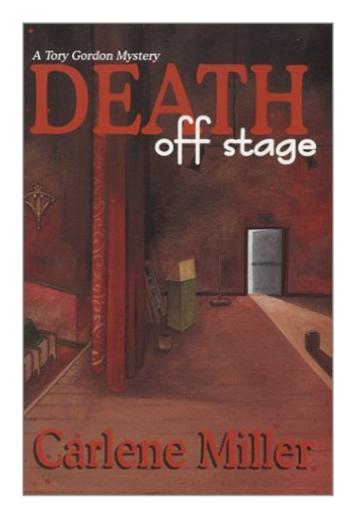
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Synopsis

Tandy Byers has a problem. Her name is Captain Tory Gordon, and she's investigating Tandy's parents for murder. She's also investigating Tandy...but for a far more personal reason. A searing attraction to Tory and her parents' strange behavior the day of the murder cause Tandy more than her fair share of anxiety. Snooping into the lives of people she's known for years doesn't exactly increase her comfort level, but she's determined to clear her parents' names. Tory is having a run of trouble as well. Too many suspects and a profound attraction to Tandy, who is by turns annoyingly meddlesome and totally irresistible, make the Grady murder one of Detective Gordon's toughest cases yet. Can Tory keep Tandy at arm's length during the investigation — possibly for her own safety — and still expect her to warm Tory's bed when the suspect is apprehended?

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Customer Reviews

In Death Off Stage, Carlene Miller has done superbly what she does best: create believable characters involved in an intricate plot in a realistic setting. With Tory Gordon and Tandy Byers she has introduced two strong females equally but disparately likable so that the reader cares what happens to them. Even more beautifully limned than the leads in this drama are the supporting characters, especially the women -- indomitable Miss Verda, sailor-mouthed Maxine, talented and lovely Selinda -- and many more. Every character in the book supports the theater adage that there are no small parts, only small actors; but Miller allows no small actors. This large cast becomes involved in a murder mystery so carefully plotted that it ravels and unravels like fishline or like a

drama unfolding on stage. The intertwined lives of the characters produce many motives, means, and opportunities making a Gordian knot for Captain Gordon and the reader to slash through. Finally, Miller's homey small town setting sets the stage with realistic local color -- the community theater undergoing remodeling, the Shack with its inimitable chowder, the annual River Festival complete with raft race, and the Coffeepot where everyone exchanges the latest gossip. Lending depth to the story is the realistic feel for the challenge of lesbian life in Small Town, South. All together, the characters, plot, and setting make Death Off Stage Carlene Miller's best book to date.

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