

An Ale of Two Cities (Literary Pub Mystery, #2) By Sarah Fox **A town burgers and brews alliance** Reading the first book in the Literary Pub Mystery series I was a little disappointed the series didn't really stand out much to me and felt I needed to get to know the characters and town better. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Now that I've read book two I felt a stronger connection to the story and really started to like the characters and setting a bit more but feel there could still be room for improvement on making them more unique in a world of so many cozies. **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** Since the mysteries in these are solid and I did enjoy this one a bit more for three and a half stars I will happily return to see if the next book also improves for me too. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Mystery This is the second book in the Literary Pub Mystery series and takes place as the town of Shady Creek begins their Winter Carnival festival to ring in the holiday season. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** There is movement in the relationship which plays out through the book and for readers who enjoy reading as relationships begin and go through growing pains this is a good place to start. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Although there are a few characters who appear in both books Fox does a good job of describing their relationship to Sadie so it isn't necessary to have read the first book for explanations. **An Ale of Two Cities booking** Mystery Ale of Two Cities a solid second in the Literary Pub Mystery series by Sarah Fox is as fun as it is challenging! I love the setting in December in Vermont and the well-rounded small-town characters. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** It was a delight to get to know Sadie and her friends better as well as see the growth of customers at the Inkwell her literary pub that includes two book clubs so far among the activities they sponsor. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sadie and Grayson did not get off on the right foot when they first met especially since he was one of Sadie's suspects when her ex-boyfriend was found murdered in the fall. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** They now have a tenuous friendship; Shontelle thinks they make a wonderful couple but he still sometimes calls her a "nosey Parker" and she continues to embarrass herself in front of him. **An Ale of Two Cities pdf filler** The end was satisfying and surprising in several ways! I thoroughly enjoyed this novel and highly recommend it to those who enjoy well-written cozy mysteries classic mysteries Christmas in New England settings with a touch of romance. **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** An overnight ice carving competition is the big event but there are hockey games sleigh rides a chili supper and the Inkwell Sadie Coleman's literary-themed pub is holding a trivia contest. **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** That is until she hears Sadie screaming and finds her outside of the community hall not far from the dead body of Chef Frankie Mancini with Mel's missing ice pick protruding from his chest. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The setting for this series is just as it may sound a Literary Pub owned by booklover Sadie Coleman who has opened the Inkwell in an attempt to restart her life in a new town. **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** Sadie had lost her job due to a business merger and she had become fed up with dealing with her ex's gambling addiction so she chose to move to Shady Creek Vermont for a fresh start. **An Ale of Two Cities pdf filler** She is still finding her feet after moving to a new town and starting a new business but she has made some good friends among the citizens of the town and her employees. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** At the same time her pub puts together an impromptu team for the hockey competition she is training for the snowshoe race hosting book club meetings and participating in other carnival events. **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** At the center of the glittering decorations and twinkling lights is booklover and pub owner Sadie Coleman creating original cocktails hosting a literary trivia evening and cheering on her loyal employee Melanie "Mel" Costas as she competes in the ice carving competition. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** But holiday cheer can't compete with former resident and renowned chef Freddy Mancini who arrives with his nose in the air showing off his ice-sculpting skills like a modern-day Michelangelo. **An Ale of Two Cities pdf editor** Faster than she can fling a Huckleberry Gin Sadie finds herself racing to make sure the police don't arrest the wrong suspect—all while sharing a flirtation with local brewery owner Grayson Blake,

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Sadie thinks the pub needs to have a team in the upcoming hockey tournament and she puts a motley crew together, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Grayson is still hanging around and definitely has something on his mind besides an upcoming hockey game: **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** Aunt Gilda and her friends are wrapped up in the chili supper but she is always there for Sadie: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** All the characters are genuine and people I would love to hang out with. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Chef Freddy is a real jerk and as such there are plenty of suspects, **An Ale of Two Cities pdf** Sadie is one of those sleuths that has good instincts but she doesn't always think things through before she opens her mouth or jumps into a situation. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** Of course.

