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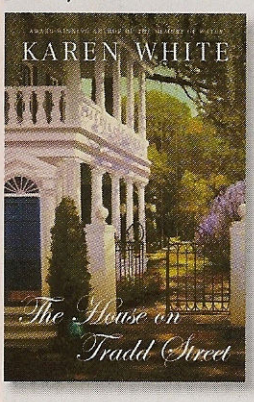
THE HOUSE ON TRADD STREET

BY KAREN WHITE
(NEW AMERICAN LIBRARY, $14)

All the elements of a page-turner await in this mystery/love story that takes place in Charleston, South Carolina. Main character Melanie Middleton sells historic homes, eats too much sugar, and practices order and rational thinking in her everyday life. All of that (except the too much sugar part) gets hoisted out the architecturally stunning window when she inherits a historic home in *The House on Tradd Street.*

Writer Karen White manages to weave a believable thread of the supernatural into her intricate tapestry of history, loss, and redemption. By book's conclusion, Melanie gains a grudging respect for her own history as well as that of her home. "This house is more than brick, mortar, and lumber. It's a connection to the past and those who have gone before us. It's memories and belonging....It's a piece of history you can hold in your hand."