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**Book two in the riotous caper series starring Shay O'Hanlon and her trouble-prone pals**

When Shay O'Hanlon's ill-mannered friend Baz steals a stuffed snake from a wealthy businessman, he wasn't expecting it to be filled with money. Nor was he expecting his aunt Agnes to take it with her on vacation to the Big Easy.

With trigger-happy thugs in hot pursuit, Shay leads her friends on a rowdy rescue mission from Minneapolis to New Orleans and back. Along the way, a bungled burglary puts the gang in a drug cartel's cross hairs, and a beautiful professor offers the only way out. But can Shay and the gang trust her with their lives?

## Praise:

"The entourage of loveable and multigenerational characters is just right for those looking for a madcap romp."--*Library Journal*

"A rip-roaring sequel. Fans of comic cozies are in for a wild, enjoyable ride."--*Publishers Weekly*

"Chandler follows up her *Bingo Barge Murder* with another tricky plot fully worthy of your suspension of disbelief."--*Lavender Magazine*

"Fast paced and witty. It is peopled with wonderfully colorful characters, making it a strong second novel in the Shay O'Hanlon Caper series."--*Lamda Literary*

"After reading her novels, I have come to believe Jessie Chandler is the illegitimate child of Raymond Chandler and Dorothy L. Sayers. She's funny--and she's good!"--Lori L. Lake, author of The Gun Series and The Public Eye Series

"Wild and wacky *Hide and Snake Murder* will keep readers guessing all the way to a slam bang finale."--Carolyn Hart, *New York Times* bestselling author

"*Hide and Snake Murder* takes us to the beginning and end of the Mississippi, New Orleans and Minneapolis, capturing the quirky charm of both cities. It's a rollicking read with an entertaining cast of funny and fascinating characters. You won't be able to turn the pages fast enough."--J.M. Redmann, author of The Goldie Award-winning novel *Water Mark: A Micky Knight Mystery*

"Jessie Chandler makes me laugh. A talented storyteller with a deft hand at pacing, she writes rollicking, raucous adventures that are sure to entertain."--Julie Hyzy, bestselling author of The Manor Mysteries and White House Chef Mystery Series

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## **From Reader Review Hide and Snake Murder for online ebook**

### **Jazminn says**

I feel bad for Shay, getting herself involved with these idiots. It's frustrating because she's with a cop, but it seems useless. I want her and JT to be happy, so I'm going to continue on. I hope the next one doesn't involve another Baz like character.

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### **Susan says**

Lesbian coffee-house owner Shay O'Hanlon really needs her police officer girlfriend, but JT is away on a training mission, so Shay must cope with danger alone. Her schoolmate Baz has pilfered something that puts his aunt, Shay's landlady and close friend, and their friend Rocky in danger. When Shay and company go down to New Orleans to join them, all of the party are kidnapped by some seriously bad guys, who are not satisfied by getting back what Baz stole, but who want to eliminate all the witnesses, too. Back in Minnesota, there's still more danger.

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### **Jane says**

reading the blurb on back was most fun i had reading this book.

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### **Jean says**

Ok for first book

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### **Jessica says**

One of my favorite series. I can't wait for the next one. I loved the Denny Hecker reference. Seriously wacky fun.

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### **Sheila White says**

second book in the series. Funny right from the start.

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### **Amelia Faith says**

How can you help but love this motley crew?

My favourite trouble magnet is back and she brought the whole clan with her as well as a few new faces. These books are just so much fun! Shay's quirky sense of humor, Coop's geeky nerdiness, Rocky's sweet, gentle nature, Dawg.. Boxer of my Heart is just as wonderful as can be and of course Eddy....lets just say she is still in fine form!

This is the second installment of the Shay O'Hanlon series. Ms. Chandler writes a great mystery with just the right balance of cloak and dagger interlaced with humor, sass and crazy old ladies. This is such a winning combination she has found for herself and I enjoy it immensely.

Unfortunately for me, it is too late to start the next in the series, The good news for you is that you do not have to wait to get all four, you really won't regret it!!

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### **Rita K says**

I borrowed it at the same time as the first one of the series so read it despite this author's unrealistic plots.

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### **Judie says**

A friend of Shay O'Hanlon is known to be a petty thief. A plush snake he took from one home where he had worked leads to murder. Shay sets out to find the missing object and prevent further murders in the process. Her search takes her from Minneapolis to New Orleans.

I hoped that having a lesbian "detective" would be a break from the stereotypical "amateur detective/police detective romance" set up. It did, but instead I found too many eccentric characters, some of whom seemed to be mentally challenged and portrayed both unrealistically and cruelly: They were the constant butt of jokes which I didn't find funny.

I usually plow through a book even if I don't like it in hopes that it will improve. I gave up on this one after 100 pages.

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### **Molly Panzer says**

very entertaining, hope to hear more about Nick and Luz.

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### **Amy says**

Another great madcap caper with Shay and the gang. I think this one is even more madcap than the first, which is awesome, but I did miss JT. But being that I have an inside scoop, she'll be in full force in the next book!

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### **Autaum says**

Thank you Goodreads for this win! However, as much as I hate to say it, this book really didn't do it for me. I tried to finish this book, and picked it up on several occasions but just never made it through. I always hate giving books a poor review because its obvious that so much work goes into writing a novel. I'm sure though, that there is an audience that would definitely enjoy this novel.

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### **Nancy says**

In this follow-up caper to *Bingo Barge Murder*, coffee shop co-owner Shay 'O Hanlon runs into Baz, an old school acquaintance, who has two goons hot on his trail. Seems like they are after a plush snake Baz has stolen from a Minneapolis toy factory. Only problem is, his aunt Agnes may have taken the snake to New Orleans during a quick jaunt with Shay's landlord, Eddy, and their friend, Rocky, who has developed an attachment to the snake and won't give it up. Soon Shay's best friend Nick Cooper (known more intimately as Coop), joins Shay and Baz on a trip to the Big Easy to find the snake. Soon they find out why that snake was so important and a series of wild adventures ensues. Shay soon wonders whether to get her lover and detective, J.T., involved. Shay does not really want to pull her out of training for the FBI in Quantico, but when a possible Mexican cartel may be in the Twin Cities area, J.T. may not have a choice.

This book turned out to be a wild ride that's lots of fun. Janet Evanovich fans who like to go on a wild goose chase will like this quick and breezy read.

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### **Lee says**

Occasionally, I come across an author who I just adore but I don't necessarily like their work. I wish I had started with the first in this series and I might feel differently.

This slightly bizarre mystery revolves around a stuffed snake that is stolen by a character who isn't firing on all cylinders. The action moves to New Orleans as friends of the thief try desperately to find him and keep him safe.

What doesn't work centers on the never-answered question: why did he steal the snake in the first place? And why should we care about his safety?

Chandler relies too heavily on readers having read the series in order - I suspect the big holes in her characterizations come from that assumption.

I'll give the first in the series a try...and then, perhaps, try this book again.

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### **Julie says**

The title caught my eye and the characters and story line kept me reading. This is a lighthearted mystery with quirky twists and turns and characters that are very likable. I found myself smiling and laughing as I read. I

definitely will read more from this author.

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