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Is found dead with the missing ice pick used as the weapon so Sadie vows to find the real killer before her friend is pinned with the murder: **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** com/ Mystery The second installment in the Literary Pub Mystery series continues to entertain: **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** I've enjoyed this author's Pancake House Mystery series so there was no hesitation in starting this series. **PDF An Ale of Two cities** The setting is idyllic for a cozy mystery.

## Book An Ale of Two cities skylines

An Ale of Two Cities by Sarah Fox was an engaging addition to Ms. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** I find this series to be unusual due to the fact that the main character Sadie owns a literary pub, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The small cozy town of Shady Creek Vermont sounds idyllic but I wouldn't want to visit in the winter: **PDF An Ale of Two cities skylines** Fox's description of how cold it was outside was enough for me: **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** Sadie is smart independent and enthusiastic in supporting her business and her new home town: **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** The plot moved swiftly with enough twists and suspects to keep me guessing and turning the pages: **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** The romance is subtle and allowed me to get to know Sadie and Grayson better. **An Ale of Two Cities book** The secondary characters are intrinsic to the story and helped to move it along, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book from Kensington via NetGalley, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Mystery AN ALE OF TWO CITIES the solid second entry in the Literary Pub Mystery Series is a quintessential winter/holiday themed cozy mystery, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** With well defined characters a finely executed mystery and a snowy wonderland Vermont setting it hits all of the requirements of a quality cozy mystery: **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** Pub owner Sadie is busy with Shady Creeks' Winter Carnival festivities but she takes time out to support her employee and friend Mel who is competing in the ice carving contest, **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** She cannot help but notice another contestant obnoxious and full of himself hometown boy turned famous chef Freddy. **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** He is a real jerk to everyone who helped him become the success he is today: **An Ale of Two Cities pdf** When Sadie finds him stabbed to death with Mel's missing ice pick and Mel becomes the prime suspect she dives right in to find the real killer and clear Mel's name, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Author Sarah Fox does a fantastic job describing the idyllic Vermont setting making it feel like a vital character and placing readers right in the midst of the beauty and action. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** The pub is a wonderful spin on the traditional culinary cozy and I wish I could patronize the Inkwell. **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** I think the cozy literary atmosphere and tasty food and drinks make it an ideal place to hang out...and solve mysteries, **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** Yes she is nosy but her inquisitiveness comes from

a good heart sense of loyalty and a need for justice. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** She does face danger but never intentionally puts herself in "too stupid to live" situations, **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** The supporting cast of characters is interesting and varied and everyone serves a purpose in the story: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sadie's bumbling almost romance with brewery owner Grayson is endearing annoying and entertaining all at the same time. **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** I hope their relationship defines itself better in the coming books. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The victim is sufficiently unlikable and there are several suspects with viable relatable motives, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Clues sprinkled throughout the tale kept me vacillating about the killer's identity and I was surprised by the final revelation of whodunit, **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** AN ALE OF TWO CITIES is fun reading for any cozy mystery fan. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** I received an ARC of this title from the author and Kensington Publishers and voluntarily shared my thoughts here, **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** It opens with an ice carving contest where Mel one of the employees of Sadie's pub is competing, **An Ale of Two Cities pdf editor** During the competition her tools are stolen and although the large tools are found the small ones are not: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Later one of these tools is discovered as the tool used to murder a former town resident who has come back to the town specifically to compete in the ice carving: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** He spends the rest of his time marching around town belittling all of the residents he encounters many of whom helped him achieve his current level of success: **An Ale of Two Cities book** He is accompanied by his assistant Jade Mel's former girlfriend, **An Ale of Two Cities pdf** This sets Mel up as the number one suspect for the murder and leads Sadie to begin her own investigation to try and clear Mel of the charges, **An Ale of Two Cities booklet** During her investigations Sadie joins forces with Grayson who owns the local craft brewery, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** There is a growing attraction between Sadie and Grayson although their relationship is often characterized by misunderstandings and frustration: **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** The mystery itself is self-contained within the book so it is not necessary to have read the first book in the series to enjoy this one, **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** The mystery is a good plot although it could have been a bit tighter. **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** The murderer is easily identified by the reader by using the familiar expectation to look for the character who is usually around but not a central part of the action, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** There are some clues given along with some red herrings but they were not sufficient to cause me any doubt as to who was responsible for the murder, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** This is an easy book to read and would make a good airplane/train ride read: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The descriptions of Shady Creek as a winter wonderland are enticing and can help ease you into the spirit of the season with their descriptions, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** My thanks to Kensington Books and NetGalley for providing me with an Advanced Digital Reader copy in exchange for an unbiased review: **A town burgers and brews alliance** I look forward to reading the next book in the series to see how it grows: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** With her ideas as well as those of her new chefs the business keeps growing. **An Ale of Two Cities book** Mel is her right-hand bartender and waitstaff as well as a talented artist: **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** The winter carnival is in full swing and one of the big attractions is an ice sculpture contest that she is participating in, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Several contestants are from out of the area including a popular Boston chef who grew up in Shady Creek, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** One can tell by the way he carries himself and speaks to others that he is arrogant and has forgotten those who helped him learn and grow into the chef he is today: **PDF An Ale of Two cities skylines** Freddy is not well-liked among the people who attend the chili dinner that night at town hall. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** He and his step-brother Leo have words after Freddy blows off a man who had treated Freddy like a son, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** He even ignores a young woman who he dated for several years Penny who is hurt by his behavior: **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** He even fired his personal assistant Jade in front of everyone when he learned she bet on another contestant. **An Ale of Two Cities booklet** When Sadie left the chili

