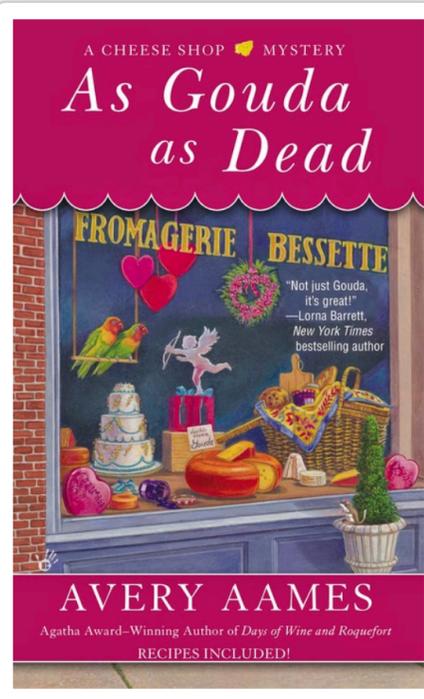


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## Cozy Mystery Blog Tour: Author Guest Post, Review & Giveaway: As Gouda as Dead (Cheese Shop Mystery #6) by Avery Aames



### Someone is cheesed off . . .

Providence, Ohio, is celebrating Valentine's Day with weeklong events, including lovers' baskets with heart-shaped cheeses at Fromagerie Bessette. Charlotte Bessette is celebrating by finally walking down the aisle with the man of her dreams, handsome artisanal cheese farmer, Jordan Pace. But when a beloved bar owner is discovered murdered on Jordan's farm, he believes they should reschedule their wedding given the grim turn of events.

Charlotte is heartsick over the postponement. This killer crossed the wrong woman. No one, but no one, is ruining her wedding plans!

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HOW TO GET IT ALL DONE WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND!  
FIVE TIPS FROM...

Daryl Wood Gerber aka Avery Aames

Author of The Cookbook Nook Mysteries & The Cheese Shop Mysteries

*Are you doing too much? Do you need to find balance? I overdo. All the time. I write, I cook, I have a family, I have an active dog that requires a lot of attention! I try to do it all "perfectly" every day, and often I find I have to collapse in a puddle of tears. Okay, that might be a little dramatic, but I definitely slump into a chair (no tears).*

*Now, I'm not a therapist, but here are a few tips I've added to my coping toolbox. I hope they can be of help to you:*

#1 Breathe. This is vital. Repeat as necessary.

#2 Make a list. Cross off items as they are accomplished. Add new ones. Seeing things in black and white helps calm the brain.

#3 When choosing between items on your to-do list, limit yourself to a top 5. Those absolutely MUST get done today. Everything else can wait. The world will not explode.

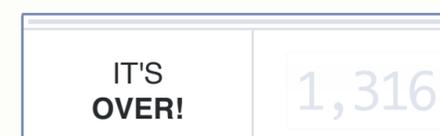
#4 Walk. No, that doesn't mean you have to get on a treadmill and go at top speed for an hour. Take ten minutes and walk around the block, around your house, up and down a set of stairs, in the garden. Then give your body a pat on the back for taking you through the day. [If you can't walk because, well, you know, ailments, time constraints or other impediments, consider doing

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something with your arms. Raise light barbells, a brick of cheese, or boxes of cookies over your head twenty times. Anything to make your heart work. Remember to tell your body thank you at the end.]

#5 Be thankful. You're above ground. You're still breathing (if you followed tip #1). There are possibilities as long as we have the will to live. Thanking those who help you on your journey as well as thanking yourself for being there through thick and thin is important.

Last tip: Say cheese! It makes you smile. If you can, take a moment and taste a morsel of something yummy and say *mmmm*.

"Life is great; cheese makes it better."  
~Avery Aames



Avery Aames, author of *A Cheese Shop Mystery* for Berkley Prime Crime, is the pseudonym for Daryl Wood Gerber. Daryl created the format for the popular sitcom, "Out of this World" and has won awards for her screenplays. She also writes short stories and suspense novels. Not one to simply read and cook, she tends to look for adventure. She has hitchhiked around Ireland by herself and she has jumped out of a perfectly good airplane.

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The *Cheese Shop Mystery* series continues to be a go-to when it comes to cozies. With its picturesque setting and a town where romance fills the air, it's hard to see why anyone wouldn't want to get lost in these books!

