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Having somebody go upside your head with a toilet tank lid would make anybody cranky, but when local contractor Max Wheeler meets his end this way, he takes it more personally than most.

As any responsible ghost would, he seeks out the local sheriff to report himself murdered. With yet another paranormal reality to wrap his head around, Hunter dives into an investigation and learns that there's more beneath the surface of his small southern town than he thought.

Though he tracks down lead after lead, he keeps coming up empty, and Max becomes more irritated—and irritating—with each dead-end.

Meanwhile, things take a turn for the strange when briskets and peach pies start going missing, and broken items turn up fixed. Throw in a slippery young pick-pocket with secrets of his own and you've got three separate mysteries that just aren't adding up.

All Noelle wants is a finished swimming pool instead of a giant mud hole in her yard, and to get her bakery up and running, but cranky ghosts, gossipy but (mostly) lovable old hens at the beauty parlor, and bratty kids just keep slowing her down.

Is it really too much to ask that people stop killing each other long enough for a witch to get some work done?

## **Murder to the Max Details**

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# **From Reader Review Murder to the Max for online ebook**

## **Tami Shymske says**

### **Easy funny read**

Tegan Maher knows how to make a person laugh. She writes a wonderful mysteries with a little magic that makes you laugh out loud. They are quick easy reads, just right for an afternoon read.

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## **Vivian says**

This second book is a great addition to the series - so glad I found this author! A great escape read to entertain you for a while. The story was well-written, with a witty, descriptive style. It was full of small-town charm, friends and family characters that you wish were your own and a paranormal element that feels quite believable and real. And don't let me forget to mention how funny this book was - the prom scene alone is worth the price of admission! Poor Hunter got a surprise in this one - but he took it like a champ and that should make crime solving easier for the group down the road. Looking forward to more from this author - glad to see book #3 is already in the works! Would highly recommend.

NOTE: I did receive an ARC of the book, but my review was voluntary and honest and totally my pleasure to write!

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## **Cathy Van says**

The characters and storyline are so believable that if I can imagine Keyhole Lake and everyone in it so easily. The combination of magic, mystery and murder is right up my street...  
I can't wait to read the rest of the series...

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## **Katie says**

### **Another good book in the series**

I'm excited to say that I have found a new author that I really enjoy reading. The series is expanding into more characters who feel important to the story being told. The writing style keeps my interest and is a joy to read. I look forward to reading more of Ms. Maker's works.

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## **Karen says**

This books settles into witchy Keyhole Lake mysteries. Hunter the sheriff gets clued into the ghosts, mind reading and other witchy things. Of course, Noelle his witch girlfriend doesn't trust him to find the murderer

and sticks her nose in it. While I liked the book I only gave it 4 stars because again the story make the sheriff incompetent. Also I figured out early on who the murder was.

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### **Gskm says**

#### **Such a good read**

Loved the s book. This recurring group of characters in this standalone story are so entertaining. Murder mystery solved, ghosts settled, romance solidified, friends get a family. Loved it. Can't wait for book three.

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### **Elizabeth says**

#### **I really do love the story BUT**

OMG the amount of errors!!!! Will these authors never learn to have their work proofread???? It really does take all the enjoyment out of a book when there are so many mistakes!!!

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### **Lorraine says**

#### **AWESOME READ!!**

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THESE BOOKS!!

As a Southern girl, born and raised, these stories make me think of my growing up in a small town. A small town, where practically everyone knows your business!!

The addition of witches makes it totally AWESOME!!

Me? I'm off to read the next book!!

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### **Mike Lewis says**

#### **An entertaining southern cozy mystery**

And entertaining southern witchy cozy mystery series. Great cast of characters in a small southern Georgia town. A somewhat normal little town with the exception that it has a view witches and a few ghosts running around. I knew sheriff from the big city is new in town and must learn how to cope with the RDs of a little supernatural interaction. Plenty of great normal townspeople interacting on a daily basis except every so often something happens. With the help of a witch a few ghosts in the normal towns people along with the new sheriff the mysteries are solved and you are kept entertained throughout. Check it out

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### **Kathleen says**

Kathleen Costa "Murder to the Max" earns 5/5 Quirky Ghosts and Marvelous Magical Fun!

