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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Murder's afoot at Dead on Arrival, a crime writers' conference held at Edinburgh's Dalmorton Castle, in Malliet's superior second cozy featuring Det. Chief Insp. Arthur St. Just (after 2008's *Death of a Cozy Writer*). The same evening that Kimberlee Kalder, queen of the 'chick lit' genre, accepts an award for best debut novel from her publisher, Lord Easterbrook of Deadly Dagger Press, her broken body is found in the castle dungeon. St. Just, who's visiting from Cambridge, and the local DCI learn that not all were thrilled by catty Kimberlee's megaseller, *Dying for a Latte*. Suspects include Kimberlee's literary agent, who's worried another agent wants to steal her star client, a flamboyant publicist and various jealous authors. Malliet's satirical take on the mystery scene is spot-on. Adding spice is the inspector's new romantic interest, writer and criminologist Portia De'Ath, with whom the love-starved widower becomes deliciously smitten. (Apr.)

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From School Library Journal

In his second outing after the Malice Domestic Award-winning *Death of a Cozy Writer*, DCI St. Just is sent to a mystery writers' convention in a Scottish castle to give a talk on his most interesting cases. The gathering is also going to present an award to best-selling author Kimberlee Kalder, who shows herself to be self-absorbed, rude, and a flirt. Of course, the drawbridge is up when the murderer strikes, and we are treated to an old-fashioned Agatha Christie-style mystery in which all the suspects are gathered under one roof. Lots of humor and a bit of "guess who this writer is" make this one a good choice for readers who enjoy intelligent cozies and traditional mysteries.

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\*Starred Review\* This second St. Just Mystery easily and triumphantly fulfills the promise of Malliet's first book, *Death of a Cozy Writer* (2008). Apparently, Detective Chief Inspector Arthur St. Just is going to specialize in literary sleuthing, as he now moves from cozy writers to chick-lit authors. Taking place at Dalmorton Castle near Edinburgh, the novel brings together a group of highly competitive mystery authors attending a writers' conference. St. Just, of the Cambridgeshire constabulary, is on hand to give a presentation from the standpoint of a real-life detective. Naturally, there will be a murder, and it's no surprise that the victim is chick-lit mystery writer Kimberlee Kalder. She's neither as shallow nor as lucky as she would have her rivals believe, but she has garnered plenty of enemies. Still, St. Just is every bit as surprised as (almost) everyone else when Kalder's body is discovered at the bottom of the castle's bottle dungeon. Malliet excels at stylish writing very reminiscent of the golden age of British mysteries (especially Ngaio Marsh's detective Roderick Alleyn). Fans hooked by the appealing St. Just will be craving more backstory, but Malliet is delving it out at a tantalizingly slow pace (here we learn that the sleuth is a widower, but there appears to be a romance in the future with crime writer Portia De'Ath). Devotees of the Golden Agers (not just Marsh but also Christie, Sayers, and Allingham) will be captivated, but fans of the early Martha Grimes novels as well as the work of Robert Barnard and C. S. Challinor will also find much to like here. A real find for old-school mystery fans. --Judy Coon

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