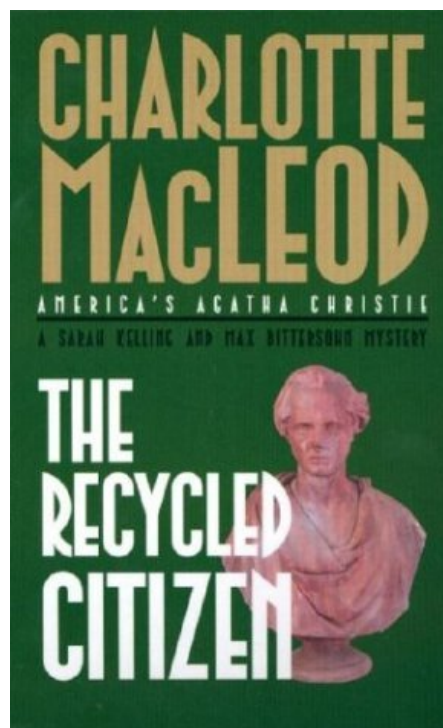




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Ingrid says

Es ist nicht das erste Buch der Autorin, das ich lese. Deshalb bringt mich die Vielzahl der teilnehmenden Personen auch nicht durcheinander. sie sind so etwas Ähnliches wie eine entfernte Familie. Wer diese Reihe nicht kennt, sollte besser mit dem 1. Band anfangen, die Familiengruft. Mir gefällt der eher altmodische Schreibstil und die Interaktionen der einzelnen Kellings sehr gut. Keine unnötig blutigen Morde, keine wilden Verfolgungsjagen, statt dessen werden die grauen Zellen bemüht.

Mary Barna says

This is a delightful series that I re-read whenever I'm feeling down. Ms MacLeod has left a legacy of good writing and good humor.

Harry Lane says

Wackiness abounds in this putatively private eye tale. The narrative seems to exist solely as a warp within which the woof of zany characters, offbeat dialog, and outrageous actions is woven. Very enjoyable.

Shannon Rodriguez says

I was so excited to read a mystery book, but I was sadly disappointed. Right off the bat, I felt like there were too many characters with different names, and it was hard to follow the story. By the time I truly got a grip on who the characters were I had missed so much. When the person who committed the crimes was persecuted I wasn't really surprised, because I didn't get what was going on. Maybe I'm just not used to this style of writing, but I didn't enjoy the story at all. There were also no twists or thoughtful plots in my opinion.

Susan says

Sarah is now hugely pregnant, but managing to get around all the same. Dolph and Mary's Senior Recycling Center is going great, but they need more space, so they are planning a huge auction of stuff inherited by Dolph from Uncle Frederick. When one of the seniors from the center is killed, police try to pass it off as a mugging, but Max finds traces of heroin in his collecting bag. Some undercover surveillance shows that the drug transfers apparently involves unique grape soda cans, and some bag-snatching occurrences reinforce that. When another death occurs during the auction, Max swings into action. We meet several more Kelling relatives and hangers-on. A good plot, and as usual, great characterization.

Ed says

#7 in the Sarah Kelling and Max Bittersohn mystery series.

Boston and its suburbs are stuffed with Kellings, and the city is about to get one more. Sarah Kelling and her husband Max Bittersohn--a pair of amateur sleuths equally at home in back alleys and black-tie balls--are about to have a baby. And if the child takes after his parents, he will be one of the cleverest infants in New England. But while Sarah is a month away from giving birth, she cannot let pregnancy slow her down--she has a murder to solve. A resident at one of Sarah's Uncle Dolph's homeless centers is found mugged and murdered on one of Boston's seedier side streets. Someone at the shelter has been dealing drugs, and plans to frame Uncle Dolph for the murder.

Susan in NC says

2018 - Fun way to pass a rainy day, I always enjoy rereading this charming cozy series. I love that the action is back in Boston with Sarah's wonderfully fun and funny relatives front and center - and Sarah and Max are expecting a baby! It was fun meeting the gracious and delightful Aunt Emma and the wickedly funny Aunt Mabel in the last book, but good to visit with the Boston Kellings again!

