



The Chinese Takeout

By Judith Cutler

ALLISON BUSBY, United Kingdom, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 172 x 112 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. It s morning service in a quiet village church. Josie Welford, wealthy widow of one of the country s most wanted criminals and now licensee of the White Hart gastro-pub, is day-dreaming during Father Tim Martin s sermon. Suddenly, the peace is shattered when a filthy Chinese youth flings himself into the church and demands sanctuary. Should the Church accede to the request for protection that no longer has legal standing? Or should it hand Tang over to the authorities? Josie supports Tim s decision to protect Tang, but not all the congregation agree, taking their grievances to the Church hierarchy. But, Josie s friend and long-term lodger, the Food Standards Agency inspector Nick Thomas, fears for the boy s life. Tang is almost certainly an illegal immigrant whose gang-masters would rather have dead than able to betray them. It s not long before the media are involved, the subsequent publicity bringing fatal results, not just to the priest and the refugee, but to St. Jude s itself. At last the police are interested, but their investigations are strangely slow. Mysteriously,...



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