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When Goldy, owner of Goldilocks' Catering, faces the challenge of whipping up a sumptuous lowfat feast for the Mignon Cosmetics' company banquet, she rises to the occasion brilliantly...only to discover just how ugly the beauty biz can be!

On the day of the banquet Goldy finds herself confronting an angry mob of demonstrators--"Spare the Hares"--who object to Mignon Cosmetics' animal-testing policies. As she struggles to carry forty pounds of lowfat fare from her van to the mall where the banquet is being held, she hears an ominous squeal of tires and a horrifying thump. Seconds later, a Mignon employee lies dead on the pavement. And soon the police discover that this hit-and-run was no accident.

Now Goldy is enmeshed up to her saute pans in a homicide investigation. Could the murder have had something to do with Spare the Hares--or with the exotic flower found near the dead body? Though busy serving up Hoisin Turkey and Grand Marnier Cranberry Muffins, Goldy decides to start digging at Mignon's million-dollar cosmetics counter. But when another murder takes place and Goldy herself is attacked, the caterer turned sleuth knows she must step up her search for a gruesome killer. For this time was only a warning. Next time she'll be dead--and it won't be pretty.

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## **Killer Pancake Details**

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## BonLivre says

Another helping of delicious mystery and humor awaits in this serving of Diane Mott Davidson's series. Goldy's encounters are riddled with intrigue, social political rifts, and scientific discoveries. I enjoyed all of the vivid locations and minor characters that were introduced as the plot unfolded, and this mystery kept me guessing until the very end. Barbara Rosenblat continues to wow with her performance.

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## Jonathan says

It's been quite awhile since I read the first few in this series, and I don't think I'm going to wait as long to read the next; this book was solid, fun, and a perfect read for a stormy day! The characters were wonderful. I love Goldy and her sometimes dysfunctional family and friends. The mystery was excellent, the killer wasn't very surprising, but there weren't many suspects, so I don't think I would've been surprised regardless. Overall excellent, I just bought the next one!

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## Vicki Gooding says

It's a good series, I love the characters. This particular book had too many filler pages between the plot. The characters were frustratingly angry and not their typical behavior. Still love the series. Still will continue to read more. Just not necessarily her best work.

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## James says

### Book Review

3 of 5 stars to the fifth entry in the "Gold Bear Culinary" mysteries, Killer Pancake, written in 1995 by Diane Mott Davidson. As we've all come to expect, Goldy's off searching for the killer in another crazy story line. In this one, she delves into the seedy cosmetic business where too much pancake makeup (just kidding, sort of) has claimed the latest victim. And this time, it's the girlfriend of my favorite character, Julian. So much death, such a small family. How does this happen time and time again? Oh, that's right... it's fiction, to I really shouldn't give that a second thought. Reliable author. Good characters. Decent story, but a bit weak from a reasoning and character likability perspective. Goldy's getting a little too narrow-minded and preachy about a few things, and I wish this would have gone a little more open-minded and fresh, but it's still always a fun read. But I want more with Marla! She brings the laughs.

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### **Jayme(the ghost reader) says**

I liked this book. I am really enjoying this series. In this book, Goldy has a catering job with a cosmetics company. Her assistant Julian has a girlfriend who works at the company and then she is found dead, run down. Goldy goes undercover and gets covered up in foundation. The only thing I didn't like was the way the recipes were put in the middle of the chapters. I thought it was distracting. The recipes should go at the end of the chapters like they do with the Chocolate Chip Cookie series.

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### **Irene says**

It was not a book that I would recommend unless they were interested in the recipes which also weren't so interesting to try making .

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### **Kary says**

Does not disappoint. I am looking forward to making the killer pancake recipe. yum yum

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### **Weisser says**

It is getting harder to read these books. This will be my last. I get more irritated with Goldy and her narcissistic behavior, her son, Arch, and her live-in catering helper, Julian with each book. The books are very dated and I feel like I am listening to my mother and grandmother. I have been listening to the audio versions of the books and I think the individual chosen sounds like my very snooty mother. Goldy is very judgmental of the wealthy and constantly berates their behavior but never fails to mention that she went to boarding school and college and was once married to a wealthy doctor. Bitter much? Not my cup of Earl Grey.

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### **Heidi (Yup. Still here.) says**

I listened to this one on audiobook as I have with all but one of the series so far. I really like the narrator and when I actually had to read one of the books in print I found myself pining to hear her voice. Anyway, I have heard the series goes downhill somewhat later, but so far I am still enjoying it. I have never made any of the

recipes, so can't speak for them :)

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### **Vanessaeliza99 says**

This was a delightful and delicious read! Though it touched on some controversial topics, it managed to stay lighthearted throughout and it truly delivered on the mystery front! An absolute pleasure to read!

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### **C-shaw says**

Much better than \_The Cereal Murders\_. Whoops, I skipped one. The next in line should have been \_The Last Suppers\_. As always, there are implausibly silly scenarios in Diane Mott Davidson's books; nevertheless, they are easy mysteries to read and I enjoy the characters for the most part. Good "popcorn" reading.

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### **Lisa B. says**

Goldie has such a sarcastic wit.

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### **Becky says**

These books are really cringeworthy (Julian has that "wise, Navajo healer" spirit, really?!) And what's with Marla calling the doctor "white man?" And why does the author point out that Harriet is waiting on a black woman? It was of zero importance. And the 12 year old son acts and is rewarded like he's about 6. But the mysteries themselves are ok. Not great fiction by any means. Oh, and it'd be great if she stopped describing people by their sizes (over and over and over).

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### **Nicole says**

Okay. I just need to stop reading this series. I realize many people love this series, but it's just not working for me. A cozy mystery (for me) should have a great setting that I'd like to live in, unique characters whom I'd like to visit, and a fun mystery--not stellar, just fun. This series has none of those things, as far as I can tell.

You may wonder why I've read 5 of the books in this series if I dislike it so much. The answer is threefold: 1) I'm terribly OCD and feel compelled to finish any series I start; 2) I kept hoping that as the author wrote and time passed the books would be better written and less dated (that never happened); and 3) I bought the whole damn series at a used book store several years ago. I felt obligated to read it.

I just don't get the series. The characters are quite unlikable--I actively dislike pretty much all of them. The plot developments are awkward at best, puzzling at worst. (Goldy's ex-husband basically breaks into her

house and breaks things . . . while she's married to a large detective who carries a gun? That detective/husband basically sabotages her catering event to "keep her busy" at the job so she won't sleuth around?) And I never want to visit this strange town.

If this series works for you, that's cool. But I think I need to step away.

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## **Jennifer says**

By book five, readers come to expect certain things within a series. In the case of the Goldy Culinary Mysteries, we expect both delicious sounding recipes, one of Goldy's loved ones to be suspected of murdering a fairly new character and Goldy getting involved way beyond what's considered acceptable and yet still managing to help solve the murder (thus clearing the loved one's name.) In Killer Pancake, the recipes are slightly less delicious sounding than usual. Maybe it's my personal bias against "healthy" food or maybe Turkey Curry and Raisin Rice and Hoisin Turkey with Roasted Pine Nuts in Lettuce Cups sound rather disgusting. Either way, the recipes were a disappointment for me. Goldy's assistant, Julian, is suspected of killing his pretty new girlfriend. Goldy gets nosy and ultimately saves the day. No huge shocks there. The mystery itself wasn't shocking, but I'll admit I didn't see it coming. Overall, Killer Pancake didn't quite work for me. The recipes set the tone in culinary mysteries and I couldn't make myself interested in food I would never ever eat.

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