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**New York Times** bestselling author **Laura Childs** presents the best way to start your day—with a hearty breakfast and a side of hard-boiled murder.

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## **Stake & Eggs Details**

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### **Mayda says**

Don't start reading this book until you have a blanket on your lap, some nourishment on a plate, and a hot drink in your hand. Most of the action in this story is outside during the winter, and the author paints a realistic setting of frozen snow and ice. In fact, a winter festival is part of the scene, along with a snowmobile accident. . . or was it murder? A good time sure wasn't had by all, but you'll have a good time reading this tale. With lots of action, an intriguing plot, endearing characters, and tasty recipes, this book is sure to entertain you even as it gives you the chills.

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### **Lorraine says**

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Laura Childs' Cackleberry Club mysteries are quick, easy, fun cozy mysteries. Suzanne, Petra, and Toni, three good friends and co-owners of the Cackleberry Club Cafe, find themselves not only busy with their restaurant, but tied up with a murder mystery when the body is found right behind her cafe. The small town feel and the wonderful citizens of Kindred make this series sparkle. With a touch of humor and a bit of romance, the three ladies serve up side dishes of murder and mayhem. This one is a great winter read as their midwest small town is holding it's annual Fire and Ice Festival. Curl up with a cozy cup of something warm and sit a spell with a good cozy mystery.

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### **Glenda says**

Cackleberry Club does it again. Solved the mystery and served good food in their restaurant, sold books in the bookstore, had classes and gatherings in the knitting/sewing room. I wish I personally knew these ladies..hey, I wish I were one of them...

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### **Kim says**

After a very gross start (to me), I ended up enjoying the Cackleberry Club once again. I love the idea of a shop/restaurant like that.

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### **Kaye says**

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### **Janet Donath says**

Definitely was not the guilty suspect that I expected. Like the Cackleberry Club series since it shows you don't have to be twenty-something to have adventures. Not sure that I am game to keep up with Suzanne.

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### **Catherine says**

I really liked this book.

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### **Mascanol says**

What do you get with a breakfast diner, yarn and book store along with a tea shop? A lot of fun with the Cackleberry Club ladies. 3 strong women making their way in a small town that's has an usually high number of murders! As always Laure presents a strong cast of characters and good plot line along with some interesting tidbits...in this case about ice fishing and ice sculpting.

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### **Sandy says**

The Cackleberry Club gals are back for another mystery. The banker no one likes is found dead outside of the club because of a snowmobile accident - or was it?

This story features a small town Fire and Ice Festival being celebrated in January complete with ice fishing contest, ice sculpture and a party at the Cackleberry Club to finish the festival.

I thought this one was very well written with lots of suspects and a surprise in the end.

Toni's on again off again husband is back with a car junker invention which is highly amusing and Doogie is front and center as always. I really enjoy these characters and look forward to another in the series.

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### **Sharon Chance says**

I enjoy anything that Laura Childs writes, but her Cackleberry Club stories are just a hoot! Full of fun, mystery and friendship, this latest story in the series is just a great tale. I highly recommend this series!

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### **Angela says**

Winter has come to Kindred and it is holding nothing back! The town is covered in ice and snow and there is an extreme chill in the air. The chill isn't all from the plummeting temperatures outside either, for there has just been a terrible murder in the woods behind the Cackleberry Club. People snowmobile all the time in Kindred in the winter, but it's not often that kills them, like it has the big swig hated banker in town. Suzanne has seen a lot of death in the last 10 months, but this is by far the most gruesome, with the bankers head being clean lopped off his body from a wire that was stretched between two trees in the woods. Suzanne vows to not get involved this time in solving the murder, but soon she is roped in and doing her best to figure things out. The problem? The killer doesn't look to kindly on her doing so. The whole town hated the banker, but who hated him enough to actually kill him? Can Suzanne defrost the clues and find the murderer before he kills again?

Once again, Childs amazes me and makes me love her even more! She is such a great author that writes so well, that I actually found myself thinking about the characters in her books as real people that I wished I could just meet. This series leaves me wishing I could go work at the Cackleberry Club with these fun and loving ladies. This book is a great read, just like the others! It starts out with a bang and continues that suspense all the way through the book. Not once did I put it down and think, eh I'll read when I get to it. NOPE, I hated to put it down and couldn't wait to pick it back up when I did have to put it down. Suzanne, Toni, and Petra are just amazing characters who are so different from one another, but have very common situations really, and that's what makes them long lasting friends. They also all have humdinger personalities that you can't help but love. They are all so snoopy and gossipy, but in a good way it turns out, especially when they are trying to crack open a murder. If you pick up one series by a new to you author you just have to pick this one! The books in the Cackleberry Club Mystery Series are phenomenal and well worth your time. They are simply amazing as a series, but would be great as stand alone books too. So if you don't want to read from the beginning, pick this one up and give it a go, you won't be sorry!

5/5 Stars!!

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### **Craftnut - says**

Another cozy mystery from Laura Childs, the Cackleberry Club series is just plain fun. Three middle aged women own a cafe with eggs as their big draw served in very creative ways. Some of the recipes are in the back of the book, plus there are more ideas that a recipe isn't needed like poached eggs in popovers. The writing is easy and the novel is a fast read, like most in this genre. I do enjoy the way this author paints pictures with words - you feel the cold winter and the softness of the yarns, see the sparkling snow and smell the aroma of fresh coffee, spice tea, fresh baked bread and sizzling bacon. With the collection of characters in the small town so charming and some a bit eccentric, this series is a delight.

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### **Melissa says**

Suzanne hears a snowmobile out back that suddenly stops and goes out to investigate. She finds the bank president's body- and his head nearby. Someone strung a wire. Usual repetitious description of the knitting nook and the book nook at her restaurant. Her man-friend Sam sounds really nice. Several perilous adventures and a rather short conclusion. I also think a car-cooker would be a waste of gas and another unnecessary source of pollution but that's Junior for you.

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### **Michelle says**

This is the 4th book in the series. The snow is starting to come down and in preparing to close, they hear a crash of a snowmobile out back. What they find is a gruesome death of the town's banker thanks to a wire strung out. There are many potential suspects, including farmers who were being foreclosed on, and even the possibility of the banker's wife. A young runaway may be the key to unlocking the mystery, but Suzanne has to find him before it is too late. Suzanne works with Toni and Petra to help solve the case, all the while juggling the business of the Cackleberry Club, including teas, a fashion show and the Winter festival.

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### **Ann Boytim says**

Suzanne, Toni and Petra have a successful business owning the Cackleberry Club Cafe and serve breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea in the small town they all live in. A snowmobile crashes behind their Cafe and the town's most hated banker is found beheaded by a wire staked in the snow. Some of the cafe's best customers become suspects and Suzanne is committed to clear their names and find the killer.

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