

Carmela Dutra Press Kit

Author Bio:

Long Version:

Carmela Dutra is a writer from the Bay Area who loves food trucks, family, and cozy mysteries. Her debut, *A Murder Most Fowl*, has been praised by *Kirkus Reviews* for its “serious set of crimes leavened by plenty of amusing moments,” by *Criminal Element* for the “juicy reasoning behind the sabotage [that] was almost as shocking as the murder itself,” and described as “the perfect escapist read, brimming with banter and an extra helping of fun” by *New York Times* bestselling author *Ellery Adams*. She has also been featured in *CrimeReads Magazine*.

A lover of humor, quirky characters, and all things geeky, Carmela spends her days sketching, sipping far too much coffee, and over-cuddling her allergy-inducing cats and dog. She lives with her husband and two dinosaur-obsessed sons, drawing inspiration from rainy afternoons, bustling farmers’ markets, and the unexpected moments that make life memorable.



Short Version:

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Book Information:

Title: *A Murder Most Fowl*

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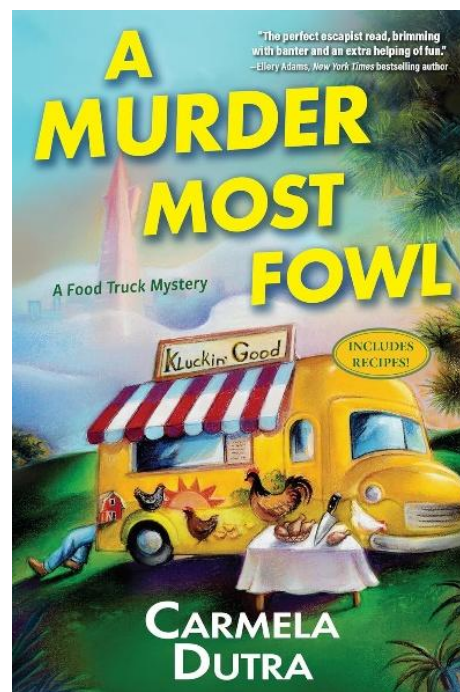
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Official Synopsis:

A food truck run by twins serves up a clucking good murder in this cozy debut mystery, perfect for fans of Lucy Burdette and Joanne Fluke.

When their late aunt Dolly passes away, twins Beth and Seth Lloyd inherit a chicken-themed food truck. Despite the challenges, the siblings rise to the occasion, even going as far as signing up their truck, Kluckin' Good, to compete on a top cooking show and ruffle a few feathers for some good publicity. But the competition goes from heated to lethal when a contestant is found dead.

With the elimination competition becoming far too literal, Beth and Seth will need all the help they can get to get out of the frying pan without landing in the fire. With their loyal assistant—and Beth's best friend—Rylie by their side, they'll have to follow the bread crumbs to untangle a very twisted case before either one of them is put on the chopping block.

This humorous series debut with a mouthwatering mystery will charm readers and keep them guessing right until the not-so-bitter end.

Praise for A Murder Most Fowl:

"A serious set of crimes leavened by plenty of amusing moments add up to a fun read."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"The juicy reasoning behind the sabotage that plagued the show was almost as shocking as the murder itself."

—*Criminal Element*

"Plan a snack and a drink, a comfy blanket and staying up past your bedtime with this book!!!"

—*Cozy Mystery Book Reviews*

"The first book in the series, and it's a good one . . . Fans of small-town murder mysteries will enjoy this one."

—*Red Carpet Crash*

"An absolutely knockout debut . . . Forget the real housewives of anywhere – this book is fun-filled first class entertainment without even turning on your TV!"

—*Wonder Women Sixty*

"Imaginative, clever, laced with humor and unexpected plot twists leading to a dramatic conclusion."

—*Midwest Book Review*

"The perfect escapist read, brimming with banter and an extra helping of fun."

—*Ellery Adams, New York Times bestselling author of The Secret, Book, and Scone Society mysteries*

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