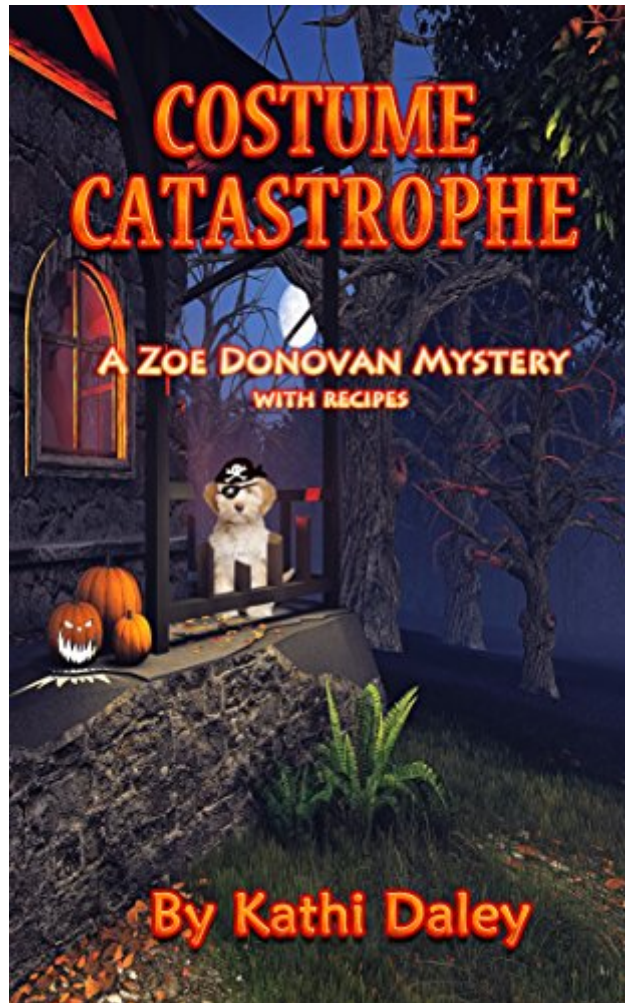


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Synopsis

It's Halloween in Ashton Falls and that means Haunted Hamlet and the annual haunted house. Zoe is determined not to have her plans for this annual event ruined this year especially since it is also the weekend of the big game and a lot of old friends are in town. Things look as if they are on track for a spooktacular good time, until Zoe receives a message from an anonymous source predicting a death. At first Zoe and the gang think the note is a prank until one of the friends Zoe went to high school with actually turns up dead. Once Zoe realizes the note might not be a prank, she sets out on a race against time before someone else dies.

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Customer Reviews

Kindle Copy for ReviewOnce again it is Halloween in Ashton Falls and the gang is set to decorate another haunted house. They try their best to make sure it goes off without a problem unlike the past several years. But once again another murder found in the location. Throw in a big football game and old friends returning to the scene things get interesting. As old friends who hold grudges are thrown into the mix. Will Zoe be able to find the killer before her best friend Levi become a victim? Add a few secret notes along the way, to keep you on your toes. Another interesting read in

the series.

Zoe is at it again! When an old friend is murdered, and strange notes appear on her door without any evidence of a person leaving them, things seem to be stranger than strange. With a secret, that isn't hers to tell, weighing on her mind, and the struggles of baby-making as well, she has lots to deal with while trying to solve this crime. Of course, as we've come to expect the best from Kathi, and she hasn't let us down. Ever. This is another wonderful addition to the Zoe collection.

Costume Catastrophe is another winner for Kathi Daley. I love this series and all of the characters. Zak and Zoe are so sweet to each other and how they love their blended family and school. They are dedicated to everything they do, especially at Halloween. This is Zak's favorite time of year and it always shows. I think he has ever Halloween decoration made. LOL Haunted Hamlet and the haunted house are traditions in Ashton Falls but this year there is the big game happening. This means that a lot of people who haven't been to Ashton Falls in a while will be here. Everything is going great until Zoe gets a cryptic message that starts an investigation that could derail everything this year. Again, Kathi has done it with mystery, adventure, murder, and of course a little romance. Can't wait for the next installment of Zak, Zoe and the gang.

I love how well layered Kathi's mysteries are, you always start and end with a wonderful sense of all the characters, both good and bad. In this 21st installment Zoe does her best to make this year's Haunted House go off without a hitch, but alas it is not to be. Zoe has to juggle solving a murder, keeping a friend's secret, and helping another friend while she goes about her day to day life. I can say I was guessing up until the end and had some important questions answered about her previous book that I could hardly wait for!!!

I really love this series! It's so nice to see warm, giving, & loving relationships that Zoe & Zak have with each other, their good friends Ellie & Levi, & all their family members, including their surrogate kids, Alex & Scooter. I also enjoy Zoe's work with the stray & injured animals. After reading one of their stories I always have a big smile on my face. I can't believe this is book 21 & now I can't wait for book 22! Need to see what happens with Ellie & Levi.

Costume Catastrophe is the newest book in Kathi Daley's awesome Zoe Donovan series and is a wonderfully written story. The writing flows smoothly and the book is an easy read. The mystery is

intriguing, there are twists and turns that kept me guessing. The characters are well developed, well rounded, and realistic. This is a clean cozy mystery featuring no gratuitous sex, violence, or foul language. I'm looking forward to reading the next installment in this series. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading a well-crafted cozy mystery. It's Halloween season and time for a big high school football game as well as the Ashton Falls' annual Haunted Hamlet event and Zoe is hopeful that the curse on their haunted house has ended. For the last several years, the haunted house has had to be canceled because of murders being committed on or near the proposed locations shortly before the festivities are scheduled to commence. Levi, one of Zoe's best friends, has located a house for this year and lined up a group of volunteers to help decorate it. As Zoe is leaving a restaurant after having dinner with one of her best friends, Ellie, the hostess gives her a note that a woman dropped off for her. The message was cryptic, warning of a death, and the need to stop more from happening. Zoe, her husband, Zak, and Ellie arrive at the haunted house to help decorate it and learn that a friend, Joey, has been murdered in the house. When notes keep arriving and a high school friend is shot, Zoe is concerned for the safety of her friends. Zoe, Zak, and their friends work closely with Sheriff Salinger to find the person responsible.

Spoiler Free Review: It is hard to believe but this is the 21st Zoe Donovan (now Zimmerman) Mystery. I found this series several years ago and look forward to each new mystery. Zoe lives in a small town on a lake. This series is loosely based on the Lake Tahoe area. This is the type of small town you would want to live in except for the murders but, then there wouldn't be a story. Think of Zoe as a young Jessica Fletcher or Miss Marple. She just cannot sit back and let the mystery go she has to figure it out. She has assistance in the form of her husband and friends. These are classic cozies, true to the genre as they are clean fun reads with no graphic violence or language. They take place in an interesting setting populated with characters that you get to know and like. Zoe is a strong female character and her husband Zac is supportive and likeable. Kathi is a talented storyteller and has created a setting and a series that feels quite real. Her books are well written and well edited. She allows her characters to grow and change over time. There are always several subplots at work as well and quite frankly the subplots are what I think has won her a loyal base of readers. Kathi has a number of Facebook pages. Just type Kathi Daley into Facebook and you will find them. She posts often. She also has a newsletter. She writes a number of different series and I can recommend them all. Each book is a standalone but I think the series is even better if you read them in order. If you are new to her books she does offer them in boxed sets.

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