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*Daisy Buchanan thinks of her shop, *Sometimes a Great Notion*, as more than just a business. For her, it's a haven of vintage sewing notions and other treasures, excellent coffee, and camaraderie. But when an antique dollhouse provokes some bizarre behavior on the part of a customer, Daisy makes it her business to find out what secrets are hidden behind its tiny doors...*

At an estate auction, Daisy is delighted to find the perfect present for a young girl she knows—a charming dollhouse in need of restoration. But when local collector Harriet Kunes tries to strong-arm Daisy into selling it, she's in for a shocking—and deadly—surprise.

After an intruder breaks in and tries to steal the dollhouse, Daisy wonders why everyone has developed such an obsession over it. As she builds her collection of clues, she suspects that the miniature Victorian holds the key to a second unsolved murder, and soon she stumbles across much more than she bid on...

Includes creative tips for vintage notions!

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Ronna says

I got this free from the author. This is my honest review.

This book had my attention with the title. Loving all things about dollhouses, I had high hopes for this book and it definitely exceeded my expectations. Daisy Buchanan runs her vintage notions and sewing shop, Sometimes A Notion, as a guilty pleasure after having taught school for a number of years. Its position amongst other speciality shops makes it a great place for gathering friends for gossip and some of friend, Martha's, baked goods.

Daisy wants to give her young friend, Claire, a dollhouse for her birthday, and finds just the perfect one to buy and fix up for her at a local estate sale. But when another collector goes bonkers trying to buy it from Daisy, something becomes very strange and deadly. What is it about this particular dollhouse that is so special? Daisy's maintaining her store may depend upon her finding out about murder and wills.

I love the characters in these Deadly Notions Mysteries. First of all, the heroine is happily married, with the usual frictions found in marriages. With so many books focusing on single or divorced folks, I enjoy that Daisy is more like myself for a change. Daisy's friends in the community are all unique and fun--folks I'd enjoy having around. The descriptions and information about dollhouses is great, especially about the lighting. All around great story with a mystery that kept me thinking right along with Daisy. This is becoming one of my favorite series!!

LORI CASWELL says

Daisy loves her store and some changes in town put that store in jeopardy. While Daisy is dealing with that her husband Joe finds a new hobby. Add to this a very unusual murder and they have their hands full.

Dollycas's Thoughts

I absolutely loved this story. Daisy and Joe are one of my favorite cozy couples. Retired but not ready to stop working and they have both found new passions. We found out about Daisy's in Going Through the Notions and now Joe seems to have found his too. Plus their lives are not easy. In addition to trying to catch a killer, they have to work to find time together, and must deal with leaky pipes and emergency home repairs.

I also enjoyed Daisy working with Cyril to restore the dollhouse and Joe being mentored by Mac in his new project. Tony Serrano, the hunky detective, still makes even married women's heart beat a little faster. Eleanor, Laura and Martha are back too. The main and supporting characters are so well developed. It is so easy to feel like you actually know them.

The mystery itself was a complex and had its share of surprising twists. I read the book all in one sitting. I just could not put it down even to go to sleep.

The book also includes tips for decorating a dollhouse and a preview of Book 3, Lie of the Needle.

Linda says

5 Stars!! Highly recommended! It's fall in the quaint village of Millsbury, PA, and Daisy Buchanan's shop, Sometimes A Great Notion, is doing a booming business selling vintage linens and sewing notions! Harriet Kunes, a rather irritating customer, wants to buy a dollhouse Daisy recently purchased at an auction, even though it's not for sale!! It's a birthday gift for a special little girl in Daisy's life. When an angry Harriet leaves her eyeglasses at the shop, Daisy and her husband, Joe, take them by her house, only to find Harriet dead amidst her enormous dollhouse collection!

Handsome Detective, Tony Serrano, is called to the suspicious crime scene. Harriet and her husband, Birch, are separated, and his mistress, Bettina, is preggers. Someone is trying to scare Daisy, and her new landlord wants to drastically increase her rent. The number of suspects rises, and Daisy can't make sense out of all the chaos going on.

Cate Price skillfully sets up roadblock after roadblock as you try to make sense of the secrets being hidden by more than one person. Once all the secrets are revealed, you'll know that where there's a will, there's a way.

I was provided with an advanced reader copy by the publisher, and I left an honest review.

Fred says

A Dollhouse to Die For is the second book in the A Deadly Notions Mystery series.

Daisy Buchanan has found a "fixer-upper" dollhouse at an auction that will be ideal for Claire, a ten year old friend of hers. Then Harriet Kunes comes to her shop and offers \$1,000 for the dollhouse she is quite surprised, but still refuses to sell it. Daisy then finds that Kune has forgotten her eye glasses, Daisy and her husband decide to return them to her. But when they get there, the front door is ajar and Kunes has been electrocuted by one her many dollhouses. Then the next day someone breaks into Daisy's shop and is making off with the dollhouse just as she is going by the shop. When Daisy finds out that Sophie, who had owned the dollhouse had died of possibly not natural causes, she wants to know if the two deaths might be related and who might have the most to gain. Sophie dies without leaving a will, but there is talk that one does exist and maybe it is somehow tied into the dollhouse.

Most all the wonderful characters from the first book are back to help Daisy to reconstruct the mystery surrounding the possibly valuable dollhouse. Martha is back and baking wonderful desserts and Eleanor, who has a shop across the street, is as a sounding board for Daisy's sleuthing. Daisy's husband, Joe, has found a new hobby of making furniture for dollhouse, which causes some consternation for Daisy. The handsome detective, Tony Serrano, is back sending the women's hearts a flutter.

