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Random Acts Of Malice (Holly Anna Paladin Mysteries Book 3)



Synopsis

When Holly Anna Paladin's boyfriend, police detective Chase Dexter, says he's leaving for two weeks and can't give any details, she wants to trust him. But when she discovers Chase may be involved in some unwise and dangerous pursuits, she's compelled to intervene. Holly gets a run for her money as she's swept into the world of horseracing. The stakes turn deadly when a dead body surfaces and suspicion is cast on Chase. At every turn, more trouble emerges, making Holly question what she holds true about her relationship and her future. Just when she thinks she's on the homestretch, a dark horse arises. Holly might lose everything in a nail-biting fight to the finish. Other Books in the Holly Anna Paladin Series: Random Acts of Murder Random Acts of Deceit Random Acts of Malice Random Acts of Scrooge Random Acts of Greed Random Acts of Fraud (coming soon) Clean and wholesome mysteries with a side of faith, romance, and humor!

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Customer Reviews

Christy Barritt's latest Holly Anna Paladin Mystery series features A Random Act of Malice,

which is an unforgettable story about how far would you trust someone you love. From the first chapter, I was tossed into moments of doubt alongside Holly as she wondered why Chase had to go away for two weeks without telling her where or what he was doing. If you had read the previous two books featuring Holly, you know she won't be able to leave Chase alone. The story features horse racing and Chase interacting with his ex-wife, Peyton, and gambling, causing Holly to have moments of doubt about their relationship. Barritt keeps the pace moving, so there is no reason to put the book down. I really enjoyed this mystery and can't wait to see where else Barritt takes Holly and Chase. Don't let this one slip by. I received a complimentary copy of Random Acts of Malice from Christy Barritt and the opinions stated are all my own.

Christy Barritt has done it again! This story kept me up late at night and constantly biting my fingernails! Holly seems to always find trouble and this time Chase, her boyfriend cop, wasn't any help. In fact, he seemed to be adding to her problems. This book is fun and full of suspense and action, twists and turns. It poses the question, who can you trust? If you love "who done it" kind of stories then you'll LOVE this one! Pick it up and read it, but be prepared to lose sleep until you're done.

Maybe I expect too much from a story. It was utterly unbelievable. There was no cussing or sex, which I have realized is one of the author's trademarks, but I found it incongruent that Holly thinks nothing of snooping and lying when she is on the hunt for answers. I found it quite ludicrous when Holly whined that she had saved her first kiss for the man she would marry and suddenly it looks like she isn't going to marry Chase, her boyfriend. How many people successfully marry the first person they date??? Or do they decide that, regardless of how bad the relationship is, they have to make the relationship work because they have ::gasp:: kissed this person? As for her "sleuthing", I found it annoying how many dangerous situations Holly put herself (and her supposed best friend Jamie) into during the story. She is in no way trained to be an investigator and clearly can't protect herself yet she does incredibly dangerous, stupid things. This is the first book I've read of the series so I don't know if her investigative skills are the theme or not, but she is a danger to herself and those she cares about. I find her actions reckless instead of amusing so I was disappointed.

Overall, I enjoyed this story. It did bother me that Holly seemed to forget how she was less than truthful with Chase in the previous book. Other than that, it was another really good story. I didn't figure things out before it was revealed so that was good.

Book 3 is riveted with suspense and mystery. Like the other 2 books Holly finds herself in the middle of trouble. Trying to help others finds Holly putting her life in danger. Can't wait for the next book.

Holly Anna is always getting herself into tough, tight spots. But because she wasn't partnered with Chase Dexter this time, she had to depend on her best friend Jamie to help her out. Chase knows who to trust, but Holly doesn't, and because she is spying on Chase, she cannot ask him. Lots of laugh-out-loud moments in this newest addition to the series. I can guarantee you won't be disappointed.

None of the characters are perfect, have perfect lives or perfect relationships. A reliance on God is stressed. The romance is realistic but not the entire focus of the story. The mystery is fun and just thrilling enough to keep the pages turning.

Have become addicted to Christy Barritt series. I've read all of this series and 6 of the "Squeaky Clean" series. I recommend them to any one that enjoys Christian principles being applied to contemporary problems.

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