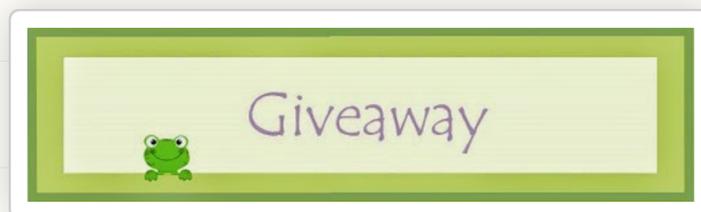
Charlotte and her beau, Jordan, are a perfect combination. Throughout the series, their relationship has bloomed tremendously, and I was thrilled to see them finally taking that last step toward forever. Of course, it wouldn't be a cozy without a little mishap thrown in there to delay them!

The mystery itself is clever, as always. It takes you in one direction and just when you think you've got it figured out, it shoots off in a completely different one and leaves you in awe of how the chain of events transpired. Simply brilliant writing.

I've been a fan of this series from the get go and these books just keep getting better. I can't wait to see what's in store for the *Cheese Shop Mysteries* in the future!

Rating: **5 stars**

*I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. All conclusions reached are my own.*



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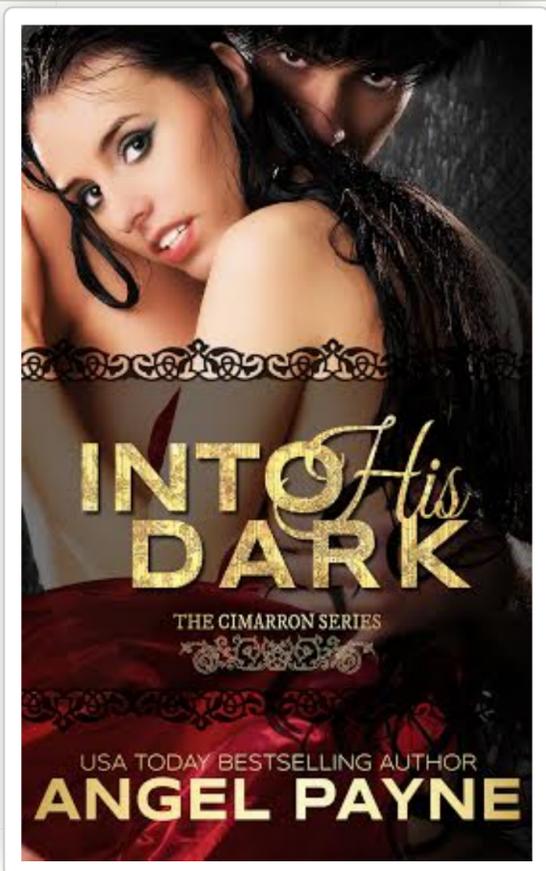
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USA Today Bestseller Angel Payne unveils the first full-length novel of a sensual new series, set in a land of breathtaking beauty...hiding a world of dark and illicit desires.

**The Cimarrons...** They're the mysterious, magnetic ruling family of the most secretive kingdom on earth: the Island of Arcadia. No Westerners have ever been allowed inside Arcadia's borders...until now. Book 1 is **INTO HIS DARK... A new adventure...** Camellia "Cam" Saxon struggles not to pinch herself. Is she really here, as a guest in the castle of the world's most mysterious royal family, working on the only western film crew allowed on the island of Arcadia? A year ago, she was the girl who finished college with a sigh instead of a bang, moving on to a safe job and a steady suburban routine without a blink. Until she receives a call from a film graduate buddy that will change everything. **A dangerous desire...** Cam's excitement turns to dread inside one instant--as soon as she lays eyes on Evrest Cimarron. Beautiful, chiseled, commanding, and regal, he turns her logic into ash and her blood into fire--making it damn near impossible to remember the crown on his head. As an Arcadian alone, Evrest must be thrust onto Cam's don't-even-go-there column. As the leader of the kingdom, he must also be the face on her delete key--a fantasy never to be fed...ever. **A journey to the forbidden...** A mishap lands Cam in Evrest's most secret chambers, surrounded by luxury beyond imagination--and seduced by a creature who is no longer charming host and alluring king but powerful, passionate man--who craves nothing but her in his arms. Beneath Evrest's touch, Cam learns she has new identities, too, The sensible girl is abandoned for a woman of dark and sinful desires It's the most incredible night of her life. The most perfect man she's known. The most flawless fit for her soul. A mistake she can never make again.

