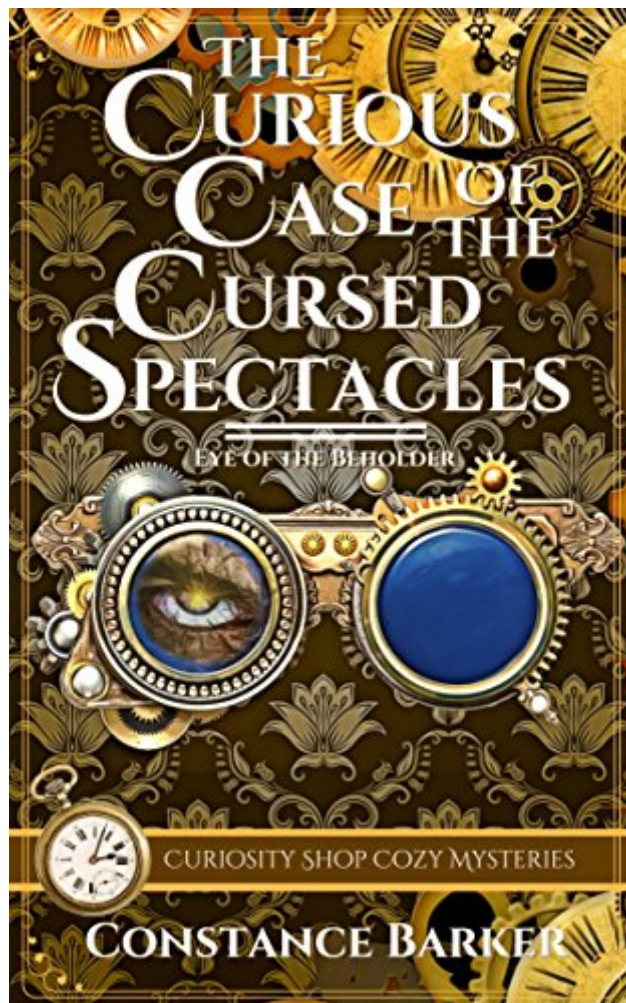




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Cursed Antiques, Secret Societies, and a Scatter Brained Ghost When Cecilia Parish is summoned to her hometown of Destiny Point to aid her sick uncle and his antique curiosity shop, she has no idea that her life is about to change in magical and dangerous ways. An antique and curiosity shop is a mystical place. The items held within have their own story, sometimes centuries old. But there are other more sinister curiosities held within certain antique shops throughout the world. These antiquities are cursed and can cause ill effects to the owner and even death. Cecilia's uncle is one such collector who searches for cursed antiques to hide them away from unsuspecting souls and those who want to use their power for nefarious reasons. Join Cecilia and her companions as they delve into the unknown and discover mysteries within mysteries in this first book in the Curiosity Shop Cozy Mysteries Series.

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Customer Reviews

A brand new series by author Constance Barker has caught my attention in a good way, It is a story about an antique shop and the owner (Morris Parish or Uncle Morris) who has a niece (Cecilia) who has just been terminated at her job in the city. When Morris has a sudden heart attack, Cecilia

comes at once to sign papers for the hospital and help with the shop. There she meets Uncle Morris's assistant Clarence. At first Cecilia is determined to give the business to Clarence and return to the city as soon as possible to get on with her life. Then there is a break-in to the shop and a mysterious locked storage room is cleaned out. Cecilia and Clarence discover that strange artifacts that are cursed have been stolen from the room. The only thing found remaining was hidden behind a shelf. It was a small leather box containing a pen. Cecilia felt compelled to open it and remove the pen. Once she did, a ghost named Edgar appeared to her. He is magically tied to the pen, and Edgar can be seen by those who Cecilia chooses to share him with. Of course soon Clarence can see and talk to ghost Edgar as well. The mysterious missing objects are not catalogued or listed anywhere that Cecilia and Clarence can find. They begin a quest to recover the stolen goods and stop the use of the artifacts for evil. This arduous task seems daunting, but the two are determined and soon are searching for a pair of spectacles they believe to be one of the artifacts. I loved the characters in this book! Cecilia is witty and unflappable. The opening segment about being terminated from her job was particularly funny. She is also willing to give people a chance and avoids snap judgements. Good thing, because she runs into an odd variety of hospital personnel that would make a lesser person completely frustrated. I admired her acceptance to do whatever was needed to help her uncle. I also liked Clarence because of his loyalty to Morris and the business even when things got tough-or he got shot! Edgar, the ghost, was a delightful addition to the sleuthing, although not always helpful. From start to finish the story was fun and interesting. There were twists and turns that kept the reader guessing until the end as to what would happen. All I can say for sure is there will be more stories about these cursed artifacts, and I can't wait to read them!

Quite a unique mix of mystery, mystical and mischievous. Once you get used to the different storyline and characters, the story moves right along and sucks you in so you have to find out how it all works out.

The story was much better than I expected. The twists were not anticipated but not so far off that you wonder what the author was thinking (or drinking?) I look forward to reading the rest of the series.

I just couldn't get interested. Reminded me of Warehouse 13, only less believable.

OK read. More "tension" between the two main characters needed.

I don't remember anything about this book

This was a wild book with twist of weirdness. A good read for the summer.

Very entertaining! Looking forward to the next book!

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