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Now that Samantha Sweet has a contract to provide her special handmade chocolates for the wealthy jet-set clients of Book It Travel, Sweet's Sweets bakery is taking on a whole new dimension. Only problem, Sam isn't ready. It's almost Halloween, her pastry shop is bursting at the seams and she needs extra employees but there is no place to put them.

Right before the witching day, she comes upon a large Victorian house she can adapt for the business, and it seems her problem is solved. But is it? The mysterious, spooky noises at night are way more than the normal creaks and groans of an old building. Something else is going on and Sam suspects it may be related to her husband's newest case, investigating where an abandoned duffle bag crammed full of cash came from. Beau is dealing with a greedy reward-seeker, a robbery with no leads, and a waif who appears and vanishes. Sam's mystery has her watching for ghosts and working almost around the clock. Is she relying on magic?—well, occasionally.

“Shelton again has done a superb job in bringing New Mexico to life.” —Albuquerque Journal

“Connie Shelton gets better with every book she writes.”—The Midwest Book Review

“Just reading about Samantha Sweet and friends at her pastry shop will leave you drooling in anticipation of delicious treats.” Joanne K, 5-star review on Amazon (Spellbound Sweets in Midnight Mysteries)

“The teamwork between Samantha and Beau was a main draw as well as attention to detail, down to the last frosted cookie.” – Janine Thiemann, 5 stars, Amazon (Spellbound Sweets in Midnight Mysteries)

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Gail M. Ferguson says

Spooky Sweet surprise

I was pleasantly surprised when I got this book Free and started reading. This is full of mystery, danger, and intrigue. I loved the way the main character interacted with those around her and the job her husband has become part of it as well. The magical box is an interesting part and I'm hoping it will be revealed in The next book of 1 may have to back track because this isn't the first in the series. I thoroughly enjoyed it!

Susan Webb says

These books get better and better! Looking forward to more about Sam Sweet and her bakery and chocolate business.

Cheryl says

This is the 11th in the series. The main characters are Sam and her hubby Beau. In this one Sam's chocolates are making it big and she needs to expand the bakery. But there is no way of doing that or affording it. Then a woman in the bakery hears Sam talking to one of the bakers about it and has a place she thinks will be perfect. That starts everything else.

Beau is investigating a robbery and it ends up right in the middle of Sam's new place. The way they work it all out is amazing. I look forward to reading more of her adventures.

Linda says

Sam runs a bakery and is now taking orders for custom chocolates, so she needs room to expand. A mysterious old Victorian house comes on the market and it seems like the perfect place. Her husband Beau is trying to track down whoever robbed an armored truck and shot the driver, and everything converges at the old Victorian. I enjoyed this cute cozy mystery with a paranormal touch, and will definitely look for more of this author's books.

Linda says

This was an excellent story about an armored car robbery and the problems with running Sweet's Sweets Bakery and Chocolate factory while understaffed and no space to work efficiently. This story had an alternating POV, but you were never confused.

The characters were all very well written. You could feel empathy for Sara and you could feel the fear Matthew and Wolfe felt around Blake. And of, coarse, I dearly loved Sam and her family.

The best part, running all through the story is a tingle of magic.
I definitely recommend this story to anyone that enjoys a good cozy mystery.

Ellen White says

It is quirky, funny and sounds delicious, like a delightful place to watch, as they create. The need to expand brings her to a Victorian house, is it haunted, or just because it's close to Halloween. Meanwhile her husband and sheriff is busy with an armed robbery, a bag of money, a guy in the hospital, and no real clues to follow. There lives are busy, and as readers we enjoy reading about them.

Maureen says

This was just so, so...bobual was kind of mysterious, and the old Victorian house seemed promising, but overall it was a dull read...the food sounded fabulous but it made me too hungry... no really involved ghosts to help with the mystery which seemed an afterthought...probably won't read the next one.

Barbara Hackel says

Sam's bakery is going gangbusters and so is the chocolate business. Unfortunately there is not room for both in the building, and Sam is forced to find another space for the chocolate part of the business. Only two choices are found, and by process of default, one is soon eliminated. So within a very short time Sam signs a year lease on the property, has the insides renovated to her needs, hires a part time helper and a young chocolatier. She is forced to use her box for extra energy in order to get everything done, and for some reason the box seems to have issues with the new property!

Meanwhile husband and sheriff Beau is trying to solve a armored car robbery nearby, that one bag of money turns up in Taos. The driver was shot in the face and is intensive care. There are no real leads. This case weighs heavy on Beau and he spends most of his waking time trying to solve it.

Then we have 14 year old Sara Cook who is trying to hold her household together. Her dad died recently. Her mom is very ill with cancer. Her brother Matt has turned secretive and not supportive of the situation. Sarah pieces together some unsettling information while eavesdropping. She struggles how to handle the information, her mother and her failing schoolwork (and her brother.)

