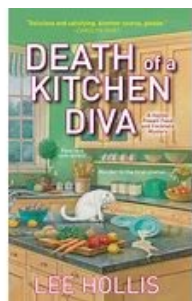




# Discussion Guide



**About the Book:** *Death of a Kitchen Diva*

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## Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
2. In the beginning of the book, Office Manager Hayley takes on writing a food column. Does this seem realistic to you? How did this twist contribute to the story?
3. Would you like to be a food columnist? If you were, what would you write about?
4. What did you think of the Kitchen Diva, Karen Applebaum? Why do you think the author named the book after her? Would you say Hayley was also a diva? Why or why not?
5. This takes place in Bar Harbor, Maine. Have you ever been there? If so, could you picture the story happening there? How did the small town affect the story?
6. How does this cozy mystery compare to others you've read? Would you read other books by this author? Why or why not?
7. Did you or will you prepare any of the recipes included in the book? Did they add to the story or interrupt the story?
8. Did you figure out whodunit? Why or why not?
9. Lee Hollis is a pen name for a brother/sister writing team. Does this surprise you? They combined their middle names. He writes the cozy mystery, she writes the food column and recipes.
10. What do the MAMs have to say about the book? Whom do you agree with?

## Listen on YouTube:

Lee Hollis Interview (35:41)

Cozy Mystery Author Chat: Lee Hollis (1:17:14)



**NANCY:** An underdog single mom, accused and jailed, plays super sleuth in this funny, cozy mystery with a lot of good recipes. An enjoyable escape in these crazy times.



**ABIGAIL:** I like the way the author portrayed strong female relationships. Didn't they come through for Hayley? Reminds me of the MAMs.



**SALLIE:** I enjoyed her kids and their take on their mom being accused of a crime. They didn't seem as worried as Hayley. Cute story.



**PRISCILLA:** I was surprised Hayley seemed to get away with murder. Nepotism in small towns, too. Do you think they should have let her out? All signs pointed toward her, right?



**JANE:** I loved the way Hayley took on a new challenge as a food writer to make some money, and ending up excelling. I always love a strong female character, and Hayley fits the bill. You go, girl! We should try those cocktail recipes! How 'bout you all come over Friday night?



**MOLLY:** It was hilarious how the high school dynamics were still circling around these 30somethings living in a small town. Hayley and the victim, still stuck in the past. Others, too. I grew up in a bigger city. I didn't move to River City until I married Tom. All new to me. .



**KATHARINE:** Not sure I would recommend this for any college classes, but a fun book. I want to try some of these recipes. Jane, can my husband come over Friday night, too? I'm in.