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Starting your life over at age thirty-eight isn't easy, but that's what Sarah Winston finds herself facing when her husband CJ runs off with a 19-year-old temptress named Tiffany. Sarah's self-prescribed therapy happily involves hitting all the garage and tag sales in and around her small town of Ellington, Massachusetts. If only she could turn her love for bargain hunting into a full-time career.

One man's junk is another man's treasure

But after returning from a particularly successful day searching for yard sale treasures, Sarah finds a grisly surprise in one of her bags: a freshly bloodied shirt...that undoubtedly belongs to her ex, CJ, who now happens to be Ellington's chief of police. If that's not bad enough, it seems Tiffany has gone missing. Now it's up to Sarah to prove that her cold-hearted ex is not a cold-blooded killer...

But finding that treasure can be murder.

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Tracy Weber says

A great start to a promising series! I especially like that the ex-husband was portrayed as a real person, not as a demon-cheater like most of them are in mystery series. And I had no clue who the murderer was until it was revealed.

Sallee says

This was an interesting book and it is a great start for a new series. Living in a city where a large Air Force base is situated and having married an Air Force brat, I found that I easily connected with the main character. Her description of base activities was right on. Sarah Winston, is now living in a small apartment after a bitter divorce from her former husband, C.J. Hooker for adultery. Now retired from the Air Force, he is the police chief of Sarah's small town of Ellington. Sarah tries to get her life back on track by helping people set up and run their garage sales, something she does quite well. She finds a bloody shirt of her ex-husband and a bloody top belonging to his girlfriend Tiffany who is missing. When C.J. finds himself arrested for her murder, it is up to Sarah to prove that her ex has been set up and that he is not a murderer. The book was well written and there are plenty of people that are potential suspects making you wonder who the murderer could be. I am looking forward to the next book in the series.

Linda says

Sarah Winston is divorced from a retired Air Force Commander, C.J., and both live in picturesque New England. He's now a police chief and they remain friends, even though he cheated on her. Sarah's shocked when she finds two bloody shirts in some garage sale bags she's taking to the base thrift shop, and one is monogrammed with C.J.'s initials. The other shirt is a maternity top. At the thrift store, she discovers a skull, bones, and more of C.J.'s belongings. It doesn't look good for her ex-husband. Sarah's making extra money organizing garage sales. However, a young woman is missing. Sarah is threatened several times. The police are bullying her. A murder happens. Something bad is going on around Sarah, and she must figure out what it is before the tag's hanging off her big toe!

Author Sherry Harris debuts with a strong writing voice in this not to be missed cozy mystery! She'll keep you guessing until the last minute!

I received a complimentary ARC of this book. I voluntarily posted an honest review.

Jonathan says

It's been awhile since I read this, so I won't write a full review but this was an excellent book. Great characters, really good mystery, the killer completely surprised me, and a great premise. Overall a very good start to a series. Just bought the next one!

LORI CASWELL says

Dollycas's Thoughts

Sarah Winston may be starting her life over after her husband, CJ cheated on her but she is still connected to several places and people from before her divorce. She still spends time on the Fitch Air Force Base working at the thrift store. A perfect job because she loves hunting for bargains at garage sales and she donates several of her finds to the store. But one of her recent bargains, a bag of clothes, included a bloody shirt and she recognizes it. It belongs to her ex, the new chief of police of Ellington. His "girlfriend" also happens to be missing and more blood has been found in her dorm room. The investigation includes the security at the base too and CJ is their prime suspect. As mad as she is at CJ, Sarah knows he is not a killer and she is going to prove it.

What a fantastic story and introduction to these characters. You can tell the author is drawing from personal experiences, sans the murder/s of course ?

Sarah comes across as so genuine and I loved her almost obsession with garage sales. It is all about the negotiating and the deal she can get. When she took her friend with her and tried to teach her "the art of the deal", it was hilarious. That friend could have been me. All the characters grew over the course of the story and there is so much more room for them to grow in this series.

The plot is very strong and filled with surprising twists. The connection to the Air Force Base was very appealing and the details of the workings of such a place was appreciated by this reader. I enjoyed solving the mystery right along with Sarah.

The garage sale tips were a nice addition and food for thought.

I am super excited to get caught up on this series.

