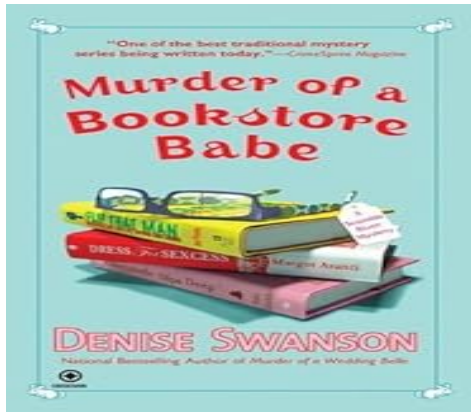


Murder of a Bookstore Babe (Scumble River Mystery, #13) By Denise Swanson {site\_link} Who could be driven to kill by books and sweets? While school psychologist Skye Denison eagerly anticipates the grand opening of a new bookstore called Tales & Treats many of Scumble River's most outspoken citizens want to shut down the owners before they even open and one is angry enough to commit murder. I know cozy mystery authors think that small town America and overly suffocating cloying relatives are necessary to making our lead characters seem saintly by contrast but they're wrong. Everyone was so busy being in everybody else's business (led by the spoiled diva that is Skye's mother) that it was a wonder anyone in the family had time left to actually work for a living at all. Skye is engaged and is being stalked (yes stalked) by her ex-boyfriend but she feels sorry for him and is completely ok with him finding her private mobile number and breaking into her office with a key that was supposed to be kept away from everyone especially him,

I followed every red herring the author put out for me: 0451232801 Murder of a Bookstore babe by Denise Swanson is the 13th book in a Scumble River mystery series. A new bookstore Tales and Treats opens in Scumble River and Skye stumbles across another body when she takes some of her old books there to be appraised, It was fun to catch up with the residents of Scumble River again. The best part of reading the series in order is that their lives flow on easily from the last book: Skye is now engaged to Wally and they are waiting to obtain an annulment of his first marriage, Finding out what happens with all the characters is just as entertaining as solving the murder. 0451232801 I haven't read a cozy mystery with such an annoying and dislikeable cast of characters in a while: The plot revolves around the murder of a young girl in a bookstore: The store is described wonderfully.

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beginning of the book thing? It's gotten old: As has our main character's reluctance to discuss anything serious (money kids housing arrangements) with her fiance. I was pleased to see the addition of some new members of the community, But overall this was not one of the better in this series. 0451232801 First book I've read in this series and won't be reading any more: I mostly enjoy books about bookstores and books but this isn't really about that is it, The heroine Skye is another of those grown women who can't stand up to their extremely overbearing annoying pushy and overly dramatic mothers, Also I can't believe that that mother would name her baby girl Skye; it's just not in character, 0451232801



I have grown a little disappointed with this series as it has gone on. I really loved this series when it first came out and I enjoy visiting the characters of Scumble River but I think it's time for the series to get shaken up a bit. I don't want to see it end but with so many books in the series now it's getting predictable, You know as the reader every time 2-3 new characters are introduced one will be killed and the other is the killer. One of my favorite authors has taken to killing off sub-main characters as a way to throw off the reader and I love this: She is taking chances with her series and letting the reader know she understands a series can become stagnate if changes aren't made. I hope Swanson will think about doing this so the series can become fresh again and allow readers to re-invest in the characters and story lines: Scumble River has it's own variety of characters some loved some I wish would be written out. This novel revolved around a murder victim that worked at the new controversial bookstore, The only controversy I could detect was a small town aversion to a new comer: As our sleuth picks through the suspects she is also involved in a personal mystery surrounding her brother: 0451232801 Very good mystery and it certainly is the kind of store I'd be a regular at: The plot was well laid out and I didn't suspect the identity of the murderer until the very end. Skye our leading lady and amateur detective is a pretty likeable character. I won't go into much detail but they were really horrible, And Skye is totally OK with someone called Fern for revealing the private number and for giving him the key. As it is the only reason I read till the end was because I wanted to find out who the murderer was and the motive. Can't wait to see what happens next. First the good. Soon a woman is found dead under a bookshelf. Skye is determined to find the murderer. Also Skyes love-life (in my opinion) is a bit unbelievable. 0451232801 Another series I'm done with. And the Catholicism gets to be irritating too. The teenage girls Xenia and Kayla were well-drawn however. This the case of this series. 0451232801 This is a very reliable series to read. This was a pleasant but to me predictable mystery. Now the bad. Worst family ever. Possessive gossipy malicious prone to temper tantrums and sulks. Yuck. For that reason I give it three stars. But barely. 0451232801.