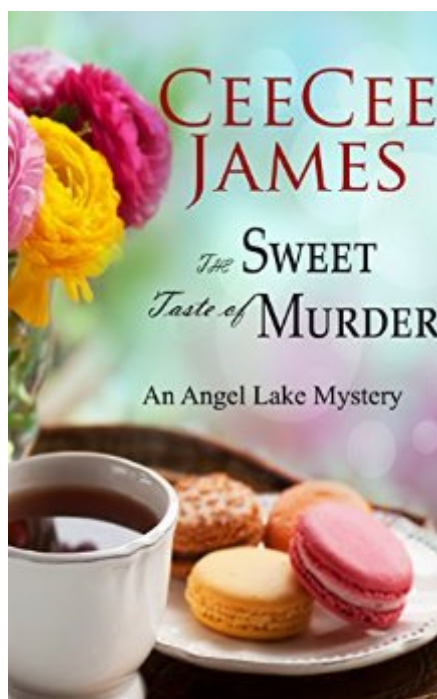


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# The Sweet Taste Of Murder: An Angel Lake Mystery



## Synopsis

The only thing worse than a used car salesman showing up on your doorstep is finding one dead. After a scandalous divorce, Elise returns from the big city to her southern home town only to trip over the body of the town playboy. He leaves behind a heap of trouble that includes missing money, missing pets, and mourning lovers, and the suspects just keep piling up. Caught in her own drama, Elise is quick to wash her hands of it, until her best friend, Lavina, winds up as the number one suspect. Can Elise clear her friend's name without ending up as the next one dead? Or are her friendship blinders keeping her from seeing the truth?

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## Customer Reviews

This is a smooth, entertaining read and one I am more than willing to recommend to fans of cozy mysteries. The plot is smart and there are clues aplenty. The characters are engaging, relatable and well-written. This book is a fun way to spend a rainy afternoon. Recently divorced, Elise, has moved back to Angel Fall's, taken a job as a dog walker and is trying to get her life back on track. Becoming an amateur detective isn't on her to-do list, but when her best friend becomes suspect number one in a murder case, she can't help but get involved. There's a gorgeous police detective,

a best friend in peril, a missing dog, a newfound cat, a murderer who likes to poison his/her victims and more than enough suspects to keep Elise busy and in trouble. This is a clean read. This does not mean it's boring, though. As I indicated, there's a potential love interest who I am crushing on and lots of sparks. Also, there's a load of entertaining, well-drawn characters to back up the story- some you will love and some you hope will fall off their own front porches. Elise is a doll and I was rooting for her throughout the story and desperately hoping for a happy ending for her. Speaking of the ending- no spoilers here- I loved how it left the door open for a sequel. Here's hoping!

I'm in awe of this author's talent. I've read several of her books and fall in love with each and every one. *The Sweet Taste of Murder* is no exception. Elise and her best friend Lavina are a lovable and slightly nutty pair of southern women whose escapades while trying to solve a murder and clear Lavina's name will tickle your funny bone and whose sweet characters shine through no matter what mischief they may get into. A very enjoyable and clean read. Don't miss this one!

*Sweet Taste of Murder* by author CeeCee James definitely falls within the defined genre of cozy mystery. At just over 42,000 words, the reader is treated to a smooth, enjoyable read. Murder is the plot, but the emphasis is on puzzle solving rather than deep suspense. The absence of graphic violence and explicit sex provides the reader with the opportunity to focus on solving the murder within an entertaining environment. Elise, recently divorced and back in her hometown walks dogs for a living. She becomes an amateur sleuth eager to solve a mysterious crime when her best friend becomes one of the main suspects. Using old-fashioned techniques and the unwilling cooperation of her police connection and former high school friend, Elise sets about trying to solve the mystery of Cameron McMahon's murder. Author CeeCee James tells a fun story using foreshadowing to provide hints all the while weaving subtle clues into the framework of the story - "the details are always accurate, but they may not be the ones necessary to solve the puzzle. Sometimes they deflect perceived guilt onto another party. It's up to the reader to figure it out. The writing is solid, the characters are relatable, and the mystery is well-planned. The author's talent is evident in the quality of her work. *Sweet Taste of Murder* is challenging in a fun and entertaining way. I found it to be both engaging and delightful. I highly recommend it.

*The Sweet Taste of Murder: An Angel Lake Mystery...* is about Elise and her friend, since childhood, Lavina. The story begins with Elise just having moved back to her hometown of Angel Lake. Elise found out her husband had been cheating on her and decided she would leave and go back to

Angel Lake. She sees a lot of changes in her hometown, along with people she has known since she was growing up there, including Brad Carter, who is now a detective on the local police force. Elise in the story is a dog walker, and combines that while jogging for a marathon race she wants to enter. While she is out walking the dogs, there is a terrible train accident, that leaves Cameron who owns the car dealership by the railroad, dead on the tracks. Everyone thought it was suicide, but with so many things going for him, it was unlikely he would do that. The police upon further investigation, found out that before his car was run into by the train, he had been poisoned. Who could have done this and why? There are lots of suspects, including Lavina, who just found out he was her father, that she never knew. Elise sets out to clear her friend's name and try to find out who really killed Cameron. Cameron was not well liked, so he had many people with reason enough to kill him. Brad keeps telling Elise to let him and the police handle the case, but Elise keeps finding out information to form her own conclusion. Between Brad and Elise's clues that they put together, Elise has one more place to look for the answer. Will she find out in time before the killer comes after her? The ending brings everything together quite nicely. This story has a murder to solve, a touch of romance, and everyday life situations to keep the readers interest.

Meet Elise, a soon to be ex-trophy wife of a lawyer from way up North. Returning to her small Southern hometown of Angel Lake she is starting over with a new outlook on life. Working as a Dog Walker while training for her first half marathon, she and the pups witness a train hitting a car parked on the tracks. The dead occupant is the richest man and biggest playboy in town. When the suicide turns out to be murder, Elsie's best friend from childhood, Lavina, is tagged as the prime suspect. Lavina was the dead man's illegitimate daughter and stands to inherit a bundle of money. Complicating the investigation is an interesting pool of suspects including his current girlfriend who is pregnant and her husband, a wife who has secrets to hide, an old business partner who blames him for the death of his son and too many ladies who enjoyed his favors. The characters are well written, enjoyable and fit into the story's background. Lavinia has her own deli business, while Elise is just starting to find herself. The dogs and their owners make for some funny scenes and Elise also takes in a stray kitten just to round out the cast of people and pets. This is a great debut and I am looking forward to seeing more of this new cozy mystery series.

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