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**Karen E. Olson**

**Pretty in Ink (Tattoo Shop Mystery #2)**



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## Description

Murder in the city of sin...

Brett Kavanaugh is a tattoo artist and owner of Vegas's hottest tattoo shop, The Painted Lady. And in her spare time, she does some sleuthing. After Brett and company ink Sin City's newest drag queens, they're invited to opening night at the strip's glamorous Nylon and Tattoos show-which ends in disaster when a stranger with a Queen of Hearts tattoo fatally injures Britney Brassieres with a champagne cork. And when another drag queen is found poisoned, it looks like someone's targeting Vegas's fabulous femmes...

## Insightful reviews

Myhotstylist: Very strong followup to the first book.

In this second round of the Tatoo Shop mysteries, Brett and the gang get tangled up in a wild Cat n' Mouse game involving drag queens, and a Queen of Hearts tatoo being the missing clue. One of Brett's employees goes missing, and 2 bodies turn up dead. A new detective is on Brett's trail, and we get to see a new love intrest for Brett. An alliance is formed between her and Jeff Colman, her long term nemesis.

This was a fun ride through the streets of Vegas with a tight plot that will keep you guessing. The clues are well laid out, and there was an unexpected twist at the end. Looking forward to the next installment!

Lori Whitwam: A solid 4 stars. I liked this better than the first book. The plot was intricate but not as jumbled and confusing. I enjoy the tattoo references, being a tattoo fan... My only real complaint is that there is really little/no character advancement that I could see. Everyone is essentially the same as in book one, no lessons-learned or changes. Hope they do so in #3, which I'm reading now. Brett meets men and feels all tingly, but there's no ongoing arc with a potential relationship. I'm not saying the author has to provide this; totally her call. But it helps tie the books together and move them forward, and I like that element.

Aurian Booklover: Where to start with this review? It was action filled from the first page till the last. Brett has been inking some drag star queens lately, for their new show, and now she and her colleagues are invited to opening night at Chez Tango, owned by MissTique. Brett is enjoying herself, which she had not expected, but those drag queens are very good at their job, and look fantastic.

But then some lunatic points a bottle of champagne at Britney Brassieres, who is singing on stage, and makes the cork slam straight into Britney's chest, knocking her over. The sound of the cork popping, and the sight of the singer falling over, makes people suspect the worst, and a stampede starts for the door. Which does ruin opening night. Brett never got a good look at the guy, as he sprayed her with the champagne as well, getting it into her eyes, but she did see the tattoo on his arm, a Queen of Hearts playing card. But well, this is Vegas.

When the cops and the paramedics come in, Britney aka Trevor McKay is taken to the hospital,

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as he has hit his head pretty hard on the stage. Charlotte, Brett's intern, is going with him to keep him company. To Brett's disappointment, it is not her brother Detective Tim Kavanaugh who heads the investigation, but some other cop who seems to really dislike her, and doesn't even give her his name.

The next morning that same cop arrives at their door (Tim and Brett are living together) and their clearly is some bad history between the two of them. Detective Frank DeBurra is dating Tim's old girlfriend, the one who left him when he did not propose to her when she expected it. And Frank clearly resents that. But DeBurra works not for LVPD, but for Metro Homeland Security, so there must be more to this case than meets the eye.

The next morning, Trevor is released from the hospital, but Charlotte is missing. And things get worse after that, fast. Trevor gets sick in *The Painted Lady*, and dies shortly after in the hospital. Charlotte is wanted by the police, for something that happened in a pawn shop, involving a tacky pin owned by Trevor. Charlotte and Ace are apparently dating, and Brett never noticed it, and Ace is protecting Charlotte. But Brett needs to get to the bottom of all this, as Frank DeBurra is harassing her.

I won't spoil everything that happens in the book, I never ever could have foreseen all those twists in the plot, and the strange happenings. And the strangest part is perhaps that Brett's main competitor, Jeff, is helping her out when he can. Does he have his eye on her?

I enjoyed this second book in the series a lot, it kept me on the edge of my seat, and really makes me want to visit Vegas once in my life. See a drag queen show in a club, gamble a bit, and tour all the major casino's.

I enjoyed catching up on Brett and all the other characters, and am looking forward to the next book. Karen E. Olson has written a fast paced cozy mystery, with unique characters and lots of action. There is of course also room for humor, and friendship. Romance, not so much, as Brett is not very lucky in that department. I keep being tempted to get a tattoo myself, but know I never will have enough courage for that.

8 stars

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Chaitra: contemplating i don't believe a lot of tattoos, it is a bit fabulous to me that i might like whatever set in a tattoo shop. Library does not hold the 1st book, and that i sought after whatever set in Nevada that wasn't too long, so this used to be my choice. It used to be fine. i did not have to learn the 1st book, notwithstanding i will most likely search for it now. i feel what I loved approximately this was once that Brett is not too sly. She's received a brother who's a cop, and she's typically bought him proficient approximately what is happening. i believe that's

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good and rare. She additionally type of falls into trouble, does not go searching for it, and that is a plus. What i didn't like used to be that during an try and make the heroine desirable, the writer is going all out means into determined zone. I mean, one could imagine having a useless physique within the subsequent room that you've got simply simply discovered approximately could hose down your libido? Nope, it appears now not whilst there is a loopy scorching hunk (who is usually beautiful sufficient to be a drag queen btw) health care professional telling you approximately acknowledged lifeless body. then you definitely trade numbers, wander away in each one others eyes and change innuendos. Seriously. yet whatever. She shapes up beautiful ok, and the secret is solved. i would try out the remainder of the books.

