

A Grand Murder

Book Club Discussion Guide

Introduction:

A Grand Murder is the first book to follow the crime fighting exploits of Catherine O'Brien a St. Paul, Minnesota, homicide detective (chronic bad hair days, monstrous coffee habit and sore feet) and her African-American, beauty queen, partner Louise Montgomery.

When a prominent local businessman and friend of the chief of police is murdered on the front steps of his posh Grand Avenue Hill home, Catherine and Louise have two days to find his killer. They soon discover their victim had a list of people with motives to murder him, including his fashion designer ex-wife, his mistress's husband, and the chief of police. The only evidence they have to go on is a missing cell phone, a stolen book, the victim's letter opener and an ugly pair of Alpaca wool mittens.

About the Author:

Stacy Verdick Case lives in Minnesota with her husband and her daughter. *A Grand Murder* is her first published novel and the first in her Catherine O'Brien mystery series. Articles Stacy has had published are available on her website www.StacyVerdickCase.com.

Discussion Questions:

- ✍ What did you think about the book?
- ✍ Did the book fulfill your expectations?
- ✍ Did you enjoy the book? Why? Why not?
- ✍ Which character do you like the most and why? The least and why?
- ✍ How realistic were the characters of Catherine and Louise? Would you want to have either character over for dinner?
- ✍ What scene from *A Grand Murder* stood out to you?
- ✍ What major emotion did the story evoke in you as a reader?
- ✍ Did the plot pull you in or did you feel you had to force yourself to read the book?
- ✍ At what point in the book did you decide if you liked it or not? What helped make the decision?
- ✍ Name your favorite thing overall about the book? Your least favorite?
- ✍ Are there situations and/or characters you can identify with, if so how?
- ✍ Did the book end the way you expected?
- ✍ How does *A Grand Murder* compare to other mysteries in this genre?
- ✍ Describe what you liked or disliked about the writer's style.
- ✍ Would you recommend this book to other readers or a close friend?