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Desiree says

RATING: 3.5

If I was weirded out in the first book, I feel the same thing in this second installment. The only difference was that I know what to expect already. I am more prepared for what is in store than the last time but I still got mixed-up with a lot of names and entities to follow. I can't remember which is which and just give up trying after failing to recall what entity the name is connected to. But this one is easier to follow plot-wise than the first one. That is if you read the first book, then you'll get the gist of what's up with the story and it won't be too confusing.

In this installment, we get to know a lot more about Kelly and the single-purpose angels on her care. We get to follow Af's story, who's charming in his cluelessness when it comes to women and relationship, and so are the other fallen angels and their obsession to get out of Amenity Tower. They are fun, as usual. Add the Gorgon sisters, and it is a complete riot. The wit and humor present in the first continued on this one that reading this quirky story is such a breeze.

So, yeah, overall, it is equally entertaining as the first book, with a clearer plot and much more developed characters. A quirky series for urban fantasy lovers that are open to embracing the weirdness and craziness that it'll offer.

*Thank you Curiosity Quills Press and NetGalley for the copy.

Pouting Always says

After the first apocalypse Kelly is left as the temporary manager of Amenity Towers and one day gets an assignment to find the missing president of Chuck Snack Brand. On her journey to look for him she gets tangled up with the Gorgon sister's sibling rivalry as they run competing donut shops and into another plot to start a second apocalypse. An interesting book and the premise was pretty unique but I had a sort of hard time keeping names and monsters straight at first. Not only are there angels but lots of other beings. Also it kind of mixes modern technology with some futuristic ones and so it was a little hard to get into the story. The writing was good though. I think maybe if I had read the first one I would have enjoyed this more? I just felt bored and disconnected from the characters. The story was wacky in a way that made me feel dissociated instead of involving me with the characters.

Katy says

Book Info: Genre: Urban Fantasy (Comedic)

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Recommended for: Fans of urban fantasy, fans of the series

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My Thoughts: Nina Post is an absolute riot. You may recall I read the first book in this series, *Last Condo Board of the Apocalypse* in September (link here where formatting allowed), as well as her other book, *One Ghost per Serving* in August (link here where formatting allowed) and quite enjoyed them, so I was very eager to read this latest from her talented pen.

This book was a bit mellower than the previous book, and actually followed a fairly straightforward plot. There were a few new Cluck Snack names (for a long listing of some of them, check out my review of *Last Condo Board of the Apocalypse*, but I didn't notice any titanium sporks! Guess they were all used up? But Kelly's inner methods of dealing with unwanted thoughts continued to be a source of amusement. We also learn more about the mysterious SSI, in whose building Kelly squats.

If it were allowed, I'd probably give this one a three and a half stars—I liked it, but not quite as much as the first one, despite using the same rating. Still, an enjoyable book and a great way to spend a few hours if you like urban fantasy.

Before I go, I'd like to mention that Nina Post has a couple of new books coming out this next year that I'm really excited about—one of which is her sequel to *One Ghost per Serving*. I will definitely be requesting these from Curiosity Quills so I can read them as soon as possible.

Jessa Russo says

This is one of those sequels that I enjoyed even more than the first! Unfortunately, I can't tell you why without spoiling it, so for that I apologize. But if you know me, you know that there's *one* element I have to have in every book I read. Nina has hinted at that element a bit more in this book than the first, and I can't wait for the next book in the series!

There IS a third installment, right!? Please? I have to see what happens between Kelly and Af!

Oh shoot. There I went and spoiled the part I hadn't wanted to spoil. ;-)

Anyway, if you enjoyed CONDO BOARD, you *must* read DONUT SHOP. It was just as quirky and fun as the first book, but even more developed, and I felt written even better. I don't have any complaints as far as the story-line or any plot holes to think of, etc. The SP's were still there, there was more interaction between Kelly and Af (I approve of this tremendously), and the story-line was awesome. I read this book in under a day.

Now seriously, Nina, get to work on book three! Hurry! I need more Af! ;-)

PJ Lea says

Donuts, who doesn't like donuts? Some flavours might be an acquired taste and much the same could be said for this author's writing and sense of humour.

With that said I loved this book, Kelly is so convinced that she will never live up to the previous manager that she doesn't see what is happening to keep her there. The goings-on in the donut shop are insane and very funny. It's a look at any condo building anywhere, just with otherworldly creatures involved.

I voluntarily read and reviewed this book from the author, my opinions are my own

Marjolein says

3.5 Stars

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Like its predecessor, The Last Donut Shop of the Apocalypse is a lot of fun. Nothing complicated, but a fun bunch of characters, an absurd story and an urban fantasy that doesn't take itself too seriously. Two sisters, both Gorgons and owners of the two best Donut shops still standing in Pothole City, fight over a dispute, and Kelly, who now also happens to be the interim manager of Amenity Tower has to step in.

