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**Includes tips and a glossary of terms for the modern scrapbooker!**

## Scrapbook of the Dead Details

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## **From Reader Review Scrapbook of the Dead for online ebook**

### **Megan says**

This has been one of my favorite mystery series since the beginning, and this installment may be the best of them all. The Cumberland Creek croppers are one of the best written groups of ladies in the cozy mystery world - they are different enough from one another to be memorable, yet you really believe that they would be friends - and the way that they naturally exist in the same space without it feeling forced, like some kind of adult Babysitters Club, keeps the story from slowing down. Unlike so many cozy series, this one clearly exists in the modern world - current events come into play, and the situations each character faces are relatable. The ending of this one is bittersweet - many threads that have been woven through the series are resolved, but new revelations make it hard to imagine that this could be the final entry in the series. I hope that is not the case, and that the books continue to find their audience - anyone who crafts, has friends, or is part of a community will find something to which they can relate!

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### **Jeri says**

This book was good. There were a lot of characters to keep up with but they added different sides to the story. Annie is a reporter and avid scrapbooker along with her friends she gets together with each week to work on their scrapbooks. Annie investigates the death of a woman in town that is a Mexican immigrant and it leads her to find a side of town none of them even knew about. The story keeps you guessing who the murderer is and the motive til the very end.

I was given an advanced ecopy from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Cmikulasik@gmail.com says**

Another story in which I learned a great deal about a craft (scrap booking) that I didn't know too much about. There are many interesting characters and their back stories are filled in, but now I would like to read the previous stories so I can know more about them. The murders are successfully and logically solved.

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### **Jodi Padgett says**

A friend of mine recommended this series to me. Halloween is my favorite holiday and reading is my passion. I was totally addicted from the start! Now I have to read all the other books in the series!

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### **Laura Thomas says**

I was looking for a fun Halloween cozy and found this book. It couldn't have worked out better. It appears I've bumped into these characters before. It was on a cruise ship, and yes, there was a murder for these good

people to solve.

Now, we're back on dry land in Cumberland Creek and there's been yet another murder. There's a human popsicle in the walk-in freezer at Pamela's Pie Palace. And not long after, the murder victim's sister is found next to the creek, dead of an apparent drowning. And both victims had a page from a scrapbook clutched in their hands. Coincidence? I don't think so.

I had such fun sleuthing with this gang again. The characters ages ranged from young to senior and they kept me laughing and flipping pages to find out who the surprise villain was.

Yep, I was kept guessing as to who the bad guy was.

I'd have loved to have been a fly on the wall when these scrapbook fiends gathered together, pasting and cutting. The gossip flies and the clues emerge.

It's the countdown to All Hallows Eve and everyone is looking at each other with suspicion. Spooky times in Cumberland Creek.

I hope you give this book and series a read. I sure had fun and plan to continue reading more about these crafty characters.

I received this book for my honest review.

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### **Betty says**

It is Halloween time in Cumberland Creek as we looked in on the Scrapbook Crop. A body was found in the freezer at Pamela Pie Shop. The next another body is found on the riverbank. They are sisters and lived in a new part of the town that was not known by the group. The sisters both had a page of scrapbooking on them. Annie is writing her last story. What does the scrapbooking pages have to with the murders? Annie and friends needed to find the answer before one of them is hurt. I recommend this book.

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### **Teresa Kander says**

This is a new to me series, and the first book I've had the pleasure of reading by this author. It was one of those books I read in one sitting--I just couldn't put it down!

The story is well-written and plotted, and the mystery is extremely well done, leaving characters and readers alike wondering whodunit. There are many twists and turns along the way, and I didn't figure out the mystery until it was revealed.

I also enjoyed the scrapbooking tips and ideas. Even though I am not a scrapbooker, I like to see/hear what others do.

I have to say that I would suggest reading this series in order, rather than just starting with this book. I felt as though I really didn't know who the characters were, and how they connected to one another.

**\*\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts and opinions are entirely my own.\*\***

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### **Mave says**

Struck me immediately the cover of this book and I have decided to read it and I have not regretted. It was a really fun and engaging read, it's one of those books you pick up and read in one sitting. The plot is compelling, the characters are warm and likeable, the ending to the story truly surprised me and did not see coming.

This time a group of women who are part of a club of scrapbooking have to solve two murders. Two sisters are found dead in two different places of the city and most likely their murders are linked.

Although it is the fifth book in this series can be read as a stand alone, I can not wait to read the whole series. The story was light and easy to read with a compelling mystery, charming characters, and witty dialogue. I definitely recommend this one.

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### **Tess says**

Mollie Cox Bryan's, Cumberland Creek Mysteries, just keep getting better. Her characters from Annie to Sheila and every scrapper in between, are warm, loving, but as feisty as hell. Keep on writing them Mollie and I'll keep on reading them, as all of your fans will.

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### **Carol says**

Hang on tight! We are going to Cumberland Creek during the Halloween season.

This story gets off to a fast start drawing the reader in on the first page!!!

Description is deftly woven into the story. The reader feels they are present with the characters in each scene. Each character is vivid and well developed. Each character adds their own flavor to the story.

The book totters between the past and present which makes the story very explainable to the reader. This is the fifth book in the Cumberland Creek Mystery Series but the author presents all the characters so that you feel like you know them already even if this is the first book you have read.

Intriguing, well plotted book, plenty of mystery, drama, suspense with humor and edge.

I've learned about scrapbooking and different cultures without even realizing I'm learning. The glossary at the end provides the knowledge of scrapbooking terms and more. Be sure to read!!!  
Thank you to Net Gallery and Kensington Publisher for this eBook.  
My opinion is my own.

