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Book Title: Death by Dumplings

Book Author: Viven Chein

Rate 1-5 (1-Lowest to 5-Highest): 4.5/5

Death by Dumplings takes place at Asia Village in Cleveland. Lana Lee just had a bad breakup and lost her job causing her to move back to Cleveland and work at her parents Chinese restaurant. She thought of this as a way to find herself again and get back on her feet, but with a murder investigation going on, that was kind of hard to do. Lana Lee has to find out who is the murder. By her side is her best friend, Megan Riley, together they dig up dirt on everyone in the village and find out some information that they shouldn't know. Lana gets in the way of Detective Trudeau's investigation, but this might not be such a bad thing for her mother is trying to get her to find a husband.

I very much enjoyed reading this book. It is a murder mystery, which I love, some books the killer is either obvious or the author just doesn't give enough detail in the mystery, that is not the case here. Viven Chein did a great job supplying the reader with every detail that Lana Lee found. There are many characters so I did get a bit mixed up at the beginning, but the farther I got the more clear each character became, and the more I felt like I knew the characters like Lana does. Throughout the investigation Lana goes over the information and dirt she has on everybody, this lets myself, the reader, be able to follow along and come up with speculations myself. I was not told nor pointed towards one suspect, so I truly could use the information and come up with my suspects throughout the story.

I definitely recommend this book to people who enjoy murder mysteries with a little bit of romance. This book is the first of a series called A Noodle Shop Mystery. This is my first time reading a book by the author Viven Chein and it won't be the last. I'm excited to start the next book in the series, *Dim Sum of all Fears*.