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Random Acts Of Greed: Holly Anna Paladin Mysteries, Book 4



Synopsis

Help me. Don't trust anyone. Do-gooder Holly Anna Paladin can't believe her eyes when a healthy baby boy is left on her doorstep. What seems like good fortune quickly turns into concern when blood spatter is found on the bottom of the baby carrier. Something tragic maybe deadly happened in connection with the infant. The note left only adds to the confusion. What does it mean by "Don't trust anyone"? Holly is determined to figure out the identity of the baby. Is his mom someone from the inner-city youth center where she volunteers? Or maybe the connection is through Holly's former job as a social worker? Even worse what if the blood belongs to the baby's mom? Every answer Holly uncovers only leads to more questions. A sticky web of intrigue captures her imagination until she's sure of only one thing: she must protect the baby at all cost. Fiction/Christian/Mystery

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Customer Reviews

Holly and Jamie are best friends. Someone leaves a little baby boy on Holly's front porch. Holly sets

out to find out who the baby is and ultimately has Jamie help her. Finding blood on the baby's carrier they put their lives in danger to solve this mystery. Great book and great series.

This is Book 4 in the Holly Anna Paladin Series. I would suggest reading Books 1 through 3.5 to give you a clearer history of the main characters, although it can be read as a stand-alone, if need be. Lovable and trust-worthy Holly Anna is surprised when she finds a baby on her front porch, along with a mysterious note, and blood on the baby's carrier. Registered as a foster guardian, Holly Anna is given temporary custody of the little guy, and quickly slips into the role of his protector and caregiver. She affectionately gives him the nickname "Sweet Pea". But who is this little bundle of joy and why did he wind up on her doorstep? Why the mysterious note? Why the blood on the carrier? Is his family alive or dead - in trouble or abandoning him? Can Chase (Holly's police officer boyfriend) even keep Holly safe as she and her BFF, Jamie, dig for answers? Who can be trusted and who is doing a good job of covering their tracks? I enjoyed reading this suspenseful mystery and trying to snap the puzzle pieces into place. I did have to unsnap the puzzle pieces that I thought fit together and try slipping them elsewhere, as the story line kept me guessing until the very end. This book also has a little clean romance in it, as we follow the story of Chase and Holly and the progression of their relationship (continued from previous books in the series). There are lots of plot twists - all intriguing, yet easy to keep track of and follow. This is a well-written book, balanced from the beginning to the end. This author is great at taking a serious book and adding some blended funny and quirky moments in there to lighten things up. I cannot recommend this book enough - really, the whole entire series! And, because it is Christian fiction, feel free to read in public without blushing.

If suspense is what you are looking for, then read this book. Christy Barritt writes the best Christian Fiction books on the market. Her characters are well thought out and they grow with each book. Holly Anna Paladin is always sticking her nose in where she shouldn't. This time she didn't and she's still in the middle of it. A baby is left on her doorstep and this begins Holly Anna's newest adventure. Chase is there to pull her out of the bad spots but it still doesn't make the hair on your neck go down. Christy Barritt, keep these books coming, they are wonderful and I love them. God bless you for your writing skills.

Christy Barritt is a wonderful Christian Suspense author. This is book 4 of her series about Holly. Holly doesn't go looking for trouble intentionally, but she always seems to find herself in some sort

of trouble. In this book Holly and her family are sitting around her home relaxing after dinner when there is a knock on the door. Holly answers the door, but there is no one there. She goes back to talking to her boyfriend Chase and her family, but something bothers her about the knock on the door and she decides to check outside one more time. Tucked in a corner of her porch she sees a baby blanket, but then the blanket moves, inside is a baby boy. She picks him up and brings him inside before he gets too cold. Who would leave a baby on her porch? Chase, the detective that he is goes back outside and retrieves the blankets and other items that were with the baby. He finds a note addressed to Holly asking her to look after the baby and trust no one. Although the baby looks healthy, as a former social worker, Holly has her mom call her old boss and Chase called an ambulance to come take the baby to be checked out. What is the baby's name? Who are his parents? What does the note mean don't trust anyone? As Holly, Chase, and Holly's Best Friend Jamie try to find the answers to these questions they discover that there is a whole lot more going on than just a baby being left on Holly's doorstep. What is really going on? Will Holly be permitted to take care of the baby or will social services place him in a foster home? Read this book to discover all this and a lot more. ***I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.*****

Christy Barritt is one of my favorite cozy mysteries writers. She writes with such clarity and unique stories that I am drawn in instantly. I really enjoy how she has written a number of series that have repeating characters. I feel like I know them and am returning for a visit. In her newest addition to her Holly Paladin series, *Random Acts of Greed*, I feel the same way. Barritt didn't have to spend a lot of time catching me up on who Holly was and her past. Since I had read all the other books in the series, it is pretty easy to keep her background in check. What I really look forward to in a mystery novel is the high-octane tension. Barritt does a good job at this. She knows what the genre and her fans want, and she delivers. I expect to see Holly asking questions of different people, which lead her to question more people, then eventually get to close to the answer where she places her own life in danger. Barritt gives it to me. With *Random Acts of Greed*, Barritt has taken a real problem and brought it to life surrounding an innocent baby boy. The spiritual element of learning to have faith in God by believing he'll do what he says is something Holly and I both struggle with. I will look forward to see how she handles this in the upcoming novels. I really enjoyed this novel and highly recommend it to fans of Barritt's other works or fans of other cozy mysteries. Anyone of any age could read this mystery. I received a complimentary copy of *Random Acts of Greed* from Christy Barritt, and the opinions stated are all my own.

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