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Hi there. I'm Angel: book lover, writing addict, hopeless romantic, pop culture geek and avid shoe lover. A bit about me... I've been hooked on books since I was a kid but it got worse in my twenties, when I discovered romances--the hotter, the better. Growing up in Southern California, with lots of surfer manliness surrounded me, was certainly a good boost for reading about delicious alpha guys and the women who adore them. When I learned I had a knack for telling these stories too, I guess you could say I was doomed--though my path toward romance novelist took a few detours via a concert-reviewing gig for my college newspaper (free show tickets...backstage passes...that was a no-brainer), artist interviews for a Beverly Hills dance music mag, personal assistant work for a record producer, dance club disc jockey, and a lot of fun in the hospitality industry. These days, I still live in California, and have found an amazing alpha guy of my own who was brave enough to marry me. We live on a street that looks like Brigadoon, with our beautiful daughter. I have the best life ever, and never forget to thank the Big Guy Upstairs for it, either.

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Caprice De Luca's latest house staging is all about hearts, flowers, lace and chintz since Valentine's Day is around the corner. She never expects her client to be murdered in the greenhouse the day of the open house.

With her six-month-old pup Lady by her side and her own love life in disarray, Caprice ferrets out clues from the victim's best friend, Caprice's mother, the housekeeper and a special male friend who insists his relationship with the victim was platonic. However, as Caprice digs deeper, she finds the victim's past is filled with secrets that she kept from her husband for thirty years.

The past isn't merely history. The present isn't always what it seems. When hearts are involved, passion and even murder aren't far behind.

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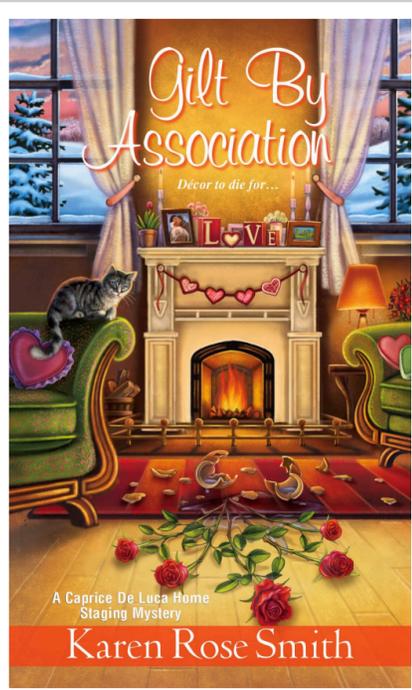
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In my Caprice De Luca home staging series, Caprice takes in strays and either adopts them or finds them homes. Little did I know when I conceived this series and began writing it, my husband and I would be doing the same. Dream it and it becomes a reality?

I had begun writing the first novel in the series which was STAGED TO DEATH when we found six week old Zoie Joy in a gnarled redbud bush in our yard and knew it was love at first sight. At least I did. That day was my deceased parents' anniversary. The day was 98 degrees and humid. Zoie was malnourished and dehydrated. Through later development, I learned she must have been with siblings because she wanted to jump on our twelve-year-old cat Ebbie, nip at her and wrestle with her. Ebbie wanted none of it. I spent hours upon hours just holding Zoie Joy close to my heart and stroking her. She had to be segregated for two weeks in a sunroom because of getting through a flea treatment. Then it was another 10 days because of an eye problem. Finally we could integrate her with our two twelve year old cats, Ebbie and London. It took a year until there was true harmony in the house.



Last summer brought a new kind of upheaval. Lancelot, a yellow tabby, first came to our yard protecting a kitten. He had obviously been in a fight, possibly protecting the little one. Lance would check the perimeter of the yard while the little one was eating. We were considering capturing the kitten when it stopped coming. I'm hoping someone rescued him. But Lance kept coming. We earned his trust by just sitting on the patio while he ate. His cheek, his worst injury began to heal and so did his other wounds but something was wrong with his tooth. Finally when he couldn't eat, we took him to the emergency ER. There we received the devastating news that he had FIV. Lance was the sweetest yellow tabby I ever knew. Once he adopted us, he stayed. We took care of him as long as we could and he took a piece of our heart when he died.

