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# Probable Paws (Mystic Notch Cozy Mystery Series Book 5)



## Synopsis

Middle-aged bookstore owner Willa Chance is often haunted by ghosts who want her to do their bidding. Usually it involves the nasty business of bringing their killer to justice, so when the ghost of Adelaide Hamilton asks her to find an old recipe book and give it to Elspeth Whipple, it seems like an easy job. Except Willa's search for the book has her crossing the path of Sheriff Eddie Striker one too many times for comfort. He's acting almost as if he's investigating a murder, but Adelaide died of natural causes. Didn't she? When it turns out Adelaide's entire family had means, motive, opportunity, Willa's search becomes dangerous, and she finds herself matching wits with a cold-blooded killer that wants the same thing she does. Luckily, Willa's cat Pandora is looking out for her and enlists the aid of the other cats of Mystic Notch who will stop at nothing to ensure Willa's safety as well as the recovery of the book ... even if it takes a little bit of magic.

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## Customer Reviews

Author Leighann Dobbs has created a well written entertaining cozy paranormal mystery series. The stories take place in the small town of Mystic Notch, New Hampshire, and feature a likeable cast of main characters including a group of cats with supernatural abilities sworn to protect their town and

people from evil. There are always surprising twists and turns for mystery lovers, and light romance to enhance the stories. Leighann adds ghosts needing help to this mixture and skillfully weaves these story tapestries that many of us enjoy and look forward to. There is some nice character development in PROBABLE PAWS (book 5). We learn that Willa's boyfriend, sheriff Eddie Striker, can also see ghosts, though not the same ones Willa sees because they are attuned to different levels. They try to hide this from each other so there are some very awkward and funny scenes. This is a clever enhancement because we can imagine them working together using their psychic abilities to solve crimes in future books, so have even more to look forward to. The MYSTIC NOTCH COZY MYSTERY SERIES books are separate stories so can be read out of order, but I did start from book 1 and think most readers will prefer going in sequence to get more out of the author's occasional allusions to past events. All of the books so far have been fun, enjoyable reads, and hopefully there will be many more!

I absolutely love this series and Probable Paws may be the best one yet. I love Willa, Stryker and Pandora the cat. Willa can see some ghosts and as we discovered in the previous book Stryker also sees and communicates with ghosts. But, his are different from hers and they both are trying to keep their ability secret from the other. Made for some fun scenes and I do look forward to when they fess up. Add in a murder and the hunt for a magic book and you have a wonderful story that had twists and turns with an ending that surprised and I really loved it. This book could stand alone, but this series is so much fun to read in order.

Mystic Notch, New Hampshire, Willa Chance the book store owner and who can see ghosts, Sheriff Eddie Striker (who sees ghosts but not the same one as Willa) and of course the story would not be complete without Pandora, and a group of cats with supernatural abilities sworn to protect their town and people from evil. To fully understand the story line of the Mystic Notch books, it helps to read them in order. Several books back it talked about an old recipe book that Willa's grandmother wanted left to Elspeth Whipple. This story focuses on the recipe book and where it is and did it cause the death of Adelaide Hamilton. Adelaide was a wonderful friend to Willa's grandmother and while at first her death looks like just old age, Adelaide comes to Willa in her ghost form and begs her to find the book and who killed her. Sheriff Eddie Striker meanwhile Adelaide's husband is begging him to find the killer so his beloved Adelaide can join in the afterlife. Sometimes it is almost comical when the husband is talking to Striker and Adelaide is talking to Willa and both are trying to act like nothing out of the ordinary is wrong. Pandora and his cat friends are looking out for

Willa and will do everything in their power to keep her safe, of course magic is involved. If you have never read Leighann Dobbs you are missing an author who has you sitting on the edge of your chair, laughing out loud and series that make you beg for more.

Mystic Notch has lost a resident from cancer. Willa sees a ghost of the deceased, Adelaide who wants Willa to find a book of recipes that was left to Elspeth. Willa is not concerned because she thinks it is a cookbook. Pandora knows that it is a book of magic spells and Willa must find it before the evil forces do. Pandora meets with the other magical cats to help Willa find the book. Sheriff Eddie Striker is also looking for the book. He can see a ghost but it is on a different plane than Adelaide. They are lovers and want to be together. There are enough turns and twists that will hold you interested as Eddie and Willa look for the book of spells. Pandora is trying to find the missing book. Of course, we must have evil forces involved, Felicity Bates and her cat Fluff. Looking for a light and easy read they are one of the best. This series will be better if read in order.

This book was so entertaining with both Willa and Striker seeing ghosts on different planes but not wanting each other to know they can see and talk to ghosts. Pandora the cat sees all ghosts so she can see when both humans have ghosts that are trying to communicate with them. By the end of this story I would say Willa is starting to believe in magic and may even be open to realizing her cat is trying to communicate with her.. Pandora is starting to feel like she is finally making progress in training her human. Something all of us with cats realize they do. They train us we definitely do not train them!

In this installment of the Mystic Notch Cozy Mystery Series, Willa and Pandora are once again on the hunt for a murderer. This time, an old lady in possession of a book of spells dies mysteriously. The book is missing and it is crucial that it fall into the right hands, not the wrong hands. Evil forces are at work among the old lady's survivors, and Willa with the aid of trusty Pandora, goes on the hunt for clues. Will this hunt cause conflict in Willa's budding romance with Striker? A quick, fun read that is a wonderful addition to this cozy series.

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