dinner at town hall she heard a clatter in the alley between the town hall and another building. **A town burgers and brews alliance** When she saw what looked like someone lying in the alley she found Freddy stabbed with an icepick. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** It is one of the hand tools that someone had stolen from Mel while she was at dinner with her initials on it. **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** Mel quickly becomes a prime suspect because Freddy is a top competitor in the contest: **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** She also has a history with Jade and Jade told a slight lie to the police thinking she was protecting Mel by giving her an alibi. **An Ale of Two Cities book** Sadie is determined to find who really did the deed as she believes Mel when she says she didn't do it, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** As the days go by one person is arrested for the murder then another victim killed before the person was arrested is found. **An Ale of Two Cities pdf editor** I enjoyed seeing Sadie's Aunt Gilda again as well as Sadie's best friend Shontelle and owner of the neighboring Spirit Hill Brewery Grayson, **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** I admit to being completely stumped regarding whodunit! I had what I thought were two possible suspects but neither had visible motives for both victims. **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** From a thankful heart: I received a complimentary copy of this novel; a positive review was not required. **A town burgers and brews alliance** Mystery Dollycas's ThoughtsWe arrive in Shady Creek Vermont just in time for the Winter Festival: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Tourists are pouring in along with the Shady Creek residents to enjoy the fun. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** A former resident has even come home to participate in the ice carving contest: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Freddy Mancini is now a chef who has a pretty high opinion of himself: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** He assumes he will grab the big \$5000 prize while rubbing his fame in everyone's faces, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sadie is cheering on her friend and employee Melanie "Mel" Costas who has won the last few years: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Mel isn't intimidated by Frankie but while on her lunch break someone steals all her tools: **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** She vows to soldier on as a friend returns to the park with her backup tools: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Turns out the chef had plenty of enemies but the evidence points clearly at Mel. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sadie is determined not to let her friend get iced for the crime even if it means some pain before the final gain, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** \_\_\_ I have been excited about this book since I finished the first one! I love the setting so much: **An Ale of Two Cities pdf filler** A pub full of books a menu full of literary-themed foods and drink all reached by going over a little footbridge above Shady Creek. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** The town park is nearby as are all the businesses and the community hall, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The snow would be a little iffy for me but everyone there loves it and takes it in stride, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** If I could go back in time I would have said yes when asked to take over my parent's tavern and turned it into a pub like the Inkwell, **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** Now I am delighted to escape to Sadie's pub within the pages of her books, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** I really like Sadie and she is surrounded by family and friends that support and love her, **An Ale of Two Cities booking** She dealt with some really heavy stuff in the last book but she is moving forward the best she can, **An Ale of Two Cities booking** She and the other characters continue to evolve in exciting ways: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The people who know her know she had nothing to do with the murder but there are some shaky times for her, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The author has plotted out a story with a plethora of twists that kept me guessing right up to the very end. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Set in the holiday season it is a perfect book to curl up with in front of a fire on a wintery afternoon or evening. **A town burgers and brews alliance** Skip to the end of the book for a cocktail recipe and fix yourself a Count Dracula or Evil Stepmother cocktail to enjoy while you're reading. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** Mystery Sarah Fox writer of cozy mysteries was born and raised in Vancouver British Columbia where she developed a love for mysteries at a young age, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** When not writing novels or working as a legal writer she is often reading her way through a stack of books or spending time outdoors with her English Springer Spaniel. **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sarah is the author of the Literary Pub Mysteries the