Ebbie was my soul mate cat. We rescued her on a snowy day before Christmas. She and I had a bond from the first day that transcended cat-human relations. She was a very sick kitten and I sat up many nights massaging her sinuses so she could breathe. When she was well, she would sit where I needed her comfort most—I have fibromyalgia and osteoarthritis. We spent day and night together. But I was careful with Lance because of her—she had a recessive virus that could emerge again if she was stressed. I used Chlorox wipes and took showers any time I handled Lance which was about 4 times a day.

This Mother's Day, a tortoiseshell, malnourished cat took a nap in our garden. Although she was tortoiseshell, the last two inches of her tail were yellow tabby. For that reason we called her Halo. Halo had digestive issues we could only help by cooking for her. I had the feeling she came to us to nest and I was right. She was pregnant. After a vet visit and an emergency vet visit, we brought her inside and kept her in my office. In July she delivered three live kittens there. We helped them thrive and grow. The journey with them was amazing and I documented it on my blog. We decided to keep Halo and one of the kittens we named Paddington. Thank goodness we did. Because two months after the kittens were born, we lost Ebbie to a sudden heart attack. I was devastated. Having Halo and the kittens here helped.

One of the kittens, Tia, went to her adoptive home at thirteen weeks. Although we integrated Halo, Mason and



Paddington with our two year old Zoie, Mason left for his forever home at 15 weeks. Our 14 year old gray tabby London still spends most of her time upstairs while the rest of our feline family lives downstairs. But she is visiting the others more and more and creating her own kind of kinship with them.

In each mystery Caprice finds a stray cat or dog. The solution can be finding the animal a good home or as in the case of the litter of cocker spaniel puppies she helped deliver, finding adoptive parents for more than one. Or she can add fur babies to her family. Little did I know when I began writing the Caprice De Luca home staging mystery series that my life would

begin to mirror hers!



Award-winning author Karen Rose Smith was born in Pennsylvania. Although she was an only child, she remembers the bonds of an extended family. Family is a strong theme in her books and she suspects her childhood memories are the reason.

In college, Karen began writing poetry and also met her husband to be. They both began married life as teachers, but when their son was born, Karen decided to try her hand at a home-decorating business.

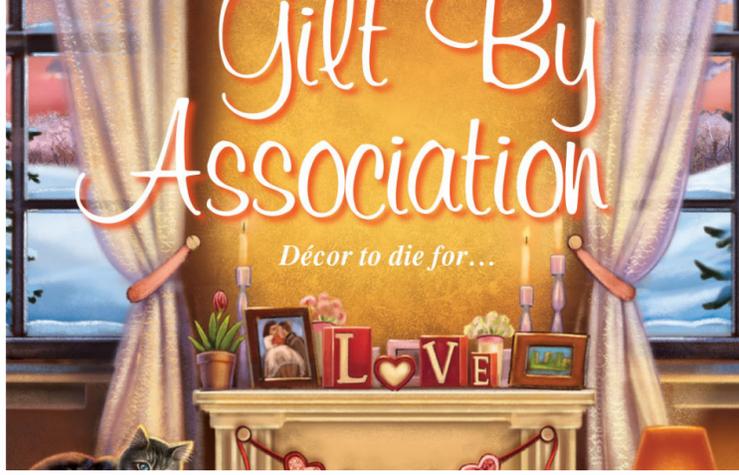
She returned to teaching for a while but changes in her life led her to writing relationship novels. Now she writes romances as well as mysteries full time. Her first book was published in 1992; her 80th novel will be published in 2013. A winner of New Jersey's Golden Leaf Award in Short Contemporary Romance, Colorado Romance Writers Award Of Excellence for short contemporary, as well as the Phoenix Desert Rose Chapter's

Golden Quill for Traditional Romance, she has also been honored with Cataromance.com's award for Best Special Edition and Washington Romance Writers Career Achievement Award. Her romances have made both the USA TODAY list and the Amazon Romance and Contemporary Romance Bestseller lists.

She has written for Meteor/Kismet, Kensington, Silhouette and Harlequin. Readers can contact Karen through her website, on Facebook (Karen Rose Smith Author) and on Twitter @ Karenrosesmith. They can also follow her monthly e-zine IN TOUCH with KAREN ROSE SMITH which has the latest news about her books, recipes and contests.



