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**Laura Childs : Tragic Magic** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tragic Magic:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Haunted houses, explosions and special effects in New OrleansBy Michelle BoytimIn this 7th book in the Scrapbooking cozy mystery series, Carmela and Ava have been asked to help decorate a haunted house attraction set up by jewelry shop owner Melody along with her silent partner in the venture, Olivia. When Melody ends up dead in an explosion, the two women are pulled in to help clear the name of Melody's husband and in the meantime have been asked to continue the work by Olivia. Complicating matters is the finalization of Carmela's divorce, and her ongoing relationship with Detective Babcock. Suspects abound, from a ghost walk leader, to members of the supernatural societies, to a greedy property developer. I found this one to be a little uneven in both the mystery and the credibility department. How could these two independent business owners have the time to do this major project and run their shops? The seem to have endless amounts of time to also investigate. As usual, the book includes recipes and some scrapbook tips.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. New Orleans Mystery FunBy Jean BScrapbook shop owner Carmela Bertrand and her BFF Ava Gruieux accept an interior design job in a spooky New Orleans mansion and soon find themselves deep in a murder investigation. Carmela also has her hands full trying to wrap up long running divorce negotiations (finally !) and attending to her new romantic relationship. I enjoyed this more than the previous edition in this series - the silliness of Carmela and Ava have been toned down to a more 'realistic' level... realistic that is, for 'not quite 30'somethings who routinely wear high heels and designer jeans while skulking around the cobblestone streets graveyard of the French Quarter.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Always entertainingBy Leah BLove the Laura Childs books.. each character is so well

formed and love to get to know them all..

A New Orleans mansion is being converted into a haunted house for tourists and scrapbook shop owner Carmela Bertrand has been enlisted to help. No sooner does the project begin than someone winds up dead.

From Publishers Weekly The murder of jeweler Melody Mayfeldt, an enthusiast of the supernatural, at Medusa Manor, a New Orleans mansion being converted into a haunted house attraction for an upcoming horror convention, drives Childs's contrived seventh scrapbooking cozy (after 2008's *Death Swatch*). Scrapbooking diva Carmela Bertrand and her French Quarter sidekick, Ava Gruix, know it wasn't a ghost who killed their friend by a blow to the head and then pushed her flaming corpse out of a third-floor window of the manor. NOPD Det. Edgar Babcock, Carmela's boyfriend, and the Crescent City Nancy Drews investigate various suspects, including Melody's husband, Garth, who co-owned Fire and Ice Jewelers with Melody, and a real estate developer who wanted to buy Medusa Manor. While Child conjures up the abiding charm of New Orleans with her usual flair, besides providing recipes and scrapbooking tips, the rushed resolution disappoints. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Laura Childs is the New York Times bestselling author of the *Cackleberry Club*, *Tea Shop*, and *Scrapbooking* mysteries. In her past life she was a Clio Award-winning advertising writer and CEO of her own marketing firm. She lives in Plymouth, Minnesota.