I won't write too much about it, for fear of spoiling the fun. But I found it a quick, fun and easy read, perfect to relax after a hard day's work.

Thanks to the publisher for providing me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review!

Stephen Ormsby says

This is my first taste of Nina Post and all I can say is can I please have some more? This is the second book of a series, of which I had not read. After reading this zany little adventure, I will definitely be going more for another helping.

The cover to this book is a technicolour beauty. If you can fit another colour in, I would be surprised. A real eye-catcher and I wish I would see it in paper for the full effect. Sometimes ebooks just miss out.

There is not much I can say about this book without giving away plot. Suffice to say that each and every page has craziness written all over it. The amazing thing is that Nina Post makes it believable. There is a straight-forward style about her that just adds so much to the book.

This will have you cackling to yourself very quickly. There is another one coming it seems. So I have catch-up and future reading to do with Ms Post. Looking forward to that.

David Peterson says

The Last Condo Board of the Apocalypse is a book I didn't want to see a sequel to. I found it charming and humorous, and felt it stood on its own two feet well enough without a continuation of its story. As a result, I was hesitant to read *Last Donut Shop of the Apocalypse*—and, indeed, it's the last of Post's books that I've read. Despite my concerns, *Last Donut Shop* recaptured the spirit of its predecessor and surpassed it in quality and entertainment, claiming the top spot in my personal hierarchy of Nina Post prose.

In *Last Donut Shop*, we see Kelly Driscoll now firmly entrenched as a native of Pothole City. She's serving as the interim manager of Amenity Tower (taking over for the beloved Roger Balbi), and, yet again, is called upon to solve everyone else's problems. This time Kelly finds herself traveling between Amenity Tower, several different Hell Lodges, a Ferris Wheel restaurant, and two rival donut shops operated by a pair of gorgon sisters in order to solve two different housing problems, find the disappeared president of Clucking Along Holdings, and save the Single Purposes angels (also: death worms).

Post's humor is a constant throughout her work. *Last Donut Shop*, though, has the best blend of her wit, her well-crafted prose, and her inventive imagination. The book is absolutely a pleasure to read, and has some of her best characters in the gorgon sisters Medusa and Stheno (if you're having a hard time pronouncing that second one, try pronouncing it the way they would in Attic Greek). Fans of Af and Kelly will not be disappointed, and there's also some interesting issues related to identity in this one (a recurring theme with disguises, false identities, beings in altered states and forms...). There's a lot to digest, but it reads as quickly as any of Post's other work.

While it's true I am (and look to remain) a Nina Post fan, I really believe this is Post at her best and brightest. The only thing that would cause me to hesitate in recommending it to a new reader is that it's a sequel... That's always problematic. And while I don't know what it's like to read *Last Donut Shop* without having first read *Last Condo Board* (an unfortunate artefact of the linear nature of existence), I have a feeling that *Last Donut Shop* can be read profitably without reading its prequel—it's just too much fun. *The Last Donut Shop of the Apocalypse* is my top recommendation from Nina Post.

(Of course, you can always pick up *Last Condo Board* and read it first. Really, if you're a fan of offbeat humor, you can't go wrong with Nina Post.)

Fel says

(Disclaimer: This is where I usually warn you that I received a free copy of a book in exchange for a review. Well, I didn't, even though I could have, I think you should know that I bought the book anyway.)

And I venture down Nina Post's zany path again! When this book came out, I had still yet to read *The Last Condo Board of the Apocalypse*. It's about time I get back on my game, so I chugged down both books, and here we are.

When we last left Kelly Driscoll, she had just prevented the apocalypse. You'd think she would deserve a break after that one, but now she's the interim manager of Amenity Tower (where all of the angels were housed who caused the problems in the first place) and she's on a new mission to locate the missing president

of the Cluck Snack Brand. Oh, and there's another plot to trigger the apocalypse. Luckily, Kelly has some wonderful allies hanging around from the first book to help out Af, the Angel of Destruction; Stringfellow, the angel/ferret (yes, it's about time ferrets take center stage); and of course Tubiel, the single-purpose angel in charge of protecting small birds.

I was happy to see Stringfellow return, and as a ferret. It always excites me to see ferrets in books, especially hard-working, self-supporting ferrets as I wish my ferrets would stumble upon my kindle one day while I'm away and get some ideas. Although, I regress. This book also brings developments in the relationship between Kelly and Af, with both of their busy schedules, restrictions, and quirky personalities, which way will things go? Well, you certainly won't believe some of it, especially the "mysterious, recklessly handsome man" Kelly meets at the Donut Shop. Who has time for relationships anyway, there's still an Apocalypse to prevent, some strange donuts being distributed in the city and what's up with the Gorgon sisters?

As always, I love Nina's style.

