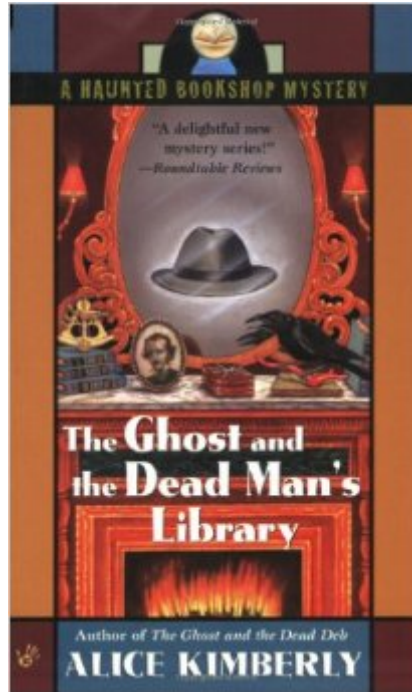


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The Ghost And The Dead Man's Library (Haunted Bookshop Mystery)



Synopsis

Bookshop owner Penelope Thornton-McClure has just received an extremely rare collection of Edgar Allan Poe's complete works. Rumor has it a secret code, trapped within the books' leather-bound pages, leads to buried treasure. Well, it looks like they got the buried part right, because as Pen sells off the valuable volumes, everyone who buys dies. Once these books go missing from their owners' cold hands, Pen will need resident ghost and hard-boiled PI Jack Shepard to help crack the case. The police are skeptical that the deaths involved foul play, so it's up to Pen and Jack to unravel these shocking endings.

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Customer Reviews

I hadn't read the other book in the Alice Kimberly series, but, after reading this one, I am definitely sold on the idea of buying some of the others. In *The Ghost and the Dead Man's Library*, the bookstore owner, Penelope McClure, has to tango with a series of mysterious murders after her aunt is given a rare collection of Edgar Allan Poe's works. It seems that those who buy the books, or volumes, end up dead. One of the refreshing aspects of Kimberly's style is her ability to create many facets in one work--there are mystery, noir, dark comedy, intrigue and supernatural elements all intertwined. She also uses a very ingenious and unique way of going about solving a mystery, which is the use of a ghost who is inside the head of the protagonist, Mrs. McClure. Not only that but there are plenty of jabs at the Da Vinci Code (always a good thing), as one of the characters insists there

is a code within the volumes of Poe's works that is an intricate part of solving the mystery. Perhaps the most interesting and unique character is the one that isn't even alive. That's right, Private Investigator Jack Shepard, who was murdered many years past, seems to show up right when things begin to get interesting in this book. He definitely adds spice to this novel, and gives a little comic relief to the story's plot, coming up with witty one liners all the way. He is right there with Pen McClure in every step of the mystery, and he has the feel and sounds as if he were right out of an episode of Dragnet. The dialogue between him and Pen make for some of the funnier and unique moments of the book. In another respect, this book is just a fun "who done it" with mystery and adventure involved.

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