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Psychic medium Deanna Oscar wants to be a normal psychology professor at a nice college. The universe has other ideas. When the grandmother she never knew dies and leaves her everything, Deanna enters a different world. In New Orleans anything goes and her psychic powers aren't a secret. She doesn't plan on staying but a psychic vision puts her on the trail of a killer. Deanna can't turn her back on the future victims and becomes immersed in her grandmother's world. She isn't sure how to manage the mansion and fortune she inherited or the people who came with it. An ex-priest, a Latina drag queen and a socialite beauty queen are the living entourage. Add in a houseful of ghosts and haunted objects and Deanna needs a little help. In over her head, she struggles to catch a killer who is out to get her as well.

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## **From Reader Review A Mansion, A Drag Queen, And A New Job for online ebook**

### **Krystyna says**

Reminiscent of Chucky.

Terrific. She has trained herself not to believe in ghosts as her childhood has been spent under many therapists care. However her forthcoming interview has her going to New Orleans and meeting the ghost of her departed grandmother. Throw in a mansion, a fortune, ghosts and a child killer into a read that will have you wondering about any items you got at yard sales. Drag queens and an ex priest are added for more dimensions to the tale. Wonderful characters, a great view of heaven and a plot that will have you wondering if the good guy can win. A really fast read.

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### **Mandy Parmenter says**

I voluntarily reviewed this copy and I have not been compensated in any way.

Dr Deanna Oscar just wants to be a psychology professor in a normal college and ignore her psychic medium side. However there are other plans for her when a grandmother that she never knew leaves her everything including a haunted house containing haunted items, a stack of money and a weird selection of people (an ex-priest and a Latina drag queen) plus her neighbour who is a socialite beauty queen. Then she has a vision and gets involved with the hunt for a killer that will pull her into her grandmother's world and put her in danger. She seriously needs help as she gets involved well over her head in the desperate search for the killer in order to stop him.

This was a great story. It involved lots of drama, danger and excitement has Deanna tried to work out what she wanted to do with her life as well as find the killer before even more people were killed. It had a little romance and has set the scene nicely for the series without spending too much time setting the scene to the detriment of the story. I was definitely with her as she lived through all the drama and crises. It was well written and the story was clearly told in such a way as to tempt you into her world. I can't wait to read the next story in the series now.

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### **DJ Sakata says**

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

“I really didn’t understand what the big deal was. Blood didn’t mean much in Chicago unless you were related to Oprah or Al Capone.”

“The living are much more trouble than the dead, as a group. Their expectations and demands can be less than reasonable. However, they are a part of the world and will likely require some of your time.”

“Great, Heaven had a Prime Directive. My youngest brother was a Star Trek addict so I was well versed in the Federation’s noninterference policy. I just never expected spirits had a similar code of conduct.”

“For now, I needed to ignore the fact that I had been on the news in New Orleans. I just hoped it didn’t get on America’s Most Wanted. Dad was always on the lookout for a chance to turn in one of the neighbors. I couldn’t deal with that yet.”

“I left Greg in the company of the queens. Hopefully they’d have him squirming by the time I got back. I still had a little passive-aggressive streak.”

#### My Review:

Despite the cheesy title – this was a well-written and entertaining read. The story line was clever, unique, well plotted, and involving. Ms. Dragon’s characters are smart, sassy, funny, and highly unusual, yet all quite likable, well - except for the homicidal ones. The writing was crisp, humorous, and highly enjoyable. I wanted something light and refreshing and found this book to be just what I needed, and considerably better than what I was expecting. This is my first time reading CC Dragon, and I plan to haunt her listings like a besotted fan-girling ghost as I would like to keep up with Deanna Oscar and her adventures in the Big Easy.

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#### Teresa says

Okay, I had issues with this book, not going to lie to ya! But it gets five stars because it was engaging, the story paced out well, the dialogue seemed natural between the characters. You are aware this is the first book in a series, however, the story isn't dragged down into character introductions that can detract from the storytelling.

Heading into New Orleans, Deanna Oscar becomes aware of two things, the breadth of her powers and a killer is on the loose! Determined to focus on the job interview she came for she tries to ignore the ghosts and the psychic visions but then there is a detour to her late Grandmother's house and suddenly her plans to get to that job interview seem to be derailed!

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#### Angela says

Hilarious from start to finish!!

I knew I'd love this book from the title, but I don't read a lot of "cozy mysteries". However, this book has changed my mind, although I'm a still big urban fantasy/paranormal romance fan.

A Mansion, A Drag Queen, And A New Job is a great distraction from my usual books. It was a very quick read, the plot moved along at a steady pace, and who DOESN'T love a book that has New Orleans, physics,

and ghosts... with a sweet & sassy drag queen, an ex-priest/wannabe lover, a ghost maid who stills cleans & prepares meals (couldn't we ALL use one of those?), a gorgeous mansion with gobs money willed to her by her Gran, a storeroom full of possessed items & an attic full of unruly ghosts? See, I've already got your attention!

