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Tripping Magazine is a quirky low-budget magazine that reports on travel destinations for believers in the paranormal. A few fake ghosts away from throwing in the towel, the *Tripping* staff get the tip of a lifetime when they get a call from Charlotte Baskerville, the rich founder of a clothing company for small dogs. Charlotte thinks that her Chihuahua, Petey, has come back from the dead, and she's desperate for someone to come verify his appearances.

The magazine's three-person reporting team travels to Manitou Springs, Colorado, sure that the ghostly dog will be a work of fiction. But, when they arrive, they see evidence of Petey with their own eyes. And he's not just floating by – he's howling advice and spelling out threats with tiny paw prints. Is the ghost real, or is the whole phenomenon an elaborate ruse?

The *Tripping* team must navigate the kooky world of coffin races, scheming husbands, and doggie fashion to solve the mystery – and get their story written at the same time. Uproariously funny and a great mystery to boot, *Chihuahua of the Baskervilles* is sure to leave you in stitches.

Chihuahua of the Baskervilles Details

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Jacqui Ainsworth says

A light, fun read. I enjoyed the quirky characters, especially the Scottish guy. I couldn't help but compare him with Jamie from Outlander. An enjoyable mystery with a less heavy hand of the teaching moments so common in this genre.

I went to Mesa Verde this past summer. Although I did not go to Manitou Springs, I pictured the town as similar to those I did see.

Jeannie and Louis Rigod says

I bought this book based upon the advertising blurb, the cover, and the wonderful title which reminded me of a famous Sir Arthur Conan Doyle novel.

This book turned out to be a delightful romp through the humorous ghost hunting, murder mystery, and all to alive haunting of a woman that owns a Chihuahua doggie clothing business.

It takes place in Manitou Springs, Colorado, during the annual festivities of coffin races and wakes of the founding families reenacted. The characters within the novel are colorful and all to believable.

I'm greatly impressed with this new, to me, Author. I look forward to future novels.

Karol says

What a romp! I loved how the book describes how tabloid news magazines might spin stories . . . like referring to the reflection of a flash bulb against a window in a photograph as an "apparition". The story was rather cute and the staff of "Tripping Magazine" were amusing.

DROPPING OUT says

Clever, cute lightweight entertainment, as innocuous as a Sunday night mystery program on television years back (think: Murder She Wrote). A very good start for what I hope will be a dynamic new series. (It's an easy read - I read more than half in my doctor's waiting room.)

Gusto Dave says

Thank God. It's refreshing to find a writer who can build realistic yet unique characters, acting around a fun

premise. It's funny. It's charming. And it's so easy to picture it as movie. I don't even read mysteries, but this one wrapped itself around me. Anyone who has a brain will get a kick out of this one.

Gusto Dave

Susan says

Charlotte Baskerville has built a pet-clothing empire in picturesque, haunted Manitou Springs. But when her dead chihuahua starts haunting her, three journalists from a magazine for supernatural touring, Tripping, arrive: Angus, who believes in ghosts almost as much as he believes in commerce, cynical Michael, and beautiful photographer Suki. They quickly learn that there is dissension in the Baskerville house, and that they may have to ward off attacks on Charlotte.

Pam says

Allbritten, Esri

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1st in a serie

Present/Manitou Springs,CO

Characters -- staff of Tripping -- a magazine featuring travel destinations that focus on the paranormal --
Angus/editor, Michael/writer, Suki/photographer

1st line: The heavy tick of a grandfather clock filled the parlor, as if to convince the listener that this was a serious timepiece, despite the Chihuahua toy in a fairy costume perched on its mahogany case.

Comments: fun, nice sense of humor -- will look for more character development in the 2nd book. This outing takes the Tripping staff to the home of Charlotte Baskerville. She is the owner of a Petey's Closet -- designer clothing for small dogs. She believes her beloved & departed Petey is making a ghostly appearance. The Tripping group is invited to investigate and write a feature article.

4/B

Almeta says

I know I am going to be lambasted for thinking dressing animals up in costumes is absurd. And if not for that, then for believing that there are no such things as ghosts.

Yet these two elements make this book a very humorous read. Don't read it for the mystery. (In fact after only a week, I've already forgotten WhoDunNit!) Read it for the comedy.

And if you know where I can write to subscribe to *Tripping Magazine*, I am thoroughly interested.

Karin says

So typical of front range Colorado where the whole "pet thing" is so out of control, it boggles the mind. As for the hauntings: there is a lot of that around! A coworker lives in a haunted house which was built in the 1800s, their ghost is friendly and just wants some attention sometimes. Others are more intimidating and scary, things tend to get really lively around Halloween! A fun read based on some real life stuff here in the Rockies.

Jaret says

This was a cute cozy mystery starring some adorable puppies. The storyline was cute, if predictable at times. The main characters from Tripping magazine were the most interesting characters in the story (other than the chihuahuas, of course). The ending was also predictable, but at least there was not a pretty bow wrap-up. Overall, the story was fun and I enjoyed reading it.

Anne-Marie says

The debut novel in a series for this fresh author. I loved it. Plot line was believable even if the main chihuahua was a ghost!!!! PICK it up and you won't put it down until you are finished. I hope Esri will read this: please don't stop writing. You are great and I recommend this to anyone I can. I read this around my birthday, and I enjoyed it as if it was my personal gift from you. I hope that my novel will be as good (I'm working on a novel myself).

Suzanne says

I had seen a review of this on Booklist online months ago and I enjoyed the humor of the title. Then I forgot about the book for a bit and was reminded of it during a webinar on mysteries. I checked it out to take on a weekend getaway and was very glad I did. The characters were full of quirks, there were several suspects for various reasons, and it was relaxing to sit back and let the story unfold. I'm looking forward to the next in the series, which is due out in July.

Debra says

A cute, fun, book that doesn't tax your brain cells too much. Purely for entertainment value. Yeah, the mystery kept me hanging in, but I'm used to meatier fare. Still, I enjoyed reading something purely for the pleasure of it and am glad I could give my brain a rest for a while.

*** Jennifer says**

This was a fun mystery. Interesting concept and unlike just about all the mysteries I've read in a long time. There was a bit of dry humor I would have liked to have seen more of, but perhaps this is the start of a series? A lot of fun.

Lynn Lerch says

Tripping Magazine goes to Colorado to investigate a ghost dog that has appeared to a wealthy owner of dog apparel. Petey is he a ghost or is someone doing something to make it appear to be him? The magazine staff who goes there also contends with murder. A fun mystery and I hope there are more with the same cast of characters.
