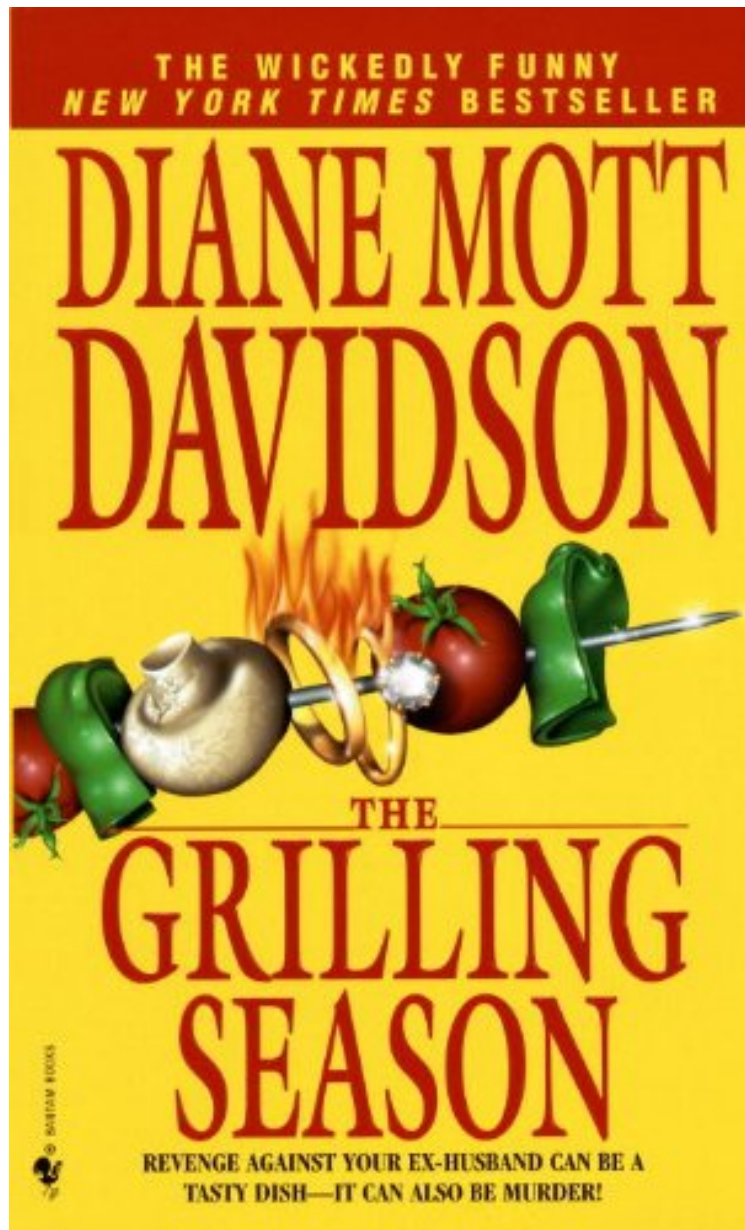


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Von Diane Mott Davidson : The Grilling Season (Goldy Schulz) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Grilling Season (Goldy Schulz):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This was