"Kelly made her memory into a 2-D image, folded it, inserted it in an envelope, put a stamp on it, addressed it to Mongolia, and dropped it in a blue post office box. Done. But somewhere, there was a mail drop in Mongolia stuffed with memories she wasn't willing to deal with." Nina Post, *The Last Donut Shop of the Apocalypse*

The story is colorful, full of zany characters, unbelievable moments, and humor that will keep you devouring through to the last page. And, it has a flair of insanity that you can't help but believe because Nina manages to portray with a straight-face (at least as much of a face as you can see through the pages) matter-of-fact tone.

My verdict: I think you can guess.

Amanda says

Reading *The Last Donut Shop of The Apocalypse* (TLDSOTA), you may be tempted to ask yourself silly questions like "*why would a gorgon run a donut shop*", but this would be a mistake; sort of like leaving your death worm tied up on his leash outside the north door (honestly the shrieking is *unbearable*). Entering the world of Kelly Driscoll means throwing logic and normalcy out the window, then closing the curtains, leaving the room, and ignoring their plaintive cries.

Even funnier and more loopy than *The Last Condo Board*, TLDSOTA is another bonkers tilt-a-whirl around Pothole city. Kelly is now the interim manager of Amenity Tower, but only until she can get the residents to accept GIL, a robot AI manager with zero interpersonal skills. Once again, the fallen angels that make up the condo board have cooked up an ill-conceived plan to set an Apocalypse in motion (when they're not watching BBC America, of course), and Kelly needs to prevent it. Of course, she also has to tend to the feed and caring of the SPs (single-purpose angels) to whom she is now den-mother; as well as finding the president of the Cluck Snack company (who just so happens to share her surname). And because she doesn't already have enough to do: a pair of warring donut shops run but two very different gorgon sisters.

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Diving back into the world that Nina Post has so lovingly crafted is immensely fun. Once I picked up the book, I couldn't put it down until it was finished, and then I was sad that it was over.

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Joannemarie O'Donnell says

I tried to read this as part of the Clean Out Your Ereader Challenge. Once again, I found myself unable to finish the book.

Nikki says

Full Review at Foil the Plot

Remember that time I read the strangest book ever? As it turns out, it's quiriness was oddly charming and the longer I mulled it over, the more it grew on me. Suffice it to say, I was crazy enough to dive in for more and Nina Post was kind enough to provide. *The Last Donut Shop of the Apocalypse* is the entertaining sequel to Post's odd Apocalypse series. Where it took awhile for me to really understand the mechanics of this urban fantasy universe in the first book, the second is much more straight forward in regards to plot and premise. And I was pleased to find that what I most appreciated in *The Last Condo Board of the Apocalypse*--its weirdness, humour and style--is still very much present here, making for an even more memorable reading experience.

Picking up right where *The Last Condo Board of the Apocalypse* left off, we find out just how Kelly, Af and the rest of our favourite SP's are faring after the saving and subsequent destruction of Pothole City. Kelly is now Interim Manager of Amenity Towers, taking care of the SP's and flirting with Af. Af, hunky as he is, is as clueless as ever when it comes to relationships and girls, more specifically, Kelly. Raum and his sub-committee are still on their pesky mission to bring about the destruction of Pothole City, culminating in an inexorable escape. And though many zany things happen throughout the course of the story, the central crisis is all about Kelly. Thrust into a new job, she struggles to adapt as everything around her changes. She feels lost, inadequate, without purpose and I think most of us can certainly relate. And on top of that, she's now called on a mission to find potential family member and missing president of the Cluck Snack brand. You know, it's all in a day's work.

One of the things I was most looking forward to was watching the relationship between Af and Kelly unfold. After all the sparks between them in the first book, Post doesn't disappoint here. There's that characteristic awkwardness of the "does he/she like me as just a friend or more?" developing as they get to know each other better. I loved the tension that precedes a new relationship but proceeds the initial sparks, it felt very real. Post kept me on the edge of my seat wondering if/when they'd finally get together. And then there's the characters. We get to know so many more of the SP's and they are each unique and quirky and loveable. There's also Stringfellow, the human-turned-ferret. Can I just say how much I ADORED him?! He's sarcastic, funny and too adorable and undoubtedly, my favourite character in the entire book.

There's no shortage of wit and humour in *The Last Donut Shop of the Apocalypse* which is what makes Post's work stand out. Her unusual descriptions for everyday things is exceptionally amazing and had me giggling on a number of occasions. For example,

"The hoarse voice on the other end sounded like a all-mounted manual pencil sharpener." (p.22)

And not only that, but the subtle references to other pop culture phenomenon (i.e. - Spinal Tap) kept me continually entertained. While ridiculous politics and absurd social commentary are still there, it's easier to

decipher this time around. It may have taken some time for the first book to settle in a positive way, I didn't have that problem here. The characters are charming, the storyline is easy and fun and the revelations are poignant as ever. In short, it's a win-win all around!

Fran says

Not my usual genre, but this was funny. I'm sure I would have enjoyed it more if I had read the first book. Pretty confused through the first part of the book.
