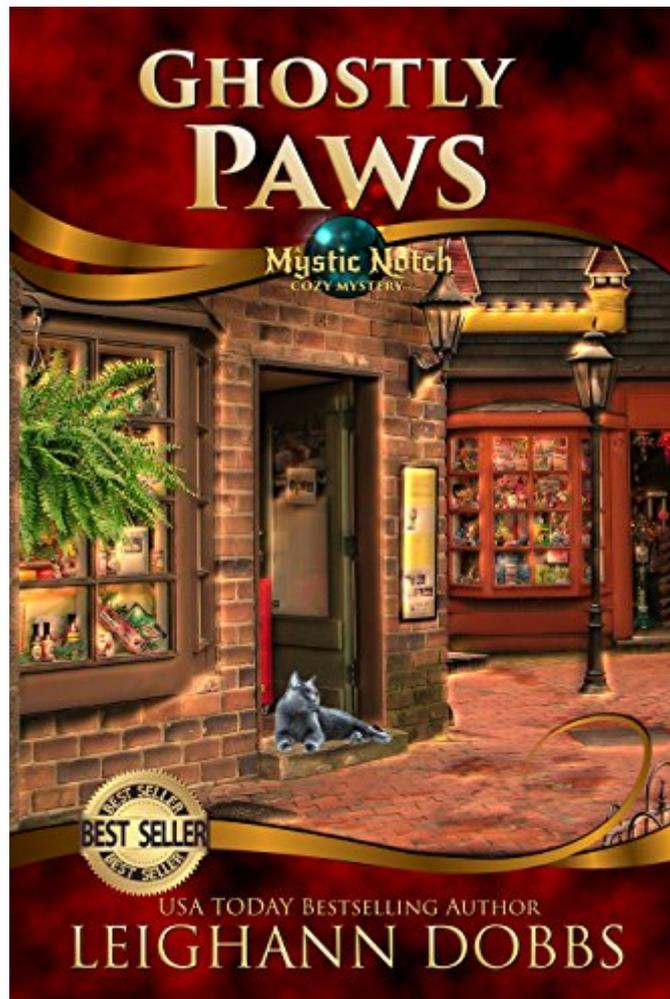


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Ghostly Paws (Mystic Notch Cozy Mystery Series Book 1)



Synopsis

*** USA Today Bestseller *** Middle age can be murder ... At least that's how it seems to former crime journalist, Wilhelmina Chance, whose near-fatal accident has given her a strange side effect ... she sees ghosts. After a messy divorce sends her fleeing back to her hometown of Mystic Notch, nestled in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, Willa finds herself haunted by the tenacious ghost of the town librarian who insists Willa solve her murder. Luckily, she has lots of help, including a quirky cast of small-town characters, the cat she's inherited from her grandmother, and her best friend, Pepper, who claims her herbal teas can work magic. But just when Willa thinks she's discovered who the killer is, she finds out that things are not what they seem in Mystic Notch, and the case takes a strange turn that has Willa adding even some of her long-time friends to her suspect list. Can Willa find the real killer in time to keep the magical balance in Mystic Notch on the side of good, or will evil prevail?

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Customer Reviews

I enjoy reading Leighann Dobbs' books, so when she started a new series, I was thrilled. I read a lot of cozy mysteries, and several things struck me about this one. Firstly, this book is engaging. The

characters are introduced in a way that doesn't interfere with the plot but leaves you wanting to know just a little more. I love being drawn into a town and a family in this way. The characters are realistic, believable, and varied. The dialogue is smartly written and reveals more about the characters over time. There is a good mix of humor, information, and intrigue that comes through. Another thing I really enjoyed about this book is that I was positive I had figured out who the killer was, was certain the main character was chasing the wrong suspect, and was quite surprised at the twist at the end. In fact, there were a couple of twists at the end that I thoroughly enjoyed. By the time I got to The End, I was cheering the author for a job well done and didn't want the story to be over yet. I can't wait for the next installment of Mystic Notch. I enjoyed the paranormal elements of this story and felt that they gave an aura of magic and mystery that will be slowly added to over time in the series. I especially loved the unusual "regulars" who visit the book store on occasion as well as the supremely intelligent cats who could almost steal the show. I only wish that Ms. Dobbs could write as fast as I read.

I will say that I am a Leighann Dobbs fan. I love the Lexy Baker series as well as the Blackmoore Sisters. I thought that Hidden Agenda, the Kate Diamond adventure, was one of her best. But this one? I think it's the best of all of them. Small town folks, an awesome cat pointing in all kinds of directions, a best friend with magical teas...that frequently backfire...and a mystery that I didn't solve prior to the exciting ending all made for an exciting read. I laughed, I teared up...and I'm not an easy mark for that. This novel was great, and I can't wait for the next one.

I really like animals and ghost stories with a little magic mixed in. Ghostly Paws had it all. I love that authors are starting to write stories with the heroine a normal type person. you know - not beautiful, with everything just right and waiting for mr right. Our heroine has a limp and isn't looking for anything except to run her bookstore. she has crazy friends, that I would love to hang out with. I really enjoyed this book and hope to read more of this in the future.

I just finished Ghostly Paws and I loved it. Ms. Dobbs did a wonderful job of creating a town filled with interesting people, and characters who aren't whiny, or Too Stupid To Live. It was a relaxing read, a perfect escape. The author did a great job of setting the stage for the sequels I hope will be coming. I am anxiously awaiting the next book to learn more about the secrets of Mystic Notch. If you want something fun and relaxing, with a base of murder, a dash of magic, the hint of romance, and a healthy dose of entertainment, this is a book for you.

Thoroughly enjoyed this book. Love Pandora, who reminds me a little of Rita Mae Brown's Mrs Murphy. I have a cat that talks to me and I can understand her. She wants to be petted. I definitely will read the next book especially to find out about the cat's next adventures. The murder mystery here was pretty good, but it's the cats I loved. Don't care for romance but if the reader wants that, it seems that's on the horizon too. Also the bookstore quartet, the senior citizens who hang out at the bookstore seem prime for some adventures of their own. I do think everybody but Willa knows about the magic in Mystic Notch.

I thought that this book was interesting and it was also a quick read. I think that the main character was too quick to condemn and to put herself into trouble. I hope that the next book in this series will be a little better .

This book started off strong and was enjoyable to read. However, it started going downhill about halfway through. I actually gave up on it and when I want to read "fluff", I will finish it. It's not a bad story, I just like stories and mysteries with more "meat" to them. If anyone is wanting a really good cat mystery, try the Joe Grey ones. They are much better and more suited to adults rather than preteens like this one.

I think this was a good, solid cozy mystery. I enjoyed the paranormal aspects of the story---the ghosts and the cats, especially. I wasn't enthused with the characters names---seemed old-fashioned to me.

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