I became an eager fan of Tegan Maher's work after reading her short stories, "Bubble, Bubble, Here Comes Trouble" in the 2017 collection "Witch and Treat" and "Witching for a Miracle" in 2017's Spells and Jinglebells. So, I was very comfortable entering her world of Witches of Keyhole Lake with book one "Sweet Murder," and eager to continue with this book "Murder to the Max." We have Noelle and Hunter, having met over a previous dead body, exploring a closer, more honest, relationship. Noelle is a witch, and Hunter is getting used to that and the idea magic even exists, but ghosts, too? Well, there goes easing Hunter into Noelle's reality. Max Wheeler, recently bashed in the head with a toilet tank lid, needs their help...find my body and my killer! What a great way to start out book two in the Witches of Keyhole Lake series! This is a well written, steady paced read with a clever mystery, fun interactions between magical and non-magical characters, fun dialogue, and engaging descriptions. I can be finicky about my paranormal stories, no juvenile hocus-pocus for me, and Tegan has woven into the character's lives and the community a realistic paranormal twist, almost floating behind the scenes. The characters are beginning to develop well, some quirky, but all engaging and fun to follow. It all works! Fans, like myself, will be very entertained, but newbies need not shy away since much of the backstory and character connections are revisited, but no spoilers even though events in book one are referenced. Be sure to check out her newest Witches of Keyhole Lake short story, "Moonshine Valentine," in the newest 2018 paranormal collection Hexes and Ohs. It's all marvelous!

"Disclosure: I accepted an ARC from the author, but the opinions in this review are my own honest insights."

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## **Jill says**

### **Parents/kids**

How do you explain the unexplainable? You don't? When a ghost shows up to tell the sheriff that he was killed and you then have to explain about the ghost, well what more can you say? Oh there was a murder, unexplained missing items and repairs, and a child pickpocket.

If you want the answers you need to read the story.

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## **? Gramy ? says**

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I thoroughly enjoyed this book...especially the humor, the shenanigans, and the quirky characters. Ghosts are an intricate part of the community in this book and the current murder victim, Max, becomes the latest 'living impaired citizen' to inhabit Keyhole Lake. He is definitely a bossy boo!

I'm looking forward to reading the rest of the series to get to know the lovable characters better and to discover what happens with this eclectic group. The depth of atrocious deceit and ruthlessness of the former sheriff continues to make me appreciate my peaceful and tranquil lifestyle very much indeed.

This is a clean read that is able to stand on its own. However, you definitely see the bigger picture if you read

the entire series in the order they were written.

This book concludes with an H.E.A., but the next book in the series is sure to include another murder mystery that needs to be solved.

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## **Catherine says**

### **Maxed Out Magic**

Great book as the second in the Witches of Keyhole Lake series. Noelle, Shelby, Hunter, and some of their 'living impaired' gang tackle the murder of Max Wheeler, owner of Wheeler Construction. While the ghost of said victim wants the murder solved, he vanishes with a cryptic phrase whenever questioned. Who's hiding what? The Keyhole Lake witches and their friends have a lot of digging to do to solve this one.

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## **Ken Cotton says**

### **Perfect blend of magic and mystery**

I like the genre called cozy mysteries. They are usually a blend of murders and romance with the heroine stepping out of her comfort zone to solve the crime. This story does an excellent job of combining all those elements plus an added fun element with the heroine being from a family of witches. In this series, several family members and friends don't let their living impaired status (they are ghosts) keep them from helping to solve the mystery.

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## **Dawn Gee says**

### **The fun continues**

Noelle shows a side not seen before and that's where she doesn't allow people treat others bad. Shelby is just like her sister. The murder mystery is brilliantly written. I had no idea who committed the crime. Hunter is present more in this book. Two new awesome characters are introduced that really add to the storyline.

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