

BOOK CLUB KIT



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Recipes Included!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Roxy's role as the owner of The Bean Hive coffee shop influence the progression of the mystery?
2. Discuss the significance of Bertie, the bird, in the narrative. How does her disappearance affect the story?
3. The setting in Honey Springs is integral to the story. How does the small-town atmosphere contribute to the plot and character dynamics?
4. Explore the theme of community in "Mocha and Murder." How do the residents of Honey Springs play a role in solving the mystery?
5. Roxy's past as a lawyer is a critical aspect of her character. How does this background help her in investigating the mystery?
6. Analyze the character of Jeremy and his motivations. Were there any hints about his true nature earlier in the book?
7. How does the author balance humor with the more suspenseful elements of the story?
8. Discuss the relationship between Roxy and her pet Pepper. How does this relationship add to the charm of the book?
9. The culinary elements, like the recipes and coffee shop scenes, are a hallmark of the series. How do they enhance the story in "Mocha and Murder"?
10. Roxy's romantic relationships are a subplot of the book. Discuss how these relationships impact her character development.
11. What role does the theme of financial struggles play in the book, especially in relation to the character of Jeremy?
12. The book includes a variety of side characters. Which one was your favorite and why?
13. Discuss the role of technology and how Roxy uses it in her investigation.
14. How do the book's descriptions of setting, like the coffee shop and Honey Springs, contribute to the atmosphere of the story?
15. Examine the climax of the book. Were you surprised by the resolution of the mystery?
16. How does the book address the concept of justice, especially in the context of Jeremy's actions and his reasons?
17. Discuss the role of family and friendship as depicted in the book.
18. Were there any plot twists or character revelations that you found particularly compelling or surprising?
19. If you could change one aspect of the story, what would it be and why?
20. How does "Mocha and Murder" compare to other cozy mysteries you've read, in terms of plot, character development, and setting?

SOUTHERN LIGHT POUND CAKE



Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose soft-wheat flour or you can substitute gluten free which I often do because Eddy is gluten free.
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 300°. Beat butter at medium speed with a heavy-duty electric stand mixer until creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating 3 to 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until yellow disappears.
2. Add flour to butter mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour. Beat at low speed just until blended after each addition. Stir in extracts. Pour into a lightly greased and floured 9-inch round cake pan.
3. Bake at 300° for 50 to 60 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack 10 minutes. Remove from pan to wire rack; cool completely (about 1 hour).

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AMAZON ALL STAR AUTHOR TONYA KAPPES HAS WRITTEN MORE THAN 175 SOUTHERN COZY MYSTERIES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE GRACED NUMEROUS BESTSELLER LISTS, INCLUDING USA TODAY AND WOMAN'S WORLD BOOK CLUB PICK TWICE .

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