Pancake House Mysteries and the Music Lovers Mysteries. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sarah Fox writer of cozy mysteries was born and raised in Vancouver British Columbia where she developed a love for mysteries at a young age, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** When not writing novels or working as a legal writer she is often reading her way through a stack of books or spending time outdoors with her English Springer Spaniel, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sarah is the author of the Literary Pub Mysteries the Pancake House Mysteries and the Music Lover's Mysteries, **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** {site\_link} Want a fun and entertaining cozy read? Here you go!—An Ale of Two Cities, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** It's a winter wonderland in Vermont this December where Sadie Coleman owns her cheery literary-themed pub the Inkwell: **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** The annual Winter Carnival is holding an ice sculpting competition and one of Sadie's employees Melanie 'Mel' Costas has entered, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** One of the contestants is a homeboy made successful chef who has returned believing he's now better than everyone else, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Someone shows him he's no chip off the old block any longer—now he's stiff and dead: **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** Carnival attendees share theories about whodunnit and Mel is Suspect #1, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** I found this cozy novel a lot of fun to read! The main cast of secondary characters are great help to Sadie: **A town burgers and brews alliance** I always felt cozy reading the pub scenes and enjoyed the colorful names for the literary titled cocktails and menu items: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** I was completely thrown off track as to the psycho killer reveal: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** A very memorable Christmas tale! The author adds cocktail recipes for readers to try, **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** I reviewed a digital arc provided by NetGalley and Kensington Publishing, **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** Mystery I read the first book in this series last week and decided to jump right into the second in the series. **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** While this did have a well-done mystery and some fine additions of new characters (Booker the cook and his sister Teagan in particular) this didn't grab me, **PDF An Ale of Two cities skylines** I did like the setting of the Winter Carnival and the ice sculpting competition: **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** I kind of wished I'd read this during the Christmas/winter season because it was perfect with all the decorations and snow. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** There were a good number of suspects and the reveal of the murderer was well done: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** This one also had subsequent murders after the main one creating quite a web. **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** The romance with Grayson is heating up but I'm still neutral on it: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** To be fair I rarely find the romantic thread in cozies satisfying or worth the time taken in the telling, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** As to the recipes in the back of the book I'm still glad they're here but alas I was hoping for the chilled avocado soup and it was not to be, **A town burgers and brews alliance** I'll definitely read the next in the series when it comes out: **An Ale of Two Cities pdfiller** Mystery An Ale of Two Cities by Sarah Fox is the second book in the cozy Literary Pub Mystery series, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** As with most cozy series each book of the series contains it's own mystery that will be solved so they can be read as a standalone if choosing to do so. **A town burgers and brews alliance** Of course there will be character development that carries over from book to book for those that follow the series from the beginning. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** Sadie's bookish side put a spin on the Inkwell in which she serves up themed cocktails and hosts many book club events in her literary themed rooms, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** It's now time for the winter carnival in Shady Creek Vermont with the small town all decorated and lit up as Christmas is coming soon: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sadie's friend and employee Mel is competing in this year's ice carving competition and Sadie plans to root her on. **A town burgers and brews alliance** However Sadie's ice carving tools go missing during the competition and her biggest competitor Freddy Mancini a fictional town set in Vermont, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** What drew me to the series was the unique spin on the culinary cozy - I love that the pub owned by Sadie has a literary theme to it. **An Ale of Two Cities booklet** Sadie is a good character and the author has done a good job of developing her over the course of the two books and starting to really

