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Editorial Review

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Prolific series author McKinlay adds another smart, engaging read to her Cupcake Bakery series. Melanie Cooper's mom sponsors Lupe, a skateboarding tomboy with college aspirations, in a local beauty pageant, and she convinces Melanie and Angie DeLaura, co-owners of Fairy Tale Cupcakes, to provide the cupcakes for the competition. When head judge Mariel is found strangled with a sash under the cupcake display table, Lupe is the lead suspect. Mariel gave Lupe insultingly low scores and referred to her as trash, prompting the teen to threaten her. Melanie tries to pin down alibis and motive, the latter being no easy task, as no one liked the victim. Meanwhile, Melanie is struggling to understand why she broke off her engagement to a man she still loves. McKinlay is able to balance all the story lines with clarity and realism. The cupcake-recipe element provides much of the humor in this entertaining foodie mystery. Fans of Laura Childs may also enjoy this series. --Amy Alessio

Review

Praise for the Cupcake Bakery Mysteries

"You're in for a real treat with Jenn McKinlay's Cupcake Bakery Mysteries."—Julie Hyzy, *New York Times* bestselling author

"McKinlay's characters are delicious."—Sheila Connolly, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Full of warm and likable characters."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Good plotting and carefully placed clues make this an enjoyable, light mystery, made a little sweeter with recipes for the cupcakes Mel's team creates."—*The Mystery Reader*

About the Author

Jenn McKinlay has baked and frosted cupcakes into the shapes of cats, mice, and outer space aliens, to name just a few. Writing a mystery series based on one of her favorite food groups (dessert) is as enjoyable as licking the beaters, and she can't wait to whip up the next one. She is the author of the Cupcake Bakery Mysteries, including *Going, Going, Ganache*, *Red Velvet Revenge*, *Death by the Dozen*, *Buttercream Bump Off* and *Sprinkle With Murder*, the Hat Shop Mysteries, including *Cloche and Dagger* and *Death of A Mad Hatter*, and the Library Lover's Mysteries, including *Read It and Weep*, *Book, Line, and Sinker*, *Due or Die*, and *Books Can Be Deceiving*. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona, with her family.

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