Deanna didn't know her paternal grandmother very well because her parents wanted nothing to do with the psychic side of the family or the haunted mansion she lived in. But her Gran has just passed and as Deanna arrives in the Big Easy to decide at which school she will teach psychology, her Gran sidetracks her from the minute she gets in the cab. And Deanna has her first premonition about the cab driver's granddaughter being in trouble. The cabbie also knows the Oscar name to be well-gifted with psychic abilities.

As Deanna sets out to learn more about herself & her deceased Gran who shares her abilities, she's drawn into a disturbing murderer fueled by a malicious, young ghost who drives his grown but mentally impaired brother to kill. Deanna uses her psychology skills to get to the root of the problem as she speaks with the young ghost, and her psychic abilities to help the police find the killer of two young girls before he kills again.

Now Deanna is a '59 Cadillac-driving, gun-toting, psychic freelancer who plans to use all of her combined skills to help people.

And the adventure is just beginning. Follow Deanna into her next adventure where she has to square off with her family about putting down roots in Louisiana instead of the "safety" of Chicago!

I received this book at no charge from the author/publisher for an honest review. This is no way swayed my judgement or rating of this book. I call them like I see 'em & this book was truly a fun read! And now I have a lot more Cozy Mysteries in my Kindle, too.

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### **Madison Warner Fairbanks says**

A Mansion, A Drag Queen and a New Job by C. C. Dragon

A cute psychic paranormal mystery series starter.

The heroine visits New Orleans and begins to actively use her psychic powers to help police find a killer. She is visited by multiple ghosts that both help and hinder the investigation.

Vaguely amusing in a "this is not my life" manner.

My question: Ghost Missy is a maid and keeps the mansion clean. She often delivers coffee and food to the heroine, yet the other characters are not able to see this ghost while in the mansion. Do they see the floating coffee cup? Or the breakfast being prepared? I may have missed the explaining on this, but every time Missy delivered or cleaned, I found myself amused and wondering about floating objects. And if I could get such a maid.

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### **Annie Slasher (Booked & Loaded) says**

This is an original review from Booked & Loaded

I personally purchased this title. All opinions are my own and are not influenced in any way. Original rating ~ 3.5/5

A Mansion, A Drag Queen, and A New Job is the first book in C.C. Dragon's Deanna Oscar Paranormal Mystery series. This paranormal mystery read like a cozy and was an overall fun read.

A Mansion, A Drag Queen, and A New Job started out a bit slow, but picked up into a nice and enjoyable read. Deanna Oscar was a lovable character that always seemed to remain true to herself, if a bit confused about what exactly that meant at times. With a fantastic cast of secondary characters always mixing things up it was a great introduction into the world and series. Being set in New Orleans added a special something to the story, as only NOLA can do and in A Mansion, A Drag Queen, and A New Job it was a nice fit.

The mystery was well played out and fit nicely into the story and setting. The downside to this title is that it needs a good run through with a detailed oriented editor. Several things (typos, punctuation) distracted from the flow of the story that are truly easy fixes and I am not nit-picky or sensitive about these issues.

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### **Shannan says**

It's ten minutes to midnight and I just finished the book. The author has created a cast of characters that have already become like close personal friends.

Deanna is very relatable, especially when you consider she's a psychic medium, but since she grew up suppressing her gift she's kinda lost on how this whole thing works too. But between seeing ghosts / visions and the natural desire to help others found in those of the mental health profession, she can't help but be drawn to the murder of her cab driver's granddaughter and from there, into the case and what drives the killer.

Ivy, Mary-Lou, Greg, Big Bud, Missy and John are so well described that I could picture them in my mind as if I were conjuring a mental photo. Ivy won my heart, Greg and Matt I'm skeptical of still, I think there's more to Mary-Lou than meets the eye and I'm intrigued about John and where this may lead in future books.

And there's no doubt, I'm be reading more. This story stands perfect as a beginning of a series but it's not a cliffhanger. There's threads for the next book but the case in this is resolved by the last page.

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### **Kiki Sidira says**

I have had this book for more than two years in my shelves. Yet, I couldn't feel a pull towards it.

But, I have challenged myself to read outside my comfort box and limit the unread paperbacks that have stacked!

So, Deanna arrives in New Orleans and finds out, not only that her grandma has died but also, that she has inherited her mansion. A mansion that happens to be haunted.

Things start piling up. Like a dead girl, unexpected ghosts, a drag queen that helps with the house, and a

couple of men interested in her.

Oh! Let's not forget a not - so - friendly ghost, that would kill her, if he could.

The title and the cover art misled me. I have no idea what I could be waiting from the book, but I got many. Mostly laughs and a good mystery.