define her: **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** There is a budding romance with Grayson the owner of the local brewery but it is progressing slowly and clumsily which is a nice change of pace. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Small town kid who makes it big on the restaurant scene in Boston returns home for the Winter Carnival, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Fox to give the reader a number of plausible suspects all with good believable motives, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** There were plenty of clues and twist for the readers to follow in this story. **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** The suspect was unmasked in a climactic reveal and once again I didn't see this person as the murderer: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** This is an entertaining series that has a great setting interesting characters solid mysteries and plots that move the story along at a good pace. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** I voluntarily read a digital ARC provided to me by the publisher through Netgalley. **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** Mystery AN ALE OF TWO CITIES by Sarah Fox is the second book in the Literary Pub Mystery series. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** This is a cozy mystery series that centers on a literary-themed pub the Inkwell and its owner Sadie Coleman: **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** The pub serves food and drink that have book pun names and the shelves in the pub are full of Sadie's book collection. **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** The story begins as Sadie and the town of Shady Creek Vermont gear up for the annual Winter Carnival, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Sadie has only been in town for six months and is looking forward to all of the events. **PDF An Ale of Two cities** Her pub is hosting a literary quiz but there are many events planned. **An Ale of Two Cities pdf editor** When a famous chef that grew up in the town comes back to compete in the ice sculpture competition and is later found dead by Sadie tensions and accusations arise: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Many people had reasons to despise the chef and the pursuit of the killer's identity unfolds with lots of twists and turns, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** She wants to help support the town and her friends and employees, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** She is definitely someone you can cheer on as her investigations unfold to ensure that the real killer is found: **An Ale of Two Cities ebooks free** The plot twists were believable and the characters were well defined. **A town burgers and brews alliance** The author did a great job of bringing the winter setting and the town to life. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** There is even a bit of a romance forming to add to the enjoyment without detracting from the mystery. **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** If you like cozy mystery books then you will likely enjoy this story as much as I did, **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** For those that like cocktails there are even a few recipes for literary-themed drinks at the end of the book. **An Ale of Two Cities mystery ranch** Many thanks to Kensington Books and Sarah Fox for a digital ARC of this novel via NetGalley and the opportunity to provide an honest review: **EPub An Ale of Two cities skylines** Mystery



In this intoxicating mystery by USA Today bestselling author Sarah Fox a winter carnival becomes a recipe for disaster when a Shady Creek celebrity gets iced, **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** The Winter Carnival always brings holiday cheer Christmas joy—and tourists with cash—to picturesque Shady Creek Vermont: **An Ale of Two Cities kindle cloud** During the artists' break in the night-long contest Mel's tools disappear : **An Ale of Two Cities booklet** and Freddy is found dead with her missing pick in his chest: **Book An Ale of Two cities skylines** Although the police

turn their attention to Mel it seems everyone in town had a grudge against Freddy including his assistant his mentor his former flame and even his half-brother, **An Ale of Two Cities booklet** Their chemistry leads to a heated rivalry at the hockey rink—and to the hot pursuit of a killer. The mystery is very well done too. I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley. For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews>. Fox's Literary Pub series. I love that idea and would love to visit one. Ms. I laughed during the hockey game. I'm looking forward to more in this series. All of the above opinions are my own. Sadie is a competent intelligent amateur sleuth. The mystery is well constructed. It provided a satisfying end to a challenging puzzle. Highly recommended. Sadie has lived in Shady Creek about six months. Eli had taught him how to cook in his own restaurant. And not just any icepick. Okay the setting is ideal but so are the characters. Mel is in the hot seat this time. Meanwhile that adds to the drama and the fun. An Ale of Two Cities is a very entertaining read. Her handsome long-haired cat Wimsey is a comfort. Clues are expertly woven into the smartly plotted manuscript. Thank you. This one is no worse than others. The cocktail/mocktail sounds tasty however. Recommended for series readers. The secondary characters are all likable and compliment Sadie. I thought the mystery was well done. Too bad he is a jerk and completely unlikable. This allows Ms. I'm looking forward to more in this series. It worked as a stand-alone novel for me. Sadie is a strong and intelligent protagonist. This was a fun read and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I look forward to reading the next novel in this series. Opinions are mine alone and are not biased in any way. . An Ale of Two Cities (Literary Pub Mystery #2).