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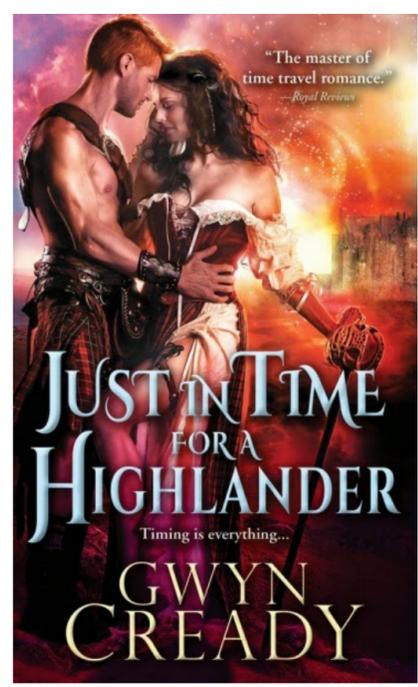
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## Spotlight Blitz, Excerpt & Giveaway: Just in Time for a Highlander (Sirens of the Scottish Borderlands #1) by Gwyn Cready



### For Duncan MacHarg, things just got real...

Battle reenactor and financier Duncan MacHarg thinks he has it made—until he lands in the middle of a real Clan Kerr battle and comes face to face with their beautiful, spirited leader. Out of time and out of place, Duncan must use every skill he can muster to earn his position among the clansmen and in the heart of the devastatingly intriguing woman to whom he must pledge his oath.

### Abby needs a hero and she needs him now

When Abigail Ailich Kerr sees a handsome, mysterious stranger materialize in the midst of her clan's skirmish with the English, she's stunned to discover he's the strong arm she's been praying for. Instead of a tested fighter, the fierce young chieftess has been given a man with no measurable battle skills and a damnably distracting smile. And the only way to get rid of him is to turn him into a Scots warrior herself—one demanding and intimate lesson at a time.

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“Undine, do you see what your magic has wrought?” Abby stabbed a finger in Duncan’s direction.

The woman gave him a full look and her eyes widened. “Oh. Oh, dear.”

“What magic?” Duncan demanded.

Undine regarded him thoughtfully. “He’s handsome, at least. And tall. That could be useful. But that hair...”

“If I wanted handsome, Rosston would certainly do. He at least wields a real sword.” She took

Undine by the elbow and turned her away from Duncan. “The poor man appears to have no skills beyond his fists,” she said in a lowered voice. “And I think he’s addled in his head—like Hal the sheep shearer.”

“What were you thinking?” Undine demanded.

“What was I thinking?! ’Twas your herbs.”

“I mean when you opened the paper.”

“I didn’t open the paper. It was shot out of my hand.”

“All of it?!” Undine paled.

“Except for the part that flew in my mouth.” Abby wiped the back of her hand across her tongue and made a sharp sound of disgust. “It tasted like burnt groats.”

Duncan had had enough of being ignored. “What herbs? What magic? What are you talking about? Did you bring me here?”

Undine considered. “You could try to make do with him.”

“Make do?!” Abby cried. “You make do with him! Can’t you see this is the last thing I need with the clans right now?” She pulled herself onto the horse. “You need to get rid of him.”

The “get rid of him” made Duncan’s stomach tighten. “No. Wait—”

“Abby?” a voice called from beyond the trees. “Abby, are you there?”

“Oh, God help us, it’s Rosston.” Abby gave Duncan a warning look. “Don’t say another word.”

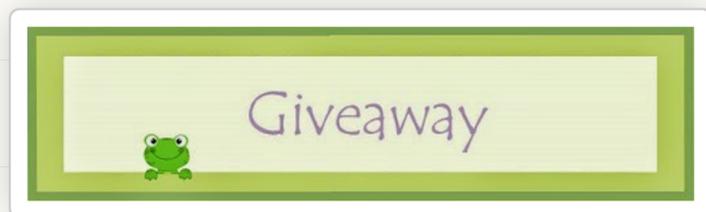
“No!” Duncan grabbed her pommel. “I want to go home! Send me home! I don’t know what you two witches have done.”

“Silence, you fool.” She jerked the reins in an effort to keep the beast from lurching. The arrow fell from her bow.

A kilted clansman crested the rise.

“You, there!” Duncan called to the man. “Help me. These women have—”

Duncan felt a thwack on the head, and the world went dark.

