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## Goodbye Cruller World Details

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## From Reader Review Goodbye Cruller World for online ebook

### Kristina says

Goodbye Cruller World by Ginger Bolton is the second tale in A Deputy Donut Mystery series. Emily Westhill and Tom Westhill co-own Deputy Donut in Fallingbrook, Wisconsin. Their shop has been commissioned by Jenn Zeeland, who owns Dressed to Kill, to provide a late night snack for her wedding guests at her wedding reception. They have constructed a donut wall (with dowels to hold the donuts) and Tom's wife, Cindy added some decorative touches. At Little Lake Lodge, Emily puts out the fresh donuts and they are an instant hit (who doesn't love freshly made donuts). Emily is being twirled about the dance floor when the groom is discovered curled up on the carpet by the donut wall. Scott Ritsorf, the fire chief, attends to the victim while Emily notices a saucer with a strange white substance hidden under her hat. It appears that someone used Deputy Donut's crullers to poison the groom. Unfortunately, the groom does not survive and the police chief calls in DCI to work the murder. When Detective Yvonne Passenmath is assigned the case, Emily knows she needs to track down the poisoner to save Deputy Donut's reputation. When Detective Passenmath narrows her investigation to Jenn, Emily needs to work quickly before Jenn must trade her wedding dress for a prison jumpsuit.

Goodbye Cruller World can be read on its own. The author provides the necessary backstory on Emily and the secondary characters along with what occurred in Survival of the Fritters. I found the book to be easy to read and I liked the steady pace. However, we really do not need every activity described in detail (unlocking the shop doors, turning on the lights, making the coffee, wiping down the tables, etc.). The author needs to take the time to develop the characters in the series. They are not fleshed out and the secondary characters felt flat. I like Misty, Samantha, Scott, Brent, Tom and the others. I just wish we knew more about them. I could do with Emily spending less time trying to match up her various friends (as she avoids dating and the fact that two men would like to date her). Dep, the cat, is adorable and playful. I like that the author has Emily talk to Dep and he responds with his little "mmp" noise. I did not understand why other characters, like Brent, would answer with a "mmp" though. I would re-read the paragraph because I wondered if I had missed something (was it a person talking or the cat). The mystery could be solved before the bridegroom consumes his first cruller. The killer was as obvious as powdered sugar on a black shirt. Emily does ask questions, but she spends an inordinate amount of time speculating on the crime with Dep (I want more solid content). I like that Brent listens to Emily's insights and the information that she digs up on the suspects. I intensely dislike Detective Yvonne Passenmath. She is another cliché nasty detective who focuses on finding evidence to convict innocent people instead of following the evidence to find the guilty party. I would like to know more about the town of Fallingbrook. We are given scant details on this little hamlet in Wisconsin. There are delectable donuts described in the story and recipes at the end of the book. Goodbye Cruller World is an easy breezy cozy mystery that will have you making a run to your local donut shop. I am giving Goodbye Cruller World 3 out of 5 stars.

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### LORI CASWELL says

#### Dollycas's Thoughts

Weddings and donuts, that is a new tradition I would love! Emily and her father-in-law, Tom, create a donut wall for the wedding of Jenn, the owner of Dressed to Kill. The bride's favorite donuts on one side and the

groom's favorites on the other. It is a big hit with the guests and the groom makes a regular pig of himself eating one after another. That is until he ends up dead on the floor. Seems someone has added their own secret ingredient to some of the pastries. An item that was made to kill. Everyone at the reception becomes a suspect, especially the bride. Emily knows the connection to her confections is going to be bad for business. She knows Detective Passenmath would love to pin the crime on her and Tom. She has no choice but to try the puzzle out the killer herself.

Tom and Emily own Deputy Donut, named after Emily's tabby cat. Tom is the former police chief of Fallingbrook. His son was on the force too and Emily is a former 911 operator. The shop has a police theme complete with an old squad car for deliveries. These characters stole my heart in Survival of the Fritters. The nice thing about Deputy Donut is that police and fire personnel hang out there. Some key suspects also stop in a time or two, in addition to all the regulars. It is a unique place because Deputy Donut, the cat, has his own lair to watch over all the all the happenings. I really enjoy how the author has set this up as we get to know the characters better at this special gathering place.