Helpful household hints and recipes are also included.

Looking forward to visiting this quaint little Pennsylvania community.

Once Upon a Romance Reviews says

Daisy is a really fun gal. She's a retired teacher and by combining her love of history with a vintage notions store, she's created a perfect niche for herself. I loved all of her friends and the supporting characters. Well—I loved most of the supporting characters. A few were just plain jerks...but that's to be expected in any town. The characters were well developed and I felt a rapport with them. It was as if I was sitting around with my coffee klatch women discussing everything and nothing all at the same time.

Overall, this second installment in the series is really well crafted and well written. I have not read the first book in the series, but this title stands alone. I think for a second book, Cate Price shows incredible talent and is developed farther than I would have expected. There were a few times where the story slowed and more red herrings that I usually like in a story, but the characters were charming and distinct and the storyline was well developed. I look forward to more titles from Cate Price in the future.

-- ROBYN

Carol says

Let's visit the small, quaint town of Millbury, PA. It is here that Daisy Buchanan owns a shop called Sometimes A Great Notion. She sells vintage sewing items and notions. She attends auctions to obtain some of her wares. In this book, Daisy bids and wins a dollhouse that she will spruce up as a birthday present. But this dollhouse is creating a sensation, thus the title "A Dollhouse to Die For."

Get ready to settle down for a good cozy mystery. The characters are well developed, unique and vivid. They become involved in plenty of mystery, suspense with some romance. There are many twists and turns surprising you at every turn. This cozy will is a compulsive page turner.

It was real interesting learning the seriousness of dollhouse owners in designing their houses.

This is the second book in the series but can be read as a stand alone and easily understood. I have not read the first but will be doing so as the characters are very entertaining

Pam says

Daisy Buchanan states a firm "No" to Harriet Kunes when she tries to browbeat Daisy to sell a newly acquired dollhouse (from auction) to her. Daisy is set on giving it as a gift to a special little girl. When Daisy and husband, Joe, find Harriet dead and then someone tries to steal the dollhouse from her shop,

Daisy knows something is up. What's so important about it? There is the possibility of finding clues to a missing will. Is that it?

There are suspects and twists and turns enough to keep you reading past your bedtime. I found that it was just as much fun to learn about the world of dollhouse miniatures. There's so much to it.

Author, Cate Price, makes her books all the more interesting when you can find out about the how to's and history of the crafts and hobbies that are part of her stories and what means so much to her characters.

Ginny says

A page turner!!!!....Better than her first book...I'm hooked!!

Dianne says

An excellent read if you're a fan of the "Cozy" mystery genre.

Kerry says

I love dollhouses. I find them interesting and sometimes even a little bit creepy, in a good way, so I was drawn to this book immediately. I loved the characters so much. Daisy Buchanan owns a vintage sewing shop called Sometimes a Great Notion. She also sells other various items and antiques. She attends an estate sale and buys an old dollhouse for the daughter of a friend. It seems very suspicious when a customer, and dollhouse collector, practically demands that Daisy sell her the dollhouse. Later, this customer turns up dead and the puzzle begins. With many twists and turns, and very likable, unique characters, this book grabbed me from the very beginning and I really almost hated for it to end. I'm very much looking forward to the next in the series.

Becky Galambos says

Interesting book. I love Cate Price's quirky descriptions!

Katreader says

A Dollhouse to Die For by Cate Price

The Second Deadly Notions Mystery

Daisy Buchanan discovers a dollhouse that will be a perfect gift for a young friend, after a little restoration. But Daisy gets more than she bargained for with this purchase. There must be something more than meets the eye to this dollhouse. A dollhouse fanatic tries to buy it from her at a price much higher than its value,

then someone tries to steal it! When Daisy finds the fanatic dead, electrocuted by one of her own dollhouses, she can't help but look into the crime. Unfortunately, she also has to look for a new location for her store, Sometimes a Great Notion, as she has a new landlord who wants to raise her rent threefold.

I admit that I had some issues with Daisy Buchanan in the first book of the series. I didn't really like her. In her second outing, however, I find that the behavior that bothered me in Going Through the Notions wasn't noticeable in A Dollhouse to Die For. Perhaps Daisy has grown, or possibly, the simple fact that she wasn't interacting with her daughter meant she hadn't the opportunity to bother me. Whatever the case, Cate made me like Daisy in this book and I enjoyed reading it.

Cate Price showcases the world of dollhouses and their collectors in the second book of the Deadly Notions Mystery series. We see the interest and the fanaticism, and how easily one can lead to the other. By the end of the book even I wanted to fix up my own dollhouse!

Household tips and recipes included.

Rosie Genova says

So much fun to be back in Millbury with Daisy and the gang for a second caper! This time, the coveted object is a dollhouse, described lovingly and realistically (made me want one of my own). The secondary characters are quirky and fun, and Price keeps you guessing as the clues--and the bodies--pile up. A sweet bonus is the enviable marriage of Joe and Daisy, who even at a "certain age" engage in public make-out sessions. Also looking forward to see what the author also has in mind for the hunky Detective Serrano, who in a hilarious sub-plot, seems to be running from every passionate female in town!

Dana says

Very interesting cozy mystery. Definitely worth the read especially if you like your protagonists a bit older.

Jennifer says

It was an interesting cozy mystery, and I learned more about dollhouses and miniatures than I ever thought I would know. Some suspense, but not enough to stress me out. Just enough clues to have me guessing and trying to figure out "who done it."
