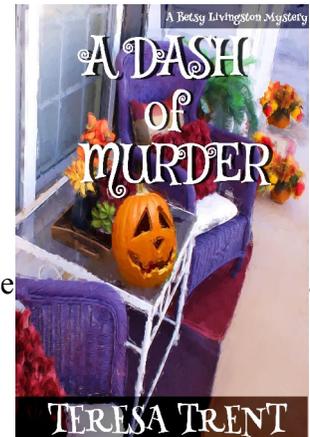


Book Discussion Questions

A Dash of Murder

Pecan Bayou Mystery #1
By Teresa Trent



1. The book opens with a quote from Emily Dickinson, “One need not be chamber to be haunted...” how is Betsy haunted by her past?
2. What does Betsy do for a living? How has she turned a hobby and refuge into a career? Do you have something you do for fun that you would love to turn into a full-time job?
3. What do Benny and his wife show that Betsy is missing in her life? How are they the ideal couple to her?
4. How does Betsy feel about the paranormal when her aunt asks her to help out on a ghost hunting investigation on Halloween? Would you ever do something like this?
5. What connection does the body Betsy finds have to do with her missing husband? How does this affect her son Zach?
6. Maureen Boyle thwarts the paranormal investigation at every turn. Why is she really wanting to keep people out of the old tuberculosis hospital? What is tragic about Maureen Boyle?
7. What is Betsy's first encounter with Leo Fitzpatrick like? How does his character change throughout the story?
8. Why did Oliver Canfield have women's credit cards in his office drawer? What kind of man was he? Have you ever known anyone who has dealings with a person like this?
9. What do you think of the character of Danny? How does Leo treat her cousin that makes Betsy form a new opinion of him?
10. Betsy puts off going down the “dead tunnel”, the concrete hallway that leads to the morgue, for the entire book. What causes her to finally go down the tunnel? Would you have gone down by yourself or searched out others to go with you? How does the tunnel symbolize Betsy's past and things she must do to get on with her life?
11. Would you let Ruby Green do your hair? Betsy's visit to The Best Little Hairhouse in Texas reveals that most people have at least a passing interest and possible belief in the paranormal. Do you think that's true?
12. There are many murder suspects in the book. Who did you think the murderer was and were you correct?

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~Thanks~ Teresa