2016 - Another fun reread in a beloved series - this time, Sarah, Max and all of her eccentric and hilarious extended Kelling relatives are in on the action! Also, the mystery has moved back to Boston after Sarah's last outing out in the wealthy burbs - this time, Cousins Dolph and Mary have lost one of their best workers at their Senior Citizens' Recycling Center in an apparent mugging gone horribly wrong. But after several other seniors have their recycling bags stolen, Max and Sarah begin to suspect something much more sinister is going on...witty, charming and whimsical, Miss MacLeod never disappoints. Highly recommended to fans of clever, literate semi-cozy mysteries (funny not sappy!)

Denise Link says

This book was boring. It's #7 in the series and I had not read #1-6, so that might explain why I couldn't work up any interest in the book--maybe if I knew the characters already, I'd be more interested. But I doubt it. The villain is plain from our first meeting. I was hoping to find some realistically-written older characters, but they weren't in this book. There's nothing offensive here, but it's just not worth the read.

Joan says

This was probably the best of the series that I have read so far and I have definitely missed several. The mystery was good, the characters were their usual wonky, obstreperous selves, and I did enjoy this more than the first several I have critiqued and criticized. The unspoken theme seems to be that to those who do good deeds, nasty things must happen. The arresting scene is absolutely hilarious, with Max finally hauling everyone back to some sort of sense and sensibility. I'm not keeping the book but I did enjoy it.

Patti says

Another reread for me, a needed visit with the Kelling/Bittersohn families during a move. This time, Sarah & Max get involved with her Cousin Dolph and his wife Mary's charity, the Senior Citizen's Recycling Center. Someone is using the center to transport drugs around Boston, and inevitably, one senior ends up murdered. Sarah, Max, and her extended family end up working their way around Boston and through a charity auction to the resolution.

Kyrie says

It's light, it's fast, and it's got that weird humor that MacLeod does so well. It brings in characters from previous books, and I'm starting to get a grip on which Kellings are which (should I be worried?). Dolph and Mary are having a gala auction to expand their services to the elderly poor. One of their patrons is mugged, and it sets off a whole train of events that leads to the breakup of a drug ring, and also brings other things to light.

Loved the convoluted (but not that hard to follow) events and the ending. Max and Sarah have their hands full with involved relatives on both sides!

George says

#7 in the Kelling & Bittersohn Mystery series set in Boston. Married couple Max and Sarah Kelling Bittersohn find themselves helping solve a murder along with a drug smuggling operation which is implicating Sarah's Kelling relatives centering upon their charitable operation for seniors.

The Kellings are quite an eccentric family which provides on going humor and lighter tone to this mystery series.

FangirlNation says

In *The Recycled Citizen*, the seventh book in Charlotte MacLeod's Sarah Kelling/ Max Bittersohn series, something fishy is going on at the Senior Citizen's Recycling Center run by Dolph and Mary Kelling. Having met her husband in the second book, *The Withdrawing Room*, the former Mary Smith has inspired Dolph to work with her to establish a safe place for senior citizens to relax and earn money by collecting bottles, cans, and paper to recycle. But now they have decided to build a low-rent dormitory-style home for the citizens to have a home of their own and plan an auction of the items that the late Great-Uncle Frederick used to fill out his giant mausoleum of a mansion.

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Robyn says

Early Bird Book Deal | An obvious culprit from the start, but a more enjoyable and evenly written installment than some in the series | For a change, both Sarah and Max are well utilized in this one, and we spend time with some of the best of the Kelling clan. There are so many Kellings that they actually make solutions pretty clear; if the book is populated with 8 or 9 relatives in addition to Sarah and Max, there simply isn't room for many other characters to be introduced. That makes the suspect list very short. Far-fetched drug running concept, but I'm not looking for realism in that regard in my cozy mysteries.

Lexi says

I enjoy Charlotte MacLeod's series with Sarah and Max Bittersohn. Good mystery, funny characters, interesting settings. The first (The Family Vault) was a bit irritating as Sarah let everyone run roughshod all over her, but by the end she's developed a backbone. This is the 4th or 5th in the series and by now she's a tough pregnant broad with a brilliant hubby and life by the horns. In a respectable old-Bostonian way, of course. :)