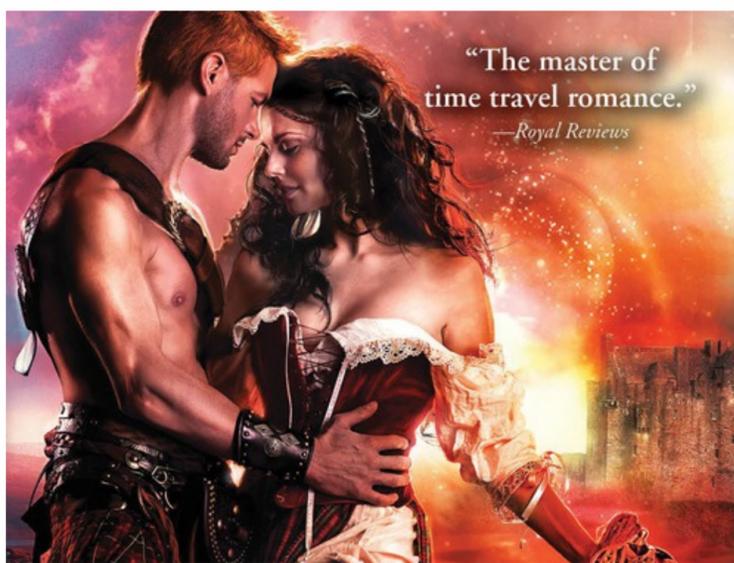


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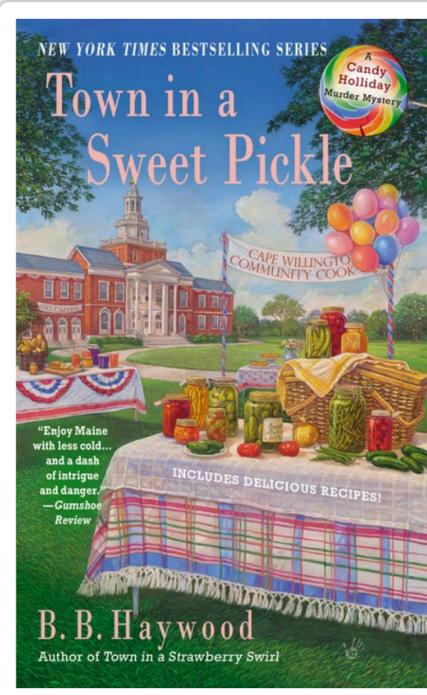


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**Cozy Blog Tour: Review, Author Guest Post & Giveaway: Town in a Sweet Pickle (Candy Holliday #6) by B.B. Haywood**



In the quiet coastal community of Cape Willington, Maine, Candy Holliday is a local farmer who dutifully tends to her blueberry fields—and steps in to solve the occasional murder . . .

When Candy organizes a cooking event for her local newspaper, the town's most prominent citizens turn out to witness the popular cookbook author Julia von Fleming serve as a guest judge. But when Julia comes close to consuming a poisoned pickle, she begins to suspect someone in Cape Willington is trying to kill her—and Candy is completely jarred to be among the suspects.

But the first taste was just a sample, and soon more jars of poisoned pickles begin to pop up around town. In the face of a pickled poisoning spree, Candy will have to track down the culprit to make sure her own name stays well-preserved. Along the way, she'll pull the lid off a briny barrel of blackmail, thievery, and revenge that's been souring their seaside hometown for years...

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**Poisoning by Pickles  
or  
Cleopatra's Demise**

by Cleopatra Sylvetina Evangeline Curiosity Longfellow (2008-2015)  
as translated by B.B. Haywood

*Translator's Note: The latest Candy Holliday Murder Mystery, "Town in a Sweet Pickle," recounts the unfortunate demise of a certain beloved goat named Cleopatra Longfellow. Below, we present the final moments of Cleopatra's life, as told from her unique perspective.*

I was happily chewing on the fallen crabapples in the front yard of our house on Gleason Street in Cape Willington, Maine, when a car sped towards me down the driveway. My goat instincts screamed, "Block this mad driver from trespassing in my yard!" I am rather territorial, after all, just like my owner, who wasn't around at the moment to protect our place. So I ran over and stood my ground to block the driveway. The woman behind the wheel hit the brakes and beeped on the car horn until I couldn't bear the loud sound. Clearly my hearing is more delicate than hers, so I moved off to the side, out of the way.