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### **Penny Marks says**

This was the first in this series that I have had the pleasure of reading. I loved this book and couldn't put it down. I plan on reading the rest in this series.

The story starts out fast and keeps pace till the end. I really liked how the author gave you an insight into each character and their lives. I have always loved scrapbooking and this book has it all with Halloween a few weeks away the Cumberland Creek scrapbooking group is in high gear. Annie is an investigative reporter for the town of Cumberland Creek and she and her friends love to scrapbook. She finds herself investigating not one but two murders within 24 hours of each other. With the help of all of her scrapbooking buddies they all end up trying to figure out what is going on and how two deaths can occur in their small town.

There are a lot of different things going on with each of the characters in this book. First you have Annie who is trying to figure out if she is going to stay with her job or quit. You have DeeAnn who owns a bakery in town and is a very independent person who ends up hurting her back. This sends her family into a tailspin of emotions. Then of course you have the newlyweds, Jon and Bea. They are adorable and are trying to get their lives as a couple worked out and everything seems to be falling apart for the town.

Will this be Annie's last story? What will become of the small town of Cumberland Creek after two people are found dead? Will the scrapbookers be able to find out the truth before someone else gets hurt???

If you want a cozy mystery that has adventure, mystery, and a lot of great scrapbooking tips you will want to read this book.

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### **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

A delightfully crafty mystery, SCRAPBOOK OF THE DEAD is the fifth book in the Cumberland Creek Mystery series by author Mollie Cox Bryan, featuring reporter, Annie Chamovitz.

Ms. Bryan wasted no time getting to the scene of the crime in this installment of her popular series. I'm talking page one, chapter one, first sentence. Nothing like getting kicking in a reader's adrenaline at the start!

Cumberland Creek sounds like a sleepy little town, but with things like murders and gangs it's starting to feel like anything but. It can be tricky introducing elements like gangs into a small town setting, but this author met the \*challenge head on and has written an engrossing mystery that had be stuck to my book as though it was covered in \*adhesive.

This series just keeps getting better and better with every book, and SCRAPBOOK OF THE DEAD is the cream of the \*crop. I enjoyed it so much I was able to leave my review \*acid-free, and sing its praises.

While this is book five in the series, there are also two eBook novellas that go along with it.

Be sure to check out the back of the book for a Glossary of Basic Scrapbooking Terms, Basic Card Making, Scrapbook Essentials for the Beginner, and an excerpt of **A CRAFTY CHRISTMAS!**

\* Wondering about all the asterisks in my review? Those words are just a few of the scrapbooking terms you'll read about in **SCRAPBOOK OF THE DEAD**.

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### **Mary Brown says**

Synopsis:

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Review:

Annie Chamovitz is a reporter who happens to be at the scene of a murder. When a body is discovered in the freezer of Pamela's Pie Palace, Annie is there. With her investigative personality, she knows she has to look into the murder. And when a second body is discovered, she knows that there is not only a story waiting to be written, there is also a threat to her town. She and her scrapbooking friends begin to put the pieces together to try and get the exact picture of the murderer. One clue that they have is the scrapbook pages that are found at the murder scenes. How can they fit all the clues together to find the solution and see justice done?

This is the first book that I have read in the series, even though this is the fifth book in The Cumberland Series. I think this put me at a disadvantage when reading the book. I did not feel like I got to know the characters very well and I think there are too many characters introduced in the book. I just felt like I could not relate with them. Sometimes I am able to pick up a book in the middle of a series and I do not have this problem, but for whatever reason, I struggled a bit with the characters.

I think this book is well plotted and I did like the mystery. There are many twists and turns along the way, enough to keep the characters and readers on their toes. I did not figure the mystery out until it is revealed at the end, and I like when that happens. The author is very talented at creating suspense and tension with just the written word.

I also enjoyed reading about scrapbooking and the tips and hints that are given in the book. The section that included the terms is very helpful. I have done scrapbooking in the past and this book gave me some great things to try.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys cozy mysteries and if you enjoy scrapbooking, that is an added bonus. But I would recommend reading this series in order. I plan to get the other books and doing just that.

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### **Laura says**

Great Book!

This is a great book; this is the fifth book in the A Cumberland Creek Mystery series by Mollie Cox Bryan. Cumberland Creek Scrapbook Crop is ready to make spooky scrapbooks. They weren't expecting a murder or two. First a woman is found dead in the freezer of Pamela's Pie Palace, then the next day another woman is found murdered by the river. Annie Chamovitz is a reporter and learns that the two women were sisters and is certain their deaths are linked together. The Scrapbook Cropping members put their sleuthing skills to the test to find the killer so they can get back to their scrapbooking. If you are looking for a great mystery that will keep you guessing until the end, then you need to read this book. I am looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

A Review copy was provided to me in exchange for a fair and honest review. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

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### **Lisa Morin says**

I've read all of the books in this series and I believe this one to be my favorite. It focuses on the Cumberland Creek scrap-booking group, but it also revolves around some personal issues within the group. Halloween is approaching and the group is preparing for the activities. Annie is an investigative reporter who is struggling with giving up her job. She has had too many close calls and she is fearful that she may not see her boys grow up. Bea and Jon are still newlyweds and a recent trip down memory lane finds Bea seeking out a lost but not forgotten friendship.

DeeAnn owns a bakery and makes mouthwatering desserts. A back injury sends her spiraling into an unfamiliar territory, causing her family to take drastic measures. When two deaths leave the community stunned and shocked, the scrap-booking group take matters into their own hands. Annie is determined to find the truth surrounding the deaths and get in one last story. This was a riveting story that left me on the edge of my seat until the end.

I would suggest this book to anyone who loves a good mystery with some fantastic scrap-booking tips added

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5 Stars!

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