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# The Blood Spangled Banner: A First Ladies Mystery



## Synopsis

Welcome to the First Ladies White House Dollhouse Shop! Who would have thought that running a dollhouse shop could be so dangerous? Liv Anderson's shop specializes in historically accurate recreations of the White House as it was in the era of famous First Ladies. Liv is thrilled when a famous department store owner asks to pay a visit – but death soon follows!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Barbara Schlichting's first First Lady Mystery, featuring Dolley Madison, *The Blood Spangled Banner*. Great debut." *Lavender* magazine E. Boatner. Author Barbara Schlichting blends American history with modern-day murder in this charming debut mystery. Linda Reilly. Author of *Out of the Dying Pan*

"An unexpected discovery of letters from Dolley Madison should excite Liv, but instead it leads her into a tangle of theft, murder and bewildering clues. *DOLLEY MADISON: A Blood Spangled Banner* draws upon important historic facts to solve a modern-day mystery." Beth Solheim, author of *At Witt's End* and *Outwitted*.

This book combining two things that interest me: mystery books and historical facts, blending into a work of mystery and historical fiction. It's like if you took a cozy mystery series and added in the *National Treasure* series. Liv Anderson, our protagonist, is a bit of a history buff and loves for first ladies, shows a shop in Minneapolis that makes doll houses/miniatures of the first ladies/presidents

the White House in their respective time period. Liv is contacted by the head of the department store in York, who wants to inquire lives doll houses for a new line of toys. Liv is a ecstatic, until the woman drops dead in her store, with one of Liv's doll houses to break her fall, I like the blend of history and mysteries, where Liv not only has a mystery to solve, but a "secret" to uncover.

Good story in present day with some real and fiction history added in. It was fun to try and figure out "the secret" from the clues given. Although I figured out who the culprit was in advance, it was still a fun and mysterious read. Liv and Aaron are good characters although there was a bit too much of the kissing and mundane little things that I didn't think added anything to the story but all in all it was very enjoyable and I look forward to more books in this series. I have already purchased book 2' If Looks Could Kill".

I enjoyed the book, as a history novice. I mostly enjoyed knowing the places in Minneapolis, that I grew up with. I could imagine where they were, throughout the story. It was disjointed in a few spots, but I could follow most of it. Well done for her first book.

A good first book with a unique main character, who promises to become eccentric in a most readable way. Paced well with mystery and a touch of romance, Liv vAnderson talks with her First Lady dolls as she works in her store/ workshop. Liv is young, with a boyfriend who is ready to tie the knot, but events seem to get in the way. He is patience personified. Waiting for the next installment of First ladies mystery!

A charming new series based on the setting of a Dollhouse Shop featuring models of the White House filled with historically correct furnishings along with accurately dressed First Ladies. Owner Liv Anderson is anxious to impress Jackie Newell, the powerful buyer of a national chain store's toy department, but instead of a record number of pre-orders, Liv finds Jackie's bloody dead body in one of her doll houses. Follow Liv as she investigates the murder and get a little enjoyable history thrown in for your entertainment. Can't wait for the next one.

This was the first book I have read by Ms. Schlichting and it won't be the last. I just loved this cozy and it was more than just a page turner. It was an enjoyable winner and a home run over the fence for the author, Barbara!

Such a FUN read! I LOVE miniatures, and I LOVE mysteries, so this book is AWESOME!!!! I love the characters, and I love being surprised!! If you love EITHER or BOTH of these..... you WILL love this book!!!!

Love the way the author weaves American history into a contemporary mystery. Great job for a debut novel.

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