Wendy: I did a bit chuffed dance while I got Karen E. Olson's moment e-book of the Tattoo store secret sequence within the mail final month. I enjoyed the 1st e-book within the series, The lacking Ink, and was once excited to work out what Brett and buddies have been as much as now. In this actual novel, readers step into the Las Vegas drag queen scene the place one such drag queen, Britney Brassieres, is struck by means of a champagne cork--on purpose--at the most desirable of the Nylons and Tattoos show. Brett Kavanaugh, proprietor and tattoo artist on the Painted Lady, and her employees had drawn the tattoos that the drag queens are carrying and have been invited to the massive event. Brett is the single one that sees the cork shooter, and, whereas she is not able to spot him via his face, she does get an outstanding examine the tattoo on his arm. while the queen dies mysteriously a couple of days later, the location grows the entire extra suspicious--and complicated. one in all Brett's personal staff is lacking and possible in trouble. Brett is decided to do her personal investigating either to assist her buddy and to unravel a murder, putting herself within the course of danger. I had loads of enjoyable studying lovely in Ink. I fell into the rhythm of the radical nearly immediately. The publication is fast paced either in tone and action. there have been comedian moments, as will be expected. i like Brett's dry feel of humor. And her associates are a true hoot. Joel is one among my favourite characters. He jogs my memory loads of a former coworker who was once huge and enforcing size-wise, yet was once quite an immense teddy bear, cuddly and kind-hearted. He additionally enjoyed to eat. Jeff Coleman, proprietor and tattoo artist of a competing tattoo business, is ever present. I wasn't convinced what to consider him within the first ebook of the series, yet he is becoming on me. there is definitely extra to him than meets the eye. And that Bitsy is a spitfire. She should be small, yet like many people who're brief know, you should not be quickly to underestimate us. This sequence is quick changing into a convenience learn for me. it's not a sequence that are supposed to be taken too seriously. It has simply the correct amount of suspense and comedy to maintain me entertained whereas i'm reading. i can't rather reflect on whatever i didn't like concerning the novel. Readers attracted to researching Brett might most likely be at an advantage beginning with the 1st publication within the sequence as her personality is extra absolutely constructed there, even if the secret in beautiful in Ink stands on its own. Upon of entirety of the book, i really learn the excerpt for the approaching book, pushed to Ink, whatever I by no means do. I learn introductions, acknowledgments, glossaries, appendices, and the dedication, yet by no means the excerpt to the following book. And but I did with this one. I wasn't rather able to permit pass of Brett simply but come the tip of the book. Source: publication supplied by means of writer for review.

Book Sp(I)ot: Karen E Olson's Tattoo store secret sequence is among the few sequence i really get quickly after it comes out and browse it (I have plenty of different sequence I learn yet such

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a lot of them I purposely remain not less than one publication behind-it's something (;). In beautiful in Ink, Brett Kavanaugh and the remainder of her coworkers/friends from The Painted Lady, her tattoo store in Las Vegas are again for extra secret and craziness. This can be the second one Tattoo store secret after final year's The lacking Ink. This time around, Brett and Co are invited to Nylon and Tattoos express to work out a few of Las Vegas' most sensible drag queens practice as a thanks for doing their tattoos. The hassle starts--as it really is recognized to round Brett--when one of many queens, Britney Brassiers, is fatally injured via a champagne cork shot at her. A lower than cooperative detective indicates up at the scene, expanding Brett's woes and shortly one other drag queen is poisoned and native land defense is involved. And Brett's within the heart of it all, of course. It does sound completely insane to have drag queens, tattoos/tattoo shops, poison plots, and native land Security, besides the (more) regular personality relationships and struggles multi functional secret . . . however it makes for a very interesting story. I like that whereas this sequence isn't your regular secret series--the characters are unique, the plots are certainly different--it's additionally an excellent secret series. The enjoyable and 'different' isn't really used to conceal issues which are missing in different components of the book. The tattoos and the drag queens usually are not a gimmick used to hide up a susceptible plot or characters, they are the characters in a enjoyable to read, sturdy mystery. I cherished that characters, plot issues from the 1st booklet carried over to this moment booklet yet no longer quite a bit so (and have been additionally defined in this kind of way) that you just could not learn this publication with out studying the 1st book. The 2 books construct on one another barely enough to be a chain that is relaxing to learn so as (and retain me in need of the following one) yet the place it's also possible to learn them as stand-alones. I imagine my least favourite a part of the publication used to be most likely the ending. It used to be now not in the slightest degree bit bad, it simply did not stand out up to the opposite nine-tenths of the book. It concluded issues well, although and tied issues together. and that I certainly want the 3rd publication have been already out!(A little word in regards to the cover: I like how good they--and specifically this one--seem to either healthy the booklet and in addition comprise little bits of the tale with no being noticeable approximately it :))

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