Terri Crossley says

I won this book in a contest and I really enjoyed reading this! I love a great garage sale and Sarah Winston loves the thrill of the hunt as much as I do! When Sarah's marriage falls apart she doesn't want to leave her friends behind that she has made on the base. Since she is no longer a military wife she decides to move to town and settle in a nice apartment so she can be close to her old friends! When picking up some unsold leftovers from a yard sale she discovers her ex husband's bloody shirt. She tucks it away in hopes of asking him why it is covered in blood. When his new girlfriend disappears and the only thing left is a pile of blood her ex is the main suspect. She knows deep down he couldn't have killed anyone so she starts to dig a little deeper to unravel the clues. The more she digs the closer the killer gets and this is one time she won't be able to bargain her way out! I highly recommended this book and I can't wait to read the next book in this series!

Mark Baker says

Sarah is trying to put her life back together after a divorce from her air force husband. But when she finds a bag of bloody clothes that belonged to her ex-husband and the woman he cheated on Sarah with, she suddenly finds herself trying to determine what has really happened.

The plot of this book was strong with several twists and red herrings that kept me confused until everything came together at the end. The characters were strong as well. While the writing could be a bit choppy at times, overall there was a tone to the story that was perfect for what the characters were going through.

NOTE: I received an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Read my full review at Carstairs Considers.

Christina says

I love a good garage sale, and I love a good mystery. Both were well represented in this book. I found the tie in to military base living interesting, it allowed the author to introduce characters that have a forced intimacy. To enjoy what I consider to be a Cozy Mystery, I need to like the main characters and their quirks. There wasn't a lot of quirkiness here, but the fast pace and likable main character helped make up for that.

From the very beginning, Sarah knew she couldn't go to the police for help. Even though she was the (alleged) wronged party, having your ex as the Chief of Police can put a damper on those emergency responses. Toward the end of the book, Sarah finds out who she can trust and who really has her back, which surprised me almost as much as it surprised her. I look forward to reading more about the garage sale finds, friends and past indiscretions of the main character. Very entertaining!

Betty says

This is the best cozy mysteries that I have read in this year. The story is told in a first person and you feel her emotions as she takes various avenues as it is told. Sarah anguished is felt at her betrayal of her husband CJ fling with a 19 year old cadet. Her feelings the as the Ellington Police harass her and being allow on the airbase by suffrage. She wraps herself doing the the one thing that she understands, graduates. Her dismay as she finds two blood covered shirts in the yard sale bags she brought. As one is CJ and the other is Triffany who is missing. The other characters are also rounded out so you are attracted to them. Sarah now is working to help CJ from a MURDER charge. Much of the story is original; no sex or violence. The ending is a surprise and will make you think. I am reading for the next book.

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Leslie says

A strong debut. Sarah Winston can come organize my garage anytime, even if there is a chance she'll find a dead body!

Meg says

Great start to series. Quick, easy read. Already have next one downloaded.

Barbara Ross says

I've been excited about this series since I first heard the concept. After I'd read it, I felt even more satisfied. When her husband is unfaithful, plucky Sarah Winston loses her marriage and her identity as a colonel's wife. In *Tagged for Death*, Sarah must find a new life, a way to make a living, and, after all her years on the move, a home. Like the hidden gems Sarah Winston finds at garage sales, this book is a treasure.

Jenni Schell says

I really loved this book for several reasons. I loved that it had a hint of military life in it and the characters were fantastic. I can't wait to see what happens next.

Beth says

Sarah couldn't take her problems to the police. One of the biggest problems in her life was the Chief of Police and her ex-husband. When his shirt shows up in a garage sale bag covered in blood, Sarah can't help but think the worst...he is either dead or killed the mother of his affair baby.

This is a great mystery with extremely unexpected twists.

I did feel it definitely gave off a depressing vibe. No matter how hard Sarah tried it seems like a constant series of unfortunate events overwhelmed her. Life circumstances were definitely not on her side. Although, there is quite a bit of small town quirkiness it did not outweigh the "bad luck" so even with all the quirkiness it didn't push the story to be considered humorous.

An enjoyable mystery to solve, a likable heroine and lots of garage sales, *Tagged for Death* provides ample entertainment for the cozy mystery fan.

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Melodie says

I wasn't sure about this one the way it started out, but it turned out to be a very good first book for this new series. Sarah was a bit too self-absorbed at first, though she has some good reasons to be, but she got over it when push came to shove. Some great characters here and a good mystery. I didn't figure out the bad guy until just before the big reveal. There were some minor things that annoyed me, like all the explanations for military terms (PCS, TDY, etc). I spent the first 6 years of married life as an Air Force wife, so I was annoyed by the explanations, but can see how someone not familiar with military life would need them. This had a good ending, but I don't think the relationships will be resolved so easily. Good read! Recommend!
