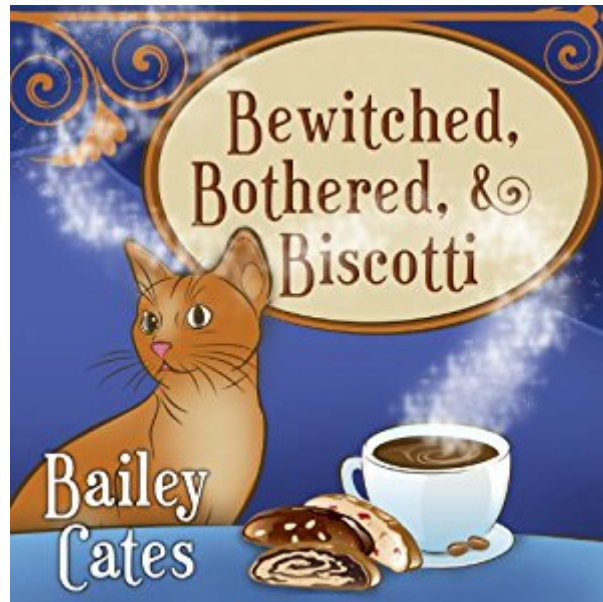


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# Bewitched, Bothered, And Biscotti: Magical Bakery Mystery Series, Book 2



## Synopsis

As a new witch - not to mention owner of Savannah's most enchanting bakery - Katie Lightfoot is still getting used to casting spells, brewing potions, and mastering her magical powers. But that doesn't mean she can't find time to enjoy a picnic with firefighter Declan McCarthy...until she stumbles upon a corpse. The dead man's tattoo reveals he was a member of a secret society - and it turns out he's missing an object that was very important to the group. When Katie learns the killer was after more than the man's life, she and her Aunt Lucy leave the baked goods on the rack to cool and set off in hot pursuit of a killer.

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## Customer Reviews

In the second book of the magical bakery, Katie Lightfoot can not be any happier. The Honeybee is thriving, her studies in hedgewitchery is going along smoothly, and her relationship with the local firefighter Declan seems to be growing, and All Hollows' eve is right around the corner. However on a bright sunny day during a breakfast picnic, Katie and Declan discover a dead man under the bushes. The local police consider it an assault on a drifter, until Katie points out some obvious clues to the contrary and notices an unusual tattoo. Calling on her "book club" she discovers that the man is more than he seems, a druid of a local sect who is very "traditional" in their way of thinking (think all boys club). Also throw in a detective fresh from New York who is also more than he appears to be who snoops around the local book club as well. But when another member of the sect asks for her help thanks to the other man in her life, Steve the reporter, she will need to use all her cunning,

instinct, and magic to not only locate a killer but to stop the summoning of an ancient evil that can not be controlled. Despite my reviewer name, I do enjoy a lot of reading and enjoy magical mysteries from authors like Madeline Alt and Shirley Daamsgard (though i do wish they would finish the next books of their series). This book is a little slower in the start than the last, but when the mystery kicks in it is non stop until the end. Also a decision will be made that will have a long term effect on her relationships. The author definately did her homework, not only about the baking, but also about magic and herbalism. A good read and should not be missed.

BEWITCHED, BOTHERED, AND BISCOTTI is the second book in the Magical Bakery Mystery series, and I enjoyed it even more than the first. Katie Lightfoot is settling in as co-owner of Honeybee Bakery in Savannah, and getting used to her new found magical powers. While having a lovely breakfast picnic in the park, Katie and Declan (one of her two love interests) find a dead body. The deceased man's mysterious tattoo fascinates Katie, and with help from her other love interest, Steve, she finds out he belonged to a super secret group of powerful (and misogynistic) druids. She also learns that the man's killer may be planning something darker and more dangerous when some important books from his library go missing. Katie and the witchy ladies from the Spellbook Club reluctantly join forces with the devious druids to catch the killer. The mystery in this book was a bit darker and more complex than the first book, and it really drew me in. Magic in this story was explored on a deeper level as well, though Katie used her smarts, not magic, to figure out the culprit. The Declan-Katie-Steve love triangle continues, and Katie doesn't seem any closer to deciding who she wants most, though readers get to learn much more about Steve in this book. (I'm really liking Steve.) BEWITCHED, BOTHERED, AND BISCOTTI is a must read for fans of paranormal cozy mysteries. I can't wait for the next in the series! Disclosure: I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Since I enjoyed the first Magical Bakery Mystery, I decided to read the next one to see if I would still enjoy the characters and setting. I love coming "home" to books that have a continuation of characters, locations and even themes. I find it comforting. So much so that I just want to sink in and stay there awhile. Katie is back with another mystery to solve and so are all the characters from Bailey Cates' first novel. This time we are given the opportunity to really get to know more about the guys in the book and why one of them shares a special kinship with Katie. Now it's not like Katie has to solve anything, but if she didn't there would be no book. More of her heritage is discovered and just a bit more of her parents is revealed. So while Katie is learning more about who she is and how

to deal with it, she has to figure out what's going on and pretty fast before things get out of hand. She will have help from her two male friends as well as her newly adopted coven and of course her Aunt Lucy and Uncle Ben. And let's not forget about Mungo! I wish I had a dog like him! The author wasted no time in getting right to it and somethings I like that while others I do not. In terms of a mystery though, you need to get there pretty quickly, otherwise you'll lose the audience. Let's remember one thing though, not every book will be for every person. So while there are some readers out there that won't like this, there will be others that will. These types of mysteries are meant to be fun, cheeky and a stress reliever from life.

I very much enjoyed this story!!!! The story was well written with lots of twists and turns. It was a little deeper than I thought it would be, which was all for the better.

This novel is a murder mystery within the magical lives of baker Katie Lightfoot. As Katie strives to learn the full extent of her own magical 'powers,' she also tries to balance her personal life with the non-magical world. This is not easy and it finds her having to make choices in her love life. While on a 'date,' Katie and firefighter Declan McCarthy discover a body in the square. Not only is that horrible, but the body is sporting a magical tattoo. No one wants to identify the victim and Katie quickly realizes that something is going on. A new detective on the police force also has the community on alert. Katie and family/friends must join together with others to solve this murder and more. A good solid murder mystery, cozy and paranormal. This is the second book in the series.

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