A haunted castle, a pair of international jewel thieves, and a hotel fire -- so begins Regan and Jack Reillys honeymoon in Ireland . . . Private Investigator Regan Reilly and her husband, Jack, head of the Major Case Squad in New York City, have just gotten hitched! Theyve headed to Hennessy Castle, a romantic spot in western Ireland -- seemingly the perfect place to escape the world and the criminals they deal with daily -- to begin their lives together. But Hennessy Castle is hardly relaxing! Their first afternoon in Ireland, Regan and Jack go out for a jog, stopping at an old graveyard at the edge of town. The first tombstone they see is marked REILLY. Turns out May Reilly, who died in 1822, was a talented lacemaker who made an exquisite tablecloth for a banquet at Hennessy Castle but was never paid. Legend has it that May has haunted the castle ever since. Awakened in the middle of the night, Regan spots a mysterious woman on the back lawn of the castle. At the sound of Jacks voice, Regan turns her head for a moment. When she turns back, the woman is gone. A moment later, the hotels fire alarm goes off. In the ensuing melee, Regan and Jack meet a young American Irish couple, Sheila and Brian OShea, who have started a business selling Irish memorabilia -- but on this trip to Ireland their business is to pick up paintings theyve commissioned from a superstitious amateur artist who doesnt realize the value of her work. The last thing these two online entrepreneurs want is for Regan and Jack to figure out what theyre up to. The following morning, May Reillys famous tablecloth is discovered missing from the memorabilia room at the castle, and a note has been left for Jack by an elderly couple who checked out immediately after the fire. The elderly couple is, in fact, two international jewel thieves in disguise, who refer to themselves as Jane and John Doe. Taunting Jack, who has been on their trail for more than a year, they claim responsibility for the theft of May Reillys tablecloth, knowing full well that Jack wont be able to enjoy his honeymoon when he finds out they were right under his nose and may still be in Ireland. With the help of Regans Irish cousin -- Galway resident Gerard Reilly -- Regan and Jack hunt for the thieves who have eluded law enforcement for too long. Their search
takes as many twists and turns as the winding country roads of the Emerald Isle, as they travel from tiny villages to the crowded pubs of Galway and back to Hennessy Castle -- where May Reilly is not resting in her grave! Filled with Irish history and lore, and a cast of quirky characters on both sides of the Atlantic, Laced will take you on a journey that will keep you laughing, turning pages, and maybe even believing in ghosts!

Poor Regan Reilly and Jack no relation Reilly her newly wedded husband! First in Hitched her wedding gown is stolen the week before the ceremony and now on the first full day of their honeymoon in a reputedly haunted Irish Castle they are quickly involved in a mystery.

They go for an afternoon jog and find a gravestone for May Reilly and learn at dinner from their server that it is she who is supposed to haunt Hennessy Castle. May created a beautiful lace tablecloth for the owners of the castle but wasn’t paid. In fact, their waiter tells them the tablecloth is on display in the upstairs museum of the castle. That night sometime around 4am Regan jerks awake and looks out the window to see a woman in dark clothes holding something white down by the lake and shaking her fist at the castle. As Jack wakes up and asks Regan what is up, they both smell smoke and the castle fire alarms sent them hustling to the smoky lobby.

The guests all gather and the hotel managers asks them to step outside as the firemen clear the kitchen as it was a kitchen fire. Jack and Regan meet a young American couple, Sheila and Bryan OShea, who own a catalog business that sells Irish memorabilia emblazoned with family crests. They offer to leave a catalog for the Reillys at the hotel/castle front desk. Regan tells them she is a private investigator with her own firm and that Jack is head of the NYPD Major Case Squad. Sheila asks them if they have seen May Reillys tablecloth yet and tells them how beautiful it is and they promise to go see it later that day.

The next morning one of Jacks co-workers calls from New York to let him know that a paid informant has left him a message that the notorious jewel thieves known as John and Jane Doe have said they are going to Ireland to ruin Jacks honeymoon! Jack promises to be on the alert and his co-worker, Keith, also promises to keep in touch. While Jack and Regan are in the lobby getting coffee, the housekeeper comes running to the front desk and is yelling that May Reillys lace tablecloth has been stolen. The display cash is broken and the tablecloth gone! Jack and Regan survey the scene with the hotel/castle manager as the garda are called. It turns out one elderly couple left very early that morning. They also left an envelope for Jack. Guess who?

Lots of fun and excitement as the reader gets to know John and Jane Doe and many side mysteries involving others at the castle. A fun novel as always!