The book itself could use a bit of editing more, but those parts were few and I could mostly make out what was supposed to be there.

I have read mysteries. I've read ghost stories. I have read mysteries where the ghosts are to be blamed for the murders. But I still have nothing to compare with this book.

It was very good and I highly suggest reading it!

Seems to me like I need to be taking chances out of my comfort zone more often!

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### **Nancy D Miz-Firefly aka Sparky (Paranormal Junkie) says**

I only made it half way, and I've had enough.

The title sucked me in but the concept wasn't enough to keep me going. I don't like writing negative reviews. An author puts a lot of effort into a book. I don't want to kick sand on anybody, but this book was just a mess. I don't think it's fair to rate a book I didn't finish, but if I had to assign a number it'd be a 2. There was the promise of something that was never realized.

This probably is the first book C.C. Dragon wrote and it shows. The premise was promising but it all feels very forced. All of the characters, Deanna included, are one dimensional. And the secondary characters are way under-utilized. They seem to exist solely to give Deanna someone to interact with.

Nothing about this story moves smoothly. It runs Bam Bam Bam from one thought to the next; one situation to the next and nothing feels genuine. In short A Manson, A Drag Queen, And a New Job feel more like a steam-roller than a mystery. Head down - straight forward. Don't develop the characters, don't finesse the plot; just cross that finish line.

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### **Sheila says**

Deanna Oscar inherits her grandmother's mansion in New Orleans along with her psychic ability. Deanna has visions where she sees little girls murdered. When she goes to the police they are leery of her but knowing her grandmother's reputation they listen to her eventually. She helps with the serial killer.

I enjoyed Deanna. She has not been told a lot by her parents who disowned her grandmother. When she realizes that she can help others with her abilities she does what she can. I liked that she could see ghosts and that she could go between this life and the Other Side. There is still a lot she does not know but she pushes

onward to stop the murderer. I also liked how she could talk to the ghosts and try to reason with them. Not that they listened but she was able to get enough out of them to help her. It will be interesting to see how the triangle of her, John (the judge), and Greg will turn out. She's attracted to both though she is mad at Greg. Ivy is fun. I wish her well on her stage career.

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### **Angie Hackett says**

This is not one of the weirdest books I've read but it did feel a little weird.

It took me some time to get through this but that was more to do with life than this book. This was surprisingly well written and had really interesting characters. The plot was solid enough and I loved that it was set in New Orleans.

I did like how our heroine was sort of new to her psychic powers but not entirely new by virtue of having come into them early on. I liked the drag aspect of this book as it was dealt with in a great manner whilst retaining some amusement. Though there was no real humour in this book I did find some parts amusing, particularly the way the main character behaved on occasion. The only aspect I wasn't so keen on was that the author kept dragging up (pardon the pun) the Catholic upbringing of our heroine. I get that it was what gave her background some depth but I didn't feel the need to be constantly reminded of it was that good.

All in all a good enough and interesting read.

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### **NhaughtyV says Damn the Zon Save the Reviews says**

The title got me to one-click this story, and I'm glad I did. If you are looking for a fun quick read, I'd recommend this one. It has mystery, humor, and a wee bit of romance.

Fav quote:

*“Great, Heaven had a Prime Directive. My youngest brother was a Star Trek addict so I was well versed in the Federation’s Noninterference Policy. I just never expected spirits had a similar code of conduct.”*

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### **Fran says**

Book 1 had some minor issues like spelling. Letters were sometimes missing fo instead of for, I instead of it or if, and other small things like that. But seriously that was the only thing wrong with this book. I loved everything else about it. It is equal parts amusing and serious. Mysterious and paranormal. A delightful combination and I honestly could not be more excited to read book two. The wonderful assortment of characters with promises of more to come are just beyond amazing! De is a psychic and psychologist a combination that is not normal in anything I have ever read or seen. She is stubborn, and smart and one hell of a shot! She has a drag queen best friend, an e priest trying to get in her pants and a a high society neighbor that accepts an invincible presence putting tea down in front of her. Then you add in the ghosts, haunted items, occasionally seeing the future and tons of mysteries to solve all while trying to find her path in life and Deanna is never boring and by far one of the most interesting mystery reads ever.

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### **Deanna says**

*A Mansion, a Drag Queen, and a New Job* by C. C. Dragon is the first book in the Deanna Oscar Paranormal Mystery series. Deanna is visiting New Orleans to apply for a teaching job at Tulane when her grandmother's ghost appears and tells her to stay at her mansion. At the same time, Deanna gets a premonition that the can driver's granddaughter is in danger of being murdered and tries to earn her. After the little girl's death, Deanna uses her psychic abilities to assist in the investigation.

Based on the title, I was expecting a lot more humor. Still it was a decent cozy mystery. 3 stars.

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