sums up the conflict pouring off the pages of her latest mystery book. I truly loved Dust and Obey and recommend it to her fans, new and familiar, with all her books.

I received a complimentary copy of Dust and Obey from Christy Barritt and the opinions stated are all my own.

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## **Holly says**

Such a great series!!! Love Gabby!! And am excited that there's going to be more!!!

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## **Christine Lowe says**

### **Another Great Squeaky Clean Mystery!!**

Reading a new Christy Barritt book is like rekindling a friendship. I'm always happy to spend time with her and catching up on what's been happening in her life is like a breath of fresh air.

Gabby is surprised when Riley moves back into his old apartment. She knows it will be an emotional rollercoaster ride for her to be so close to her ex- fiancé, after all it was Riley who called off the wedding a week before the ceremony. To complicate their non-relationship, Riley asks for her help to investigate a couples weekend retreat. Riley's friend attended the retreat and while there his wife died. Her death was ruled a suicide but her husband insists that it was murder.

Barritt's writing is easy to read, full of suspense and new clues popping up. The murderer was not easily identified and kept me guessing. The characters are well thought out with depth and back stories. I really enjoy Ms Barritt's sense of humor. It adds a lot to her characters. Any of her books can be read as a stand alone Anotherbut you will get much more out of them if you read some of the early books.

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