such a fun read! Von Ein Kunde Grilling Season was the first Goldie book that I'd read. As soon as I finished it, I went to the used bookstore (sorry) and snatched up all the other Goldie books in stock. (I'm still looking for Cereal Murders and Dying for Chocolate and am excited to see that Mott Davidson has a brand new one out). I must preface by saying that I recognize that the plots are contrived to the point of being sometimes unbelievable and often the who-dunnit is ridiculously lame. BUT the characterization is so much fun; I love Goldie and Tom; I love the preoccupation with food and the recipes; I love the relationship between Goldie and Arch and Marla. The eccentric cast of small town characters reminds me of the Mitford series. Admittedly corny, but I feel that I know Goldie and want to know more about her past as well as what happens next! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fun and absorbing mystery Von Ein Kunde The Jerk has been charged with murder and his ex, Goldy Schulz, owner of Goldilock's Catering and a former victim of spousal abuse, thinks he is very capable of having killed his girl friend, Suz Craig. Still Dr. John Korman is the father of her teenage child and though Goldy thinks he deserves punishment for his crimes to women, the amateur sleuth agrees to investigate the case. Goldy quickly learns that the deceased was the regional vice president of Astute Care HMO that recently purchased her former husband's medical practice. Suz controlled whether John deserved a bonus payment, cash he might soon need depending on the results of a malpractice suit filed against him (by one of Goldy's clients). Though the evidence continues to stack up against John, Goldy realizes that other people had motive and opportunity to have killed the hated Suz, who ruthlessly mistreated many people in business and play. Now all she has to do is prove who actually did it before she becomes their next course. The insight into the lead protagonist's character (especially from the perspective of her teenager and her ex-spouse) adds dimension to Goldy. The use of real events effecting the Colorado backdrop (such as the local hockey team's Stanley Cup victory two years ago) adds a touch of authenticity. However, THE GRILLING SEASON is not for those who like a lot of spice in their meals because, like most culinary mysteries, the story line simmers very slowly. Harriet Klausner 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tuna and Suspects on Goldy's Grill Von Donald Mitchell The food is the best part of this entertaining mystery. The dishes all sound irresistible, and food as therapy is well displayed both through cooking and eating. If that were all there was to the book, it would be a five star effort. The story involves Goldy Schulz in some sleuthing when her ex-husband is charged with killing his latest girl friend. On the surface, it looks like he went overboard with his favorite activity of beating up women. Their son, Arch, is horrified and wants to protect and help his Dad. Reluctantly, Goldy tries to do the right thing, even though she cannot stand the vicious creep (referred to as The Jerk in the book). Unfortunately, Ms. Davidson chooses to turn Goldy into a punching bag for physical and mental abuse throughout the often-distressing plot. Her ex-husband hurts her, suspects hurt her, and her son treats her like something he stepped in. Now really, enough is enough. We all know that much such abuse occurs every day. I did not see that it advanced the plot or my understanding of it to have the heroine being constantly assaulted. On the other hand, Ms. Davidson's development of the theme is well done. She nicely captures the lassitude and passive cooperation of the victim mentality, and the utter insensitivity of the abusers. The mystery itself involves a sort of HMO gothic, filled with evil careerists who stop at nothing to advance their own ends. Where are the silver stakes when we need them? I thought that the legal aspects of the plot were badly flawed. Goldy is married to a police officer, and she repeatedly acts in ways that compromise the legal case against various suspects. Ms. Davidson needs someone who knows criminal procedure to look these stories over for her. Goldy's marriage would have lasted about 4 minutes if she had done these things as the real wife of a real police officer. Her abuses of the legal process are awful! If you are a devoted Diane Mott Davidson fan, you will probably enjoy the story enough to read it, but it will probably be your least favorite of her books. If you have not yet read her work, I suggest you skip this one and read any of the earlier ones instead. After you finish the book (if you decide to read it), I suggest that you think about how you could use comfort food in a healthy and supportive way to improve your life and the lives of those you love. Bon appetit!

Kurzbeschreibung A chilly reception....Caterer Goldy Schulz has been hired to host a hockey party. But the proceedings won't be all fun and games. Unfortunately, her client won't be satisfied until Goldy adds a hefty serving of revenge. An ex-husband from hell....Patricia McCracken is certain that her obstetrician and her penny-pinching HMO are responsible for the loss of her baby. Now she is suing both, and she wants Goldy's advice on coming out on top. For Dr. John Richard Korman, aka the Jerk, is none other than Goldy's abusive ex-husband. Goldy knows all about John Richard's secret life--but even she is shocked when he's arrested for the murder of his latest girlfriend. A dish best served cold....As much as Goldy would like to see her ex get his just desserts, could he really be a killer? Soon she will find herself sifting through a spicy mix of sizzling gossip for clues to a mystery that threatens her catering deadline, her relationship with her son and new husband... and even her life. From the Paperback edition.. deCaterer and amateur detective Goldy Schulz is at it again in this tasty treat of a novel. Although catering two events more different than a hockey party (complete with the guests chasing pucks on blades) and a decorous breakfast for a doll collectors' convention would be hard to imagine, Goldy manages each with aplomb, Goalies Grilled Tuna and Babsie's Tarts

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