BOOK CLUB KIT

THE TEXAS MURDER FILES

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Thank you so much for selecting *Deep Tide* for your next book club read!

Deep Tide is set in the coastal town of Lost Beach, where chef Leyla Breda and her family are gathered for her brother Joel's wedding. Leyla has just finished catering the reception when she discovers a dead body behind her shop and gets swept into a murder investigation. When Joel's friend Sean Moran takes an interest in Leyla and the unusual events surrounding her, it doesn't take Leyla long to figure out that Sean is concealing a close connection to the case.

I had so much fun researching Leyla's culinary skills! Besides learning all about cake decorating, I took cooking classes and learned the many challenges of creating the perfect French macaron. Leyla was such a fun heroine to write!

I would love to hear from you! Please drop me a line if you would like me to send you a batch of autographed *Deep Tide* bookmarks for your next gathering. You can reach me at laura@lauragriffin.com.*

Enjoy the book!

Jaura

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Jeyla's Passion Fruit Cocktail

INGREDIENTS:

1/3 c. passion fruit sparkling soda, chilled

1 T. orange liqueur (I use Cointreau)

2/3 c. Prosecco Rosé, chilled

Curl of orange peel or berries for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

In a champagne flute, combine passion fruit soda, orange liqueur, and Prosecco. Garnish with a curl of orange peel. Enjoy!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What do you think about Leyla's "most important rule"? Do you think she is wise to reject Sean before she even gets to know him, simply because she sees him as a tourist?
- 2. Leyla catches Sean in a lie shortly after they first meet. Would you have given Sean a second chance after he came clean?
- 3. Do you think law enforcement was right to go after the bigger fish once they figured out who was responsible for Amelia's murder? Or should they have immediately made an arrest?
- 4. Both Joel and Owen Breda are against Leyla and Sean's romance. Do you think they are justified in having concerns about their sister's relationship? Or do you think, as Leyla does, that they are being hypocrites?
- 5. When Leyla caters the private party, do you believe her actions there are brave or reckless?
- 6. Encrypted phone apps play a dual role in the story, protecting both good guys and bad guys. Do you think the downsides of this technology outweigh the benefits?
- 7. Leyla is guarded with her emotions. Did you notice points in the story where she expressed her feelings toward people through the food she created? Do you know anyone in your life who does this?
- 8. Have you ever been in a long-distance relationship? What do you think of the way Sean and Leyla resolved their problem?
- 9. The book opens with a disruption in the middle of a wedding ceremony. Have you ever been to a wedding where there was a mishap?