The mystery this time had so many suspects but I set my sights on someone very early in the story. Then I followed along with Emily and let me tell you the author built everything up to a very exciting ending. I was right about the who and most of the why, but boy I was on the edge of my seat at the climactic scene that brought everything together.

The story is set in my wonderful state of Wisconsin and the author described everything wonderfully. The closest thing to Deputy Donut that we have nearby now is Dunkin' Donuts, but growing up we had a wonderful bakery that reminds me in many ways of Emily and Tom's shop. Great donuts and a great gathering place to find out all the latest news about town. Crullers are some of my favorites as are powdered sugared (I may be looking at those a little closer now). ?

I can't wait for my next visit!

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### **Mary Brown says**

Synopsis:

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Review:

The characters are well rounded and well developed. Emily is not afraid of hard work and she is happy to spend her days working to make her donut shop successful, So when she has the opportunity to create a donut wall for a wedding reception, she is happy to do it. Little does she know that her creation is going to be used for murder. She knows that she is going to have to get involved in another killer investigation and figure out who the culprit is. With the help of some friends, she does just that.

The mystery was well plotted and moved along at a nice pace. There were enough clues to sift through and suspects to consider. Throw in some red herrings and twists and turns and it is not very easily solved. The fact that Emily was considered a suspect seemed a little off to me, she did not know him at all. I guess the fact that the lead detective really dislikes Emily (I think she dislikes everyone) was the reason why she wanted to pin the murder on Emily.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book provided by the publisher, Kensington Books, and NetGalley, which I greatly appreciate.

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### **Carrie says**

Goodbye Cruller World by Ginger Bolton is the second installment of the cozy Deputy Donut Mystery series. In the first book of this series we met Emily Westhill who co-owns the Deputy Donut donut shop named after her tabby cat. Emily used to work as a 911 dispatcher until the day her husband who was a police officer was killed so now she and her retired police chief father-in-law sell donuts instead.

Business is going well at the donut shop and Emily has agreed to take on a catering job for the lady that runs the nearby clothing shop, Dressed to Kill. Emily has been asked to cater her wedding reception so Emily comes up with the concept of a donut wall where the sweet treats can be hung and guests can help themselves at the reception.

The night of the reception things seem to be going along as well as can be expected when the bride had invited an ex and the groom begins to drink rather heavily. With all the commotion Emily takes her eye off of the donuts for a bit only to come back and find the groom on the floor and suspicious power next to the sweet treats. When all signs point to yet another murder in town Emily can't help but try to solve the crime.

Again I find myself feeling a bit let down by the second book of a cozy series. Now overall this series has some nice characters and I love the fact that there's a heavy police involvement so it's not so far fetched for Emily to be involved... However, the first book in this series had Emily teaming up with a quirky elderly neighbor and that character is now gone so color me disappointed as the others in here are quite normal, even the furry Deputy Donut just seems to do normal cat things without and extra chuckle to the antics. Since my number one is the quirky fun factor I had to lower my rating a tad but this is still a solid mystery overall.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.com/>

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### **Linda says**

As the story begins, Emily and Tom, co-owners Of Deputy Donut Cafe, are preparing a donut wall for the wedding reception of the business owner next door, Jenn. After the “I Do’s”, Roger, the groom, stuffs himself with crullers and keels over dead. Tox reports point to poison. Tough and gruff outsider, Detective Passenmath, would enjoy pinning the murder on Emily and Tom and be done with it; however, they have friends with the local police department, and that’s not going to happen.

The story moves along at a steady clip with a great cast of characters. Plenty of suspects are provided for readers to sort out who had means, motive, and opportunity to snuff out the groom. This is a great cozy for an afternoon of reading. Delicious recipes follow the story.

I reviewed a digital arc provided by NetGalley and Kensington Publishing. Thank you.

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### **Patty says**

Goodbye Cruller World by Ginger Bolton is the 2nd book in the Deputy Donut Mystery series, and another great book. Emily Westhill and her retired chief of police father- in- law opened up a donut shop, Deputy Donut, in Fallingbrook, Wisconsin. Deputy Donut was hired to make a donut wall for a wedding reception. When the groom is found dead with donuts in his mouth, Emily starts to investigate, and clear their reputation. I really liked this book, and can't wait to read the next one in the series. I enjoyed the characters, which are well written. If you love cozy mysteries, I strongly recommend this book/series.