I recognized this woman when she leaped out of her car like a goat. I think my owner, Sally Ann Longfellow, calls her Wanda Boyle. She is a boisterous human for certain. I watched her run up the side steps of the house and bang on the door. "Sally Ann isn't home," I yelled, but Wanda didn't seem to understand me. She then looked down at a jar Sally Ann had left out on the porch for reasons unknown to me. I heard Wanda mumble something like, "That doesn't look right." "Hey Wanda!" I bleated. "That's shiny and looks edible! I'm sure it was meant for me." But again, she didn't understand me. Silly woman.

I watched Wanda walk down off the porch and around to the side of the steps so she could get a better look at the jar from ground level, since she didn't want to bend over too far in her rather tight pants. She looked annoyed, impatient, and a bit confused by it. Her eyes closed, then popped wide open like she'd seen a ghost. I wanted to see the ghost too! I ran over and gave Wanda a butt in the backside, knocking her to the ground. That got her out of the way, so I could climb the steps myself and knock over the jar with my nose, sending it flying in the air until it crashed on the walkway and broke open. Ah yes! It was filled with deliciousness! Pickles, I think they were called. Wonderful pickles. They tasted a little funny but I didn't care. I'll eat anything. I had several, although that annoying lady Wanda got her big hands on one of them.

The commotion brought my sister Guinevere nosing her way over. I let her know this is *my* prize, *my* ghost to eat. I quickly gobbled as many of the green spears as I could. That's when the burning and dizziness started. My belly rumbled. I felt very strange. Before I knew what was happening, my legs collapsed underneath me. The sight of Wanda's horrified expression was the last thing I remember.

I didn't know at the time that I was the first of two murders to take place in Cape Willington that day. But I do believe I had the better funeral!

**Sally Ann Longfellow's Obituary for Cleopatra Longfellow**  
Published in the *Cape Crier*, the local newspaper for Cape Willington, Maine

**A Remembrance of Cleopatra**  
by Sally Ann Longfellow

Curiosity killed Cleopatra the goat.  
Why oh why did you have to be so greedy and eat the pickles?  
You were my friend, my child, my companion, and sister to Guinevere.  
I will miss you walking by my side,  
Miss your ever-present annoying nosing in on everything,  
Miss your ever-present love.  
My beautiful Cleopatra, rest in peace.

NOTE: *Town in a Sweet Pickle* will be published on Feb. 3, 2015, by Berkeley Prime Crime, and available in both print and as a digital book. Other titles in the *New York Times* bestselling series include *Town in a Strawberry Swirl*, *Town in a Pumpkin Bash*, and *Town in a Blueberry Jam*. Large print editions of all the books and an audiobook of *Town in a Blueberry Jam* are also available. For more information on the series, visit [www.holidaysblueberryacres.com](http://www.holidaysblueberryacres.com).

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B. B. Haywood is a pseudonym of writing team Beth Feeman and Robert Feeman. They conceived the idea for the Candy Holliday mysteries while driving around the Maine countryside, stopping at different small towns throughout the state.



**What I Liked:**

\*The Setting - There is nothing like a small cozy town set on/near the coast. It's like a hidden gem just waiting to be discovered and explored. It makes it feel like somewhere I can't wait to be!

\*The Food - Enough said. Any of the cozies with food has me sold. And this one using pickles... yes! Who doesn't love pickles?! :)

\*The Pacing - I love a story that keeps up a steady pace. *Town in a Sweet Pickle* has a wonderful pace. The story moves along beautifully and kept me thoroughly engaged.

\*The Characters - Candy is a great cozy heroine with a lot of tenacity. The friends and family she surrounds herself with add depth, wit and charm.

**What I Didn't Like:**

\*The Heroine's Impulsivity - While I very much enjoy Candy and her tenacity, she has a tendency of getting herself caught in precarious situations because she acts impulsively and doesn't really think things through. While this can help her at times, it becomes tiring to think that someone that comes across as being so smart would make such silly decisions.

**Overall:**

I really liked *Town in a Sweet Pickle*. The author does a tremendous job of keeping the cozy feel of the story, and yet brings a light thrill to the storyline. Being the sixth book in this series, it sure does show a lot of promise for the future books yet to come. I'll be eagerly awaiting those!

Rating: **4 stars**

*I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. All conclusions reached are my own.*





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