Connie Shelton has woven the story lines together to make an enjoyable mystery with elements of business and chocolate part of the mix. A return of an unusual person from her past also adds to the oddities that when thrown together make another Samantha Sweet mystery that is over all too soon. Recommended for all ages, this is another in a continuing series that you won't want to miss. If you never have read the series, do yourself a favor and start at the very beginning. Each book gets better and better!

Evelyn Grabas says

Very enjoyable read. Having never read any other books in this series, I realized that I have missed out on a good source of relaxation and entertainment and plan to do something about it.

The paranormal (or whatever your wish to call it) flavor running through it made it very interesting. I like the way the author handled that.

There does seem to be a problem in obtaining the earlier books in this series. Any info that can be offered in my search for them would be greatly appreciated.

Christine says

Trying to decide whether to expand her bakery or relocate the chocolate portion, Samantha Sweet finds herself in the midst of an armed car robbery investigation. As usual things are hopping around the bakery as Halloween nears. Sam is short on helpers, bakers and sleep. The robbery only complicates her life. Love this series. Can wait for the newest one out in October

Joyce DeVore says

I truly enjoyed this one - good main characters, and some of the secondary players were fairly well developed as well. Refreshingly new plot for me with a few twists and left hanging right at the very end, so I'm assuming there's a sequel - a sequel that I might be tempted to buy and an author that I intend to search for in my local library. I thoroughly enjoyed Sam and loved that the story had just a "touch of magic" - I really can't wait to find out where that box came from and what all it does - and just who is Boubul???

Sue Ross says

Just gets better

I thought the last book in this series was good, but this one was heart pounding. Sam and Beau make a great team. When Sam wants to expand her shop, she never imagines the danger she will be in. You will meet new characters, see old mysterious friends and get totally sucked into the drama of the plot. I sure hope there will be more books to come.

Carlin says

I love this series. I thought it ended at #10 but discovered 2 more. This one #11 finds Sam dealing with complications of running 2 businesses, the bakery and the chocolate factory in an old Victorian house. Great book, the paranormal aspects get more woo woo as the house and the magic wooden box seem to communicate. Sam again helps her Sheriff husband Beau solve his big case.

Lisa says

More mystery fun

I have 4 stars only because I reserve 5 stars for major literary masterpieces. As far as cozy mysteries go this is the highest praise I can give. I love the Samantha Sweet series and every book I've read in this series has lived up to my expectations. The characters are fun and the adventures and mysteries hard to put down. I do wish some of the mystery involving the paranormal aspects and the mystique surrounding a certain chocolatier were better explained and in much more depth. However, as a whole, I loved this book. I also, wish there were some recipes for all the luscious chocolates constantly mentioned. Maybe the author would be willing to weigh a cook book companion for the series. So hard to read these books and not crave a taste of some of the baked goods and chocolate treats. Thoroughly enjoyed this book.

Wulfwyn says

I read this book during the final hours of the Dewey 24 Hour Readathon. I won a copy of it. It is part of a series, (I believe this is the 11th in the series). I have not read the series or anything else by this author.

Sam, married to Sheriff Beau, runs a successful sweet shop. In this book, she is looking to expand her shop. Her business has grown quite a bit and they are tripping over each other. She locates a wonderful Victorian home that her friend's husband can easily remodel to a small candy factory. During the reading of this book, I learned Sam uses a small bit of magic in her chocolate and that she has a magical box. Beau becomes embroiled in solving a robbery after a bag of found money is turned into him.

I truly enjoyed this book. The last part of the readathon was difficult. I was incredibly tired. It takes a strong book to keep you reading at that point. Once I started reading this book, I became invested and did not want to stop reading. I did figure out who was involved in the robbery fairly easily. Instead of being disappointed by that, I became intrigued to see how it would play out. I liked the characters. It did not take me long to feel at home with them. These two points are important because a lot of readers fall into a series out of order. I was able to enjoy this book as a stand alone though I now want to go back to the start and read them in order. I am curious about things in the past as much as wanting to see where the story goes in the future. Definite sign of a writer who knows how to write a series. A few of the characters are teens. I fell in love with one of them. I know her part is done but that storyline was so touching that I hope we get a glimpse of Sara and find out a bit how things turn out for her and her family in the future. Another character I loved was Bobul. He is a recurring character so I will definitely need to go back to see how he came into Sam's life. I am positive that is an interesting story.

For those who want to know. There is some cursing in this book and violence/threats of in this book. I thought both were mild. I can't recall any steamy, explicit sex scenes just as there was no graphic violence. There is a magical take on this so if you are offended by that, this isn't a series for you.

I would recommend this series to cozy mystery lovers. While I read, and loved, this book out of order, I would say it probably is best read in order. However, if like me, you never read this author and just happen to have this book, go ahead and read it. I was made curious about earlier books but it really had no impact on

my enjoyment of this one.