I received this book from Netgalley in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Tari says**

Even though I was pretty sure I knew who the killer was (and for once I was right!) this was still another fun trip to Fallingbrook, Wisconsin and the Deputy Donut shop. I just love that little cat, Dep! She was even more talkative and cute in this book.

When the groom at a wedding that Tom and Emily were providing donuts for collapsed and died of poisoning, Emily was worried that DCI detective Yvonne Passenmath was focusing on her as being at fault. She was since Passenmath had a major grudge against Emily, Tom and their police friends, but she was also looking at Emily's friend Jenn who was the new bride. There was no shortage of suspects, and there were some interesting and quirky characters tossed into the mix as well.

I knew who was guilty, but it was interesting to see how the showdown went, which was pretty exciting. I kept expecting a last minute twist since I'm rarely right lol. Everything ended well, except I keep wishing that Emily would let Brent get to be a little more than just friends, but I guess since they just came to grips a year ago with how they both felt about her husband's death 8 years ago (Brent was his partner and had seen

him die), maybe they don't want to rush things.

I just love the regular characters. Tom is such a sweetheart, who wouldn't love to have a father-in-law like him? Misty and Samantha are awesome friends for Emily. The three of them are like Nancy, George and Bess when they work on a case. Although Misty is always quick to remind them to let the police do the actual investigating. I'm always anxious for the next book in the series! I hope it's not a long wait.

I voluntarily read and reviewed this book which was provided to me via NetGalley and the publisher.

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### **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

After I read, GOODBYE CRULLER WORLD, I had to go back and get the first book! I loved everything about it. A fabulous mystery, great cast of characters, and yummy food . . . how could it get an better? A big Brava to author Ginger Bolton!

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### **Sabine says**

Goodbye Cruller World is the second book in the Deputy Donut Mystery series. Even though I did not like it quite as much as the first installment I enjoyed it is a very good cozy mystery. The biggest downfall in my opinion was that at times there was a lot of speculating going on without any investigating or actions to confirm those suspicions.

I very much like Emily and her police and emergency responder friends. It wasn't far fetched that Emily got involved into the murder case.

At no time I suspected who really killed the victim and the showdown had me biting my nails. So much fun!! ....oh and there are some recipes added at the end of donuts featured in the mystery.

I requested this book from NetGalley and am thankful that Kensington and the author provided me with an advance copy.

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### **Carla Johnson-Hicks says**

This is the second Deputy Donut mystery and I enjoyed this one as much as the first. Once again we take a trip to Fallingbrook, Wisconsin, where Emily and her father-in-law run Deputy Donuts. They have been hired to put together a donut wall at a wedding. When the groom at a wedding collapses and dies of poisoning, Emily is a suspect. DCI detective Yvonne Passenmath was focusing on her and the bride, Jenn. She seems blinded to all other clues and evidence as she tries to pin the murder on one of them. As Emily and Tom ask questions and snoop around, we come across many other suspects. Throw in some odd and quirky characters and I enjoy the visit.

The plot moved along nicely with some great moments. I love how well Tom and Emily work together. With Tom being the retired police chief, he is smart and can usually pull out information from the investigating officers. I had a sneaking suspicion who the guilty party was and I was right, but was not positive until the

end. The showdown was well done and had me on the edge of my seat. I enjoy the relationship developing (very slowly) between Emily and Brent, especially as she is a widow who very much loved her husband and Brent was his partner. She is taking things very slowly and right now they are just good friends. Missy and Samantha, Emily's best friends, round out the regular cast. They are great together and bounce things off one another. Overall, I enjoyed this story and am looking forward to the next Deputy Donut mystery. The publisher, Kensington Publishing, generously provided me with a copy of this book to read upon request. The rating, ideas and opinions shared are my own.

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### **NicoleG says**

Another fun cozy mystery in the Deputy Donut series! The setting really sucked me in and a well planned mystery kept me engaged and guessing until the very end. The author went above and beyond adding several donut recipes at the end of the book!! I really enjoyed this second book in the series and hope to read more by this author.

