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Antiques to Die For.

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In her third adventure, antiques appraiser and business owner Josie Prescott investigates when her good friend, Rosalie Chaffee, is found washed up on the local beach in Rocky Point, New Hampshire. There are numerous motives for her murder: Rosalie was being bothered by a persistent secret admirer, and she was having an affair with a married man. Paige, Rosalie's younger sister, hires Josie to appraise Rosalie's estate and to identify the valuable object Rosalie had told Paige the family owned. Soon Josie starts receiving unwanted attention from her own secret admirer (or has Rosalie's lover transferred his attentions?), prompting Josie's boyfriend, police chief Ty Alvarez, to offer police protection. The engaging Josie does her best to help Paige both personally and professionally while expanding her business, furthering her romance with Ty. A subplot involving Whistler's palette is entwined through the main story, allowing the author to delve into the antiques authentication process. Anyone who collects antiques will enjoy this satisfying cozy.

— *Sue O'Brien*