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### **Laura says**

In the second installment of the Deputy Donut Mystery, Emily Westhill and her father-in-law/business partner, Tom, are providing late night snacks for a wedding. Emily's friend, Jenn is getting married and requests donuts. But when the groom ends up dead, it's up to Emily to find out whodunit, no matter where the trail leads her.

The author had me at donut wall. The minute I read about a whole wall of sugary treats I wanted to be at that wedding, helping myself to the treats.

I really enjoyed the first book in this series, but I think I liked this one even more. There was a great cast of characters, and the author kept me engaged with a whole cast of suspects that kept me guessing. I really like Emily, too. She is a strong woman and she stands up for herself. And of course there is Deputy, the cat, adds to the story.

Goodbye Cruller World is a great addition to the Deputy Donut series. It has a great cast of characters, a wonderfully plotted mystery, and as I said, a Donut Wall. What more could you ask for?

I received an ARC of this book from the author.

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### **Kirsti says**

Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher for the chance to read this book!

As with the first Deputy Donut mystery, I was hooked from the start with this unique and cute book! I adore the world Ginger Bolton has created here, and all the detail given to us from Deputy Donut the cat, to her friendship with Tom her Father-in-law, to the wonderful network of friends surrounding Emily. Every part of

this book is cozy perfection; great small town attitude, police officers, food descriptions (yum!) and of course, a murder mystery to solve. I absolutely never tire of them, especially with wonderful authors such as Ginger Bolton up to the task!

If you're looking for a cozy mystery to satify your sweet tooth, or perhaps your love of murder mystery (why not both?) then this is the series for you. I can't wait for the next installment!

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### **Betty says**

The second installment of Deputy Donut is a fun read. Emily Westhill and father-in-law, Tom are creating a donut wall for her Jenn Zeeland's, wedding. At the reception, the groom is found under the table unconscious and a white powder is on the table cover with a plate and under Emily's Deputy Donut hat appeared. Emily calls 911 for help and her good friend Bryant who tells her to get everyone out of the hotel. The groom died and the power turns out to white arsenic. Emily with Deputy Donut, her cat become involved with the investigation. There are enough changes in the story to keep your attention. I found the book difficult to put down So I read it sitting. I am looking for too many more adventure s Del and Emil

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this book and series.

Donut recipes are included.

Disclosure: Many thanks to Kensington Books for a review copy. The opinions expressed are my own.

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### **Carole Jarvis says**

Reviewed at The Power of Words: <https://bit.ly/2NtGJVe>

Goodbye Cruller World – honestly, who comes up with these crazy titles? – is a delightful read that, for me, really hit the spot for a relaxing cozy mystery. This is book #2 in the Deputy Donut series, set in the quaint small town of Fallingbrook, Wisconsin. The setting is great, and the only thing I could ask for is descriptive passages that create a more vivid sense of place. I also enjoyed the previous book, Survival of the Fritters, and hope that Emily's neighbor, Lois, will be featured in future books.

Emily is so very likeable as a lead character, realistic and someone I would enjoy having as a friend. There's a complexity and sadness as she continues to deal with the death of her husband some years ago, and she is surrounded by a great network of family and friends. That network includes law enforcement officials, giving credibility to her reason for investigating. I especially enjoyed the growing friendship between Emily and police detective Brent, and am pulling for further development soon.

The Deputy Donut shop, co-owned by Emily and her father-in law, is hired to make a donut wall for a friend's wedding reception – such a fun and creative idea! The number of suspects is exactly right, enough to keep readers guessing, but not too numerous to keep straight. And I can't leave without mentioning lead detective, DCI Detective Yvonne Passenmath (present in the previous book also). I just don't like her, she has no redeeming qualities, but I guess she does add conflict to the storyline. However, with her penchant for assessing blame based on her negative personal feelings, I wonder how she achieved her rank. It would be great if she disappeared from the series altogether!

The “icing on the cake” for me is that *Goodbye Cruller World* is a clean read, which I greatly appreciate. And I absolutely adore Emily’s cat, Dep, who adds so much richness to these stories. There’s plenty of room for further character development and I look forward to Emily’s next adventure.

I received a copy of this book through The Review Crew. The opinions expressed in this review are entirely my own.

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