



Cover Art A Mystery by Vanessa Westermann

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Death by chocolate might be a favourite fantasy, but death by poisoned chocolate is another matter entirely.

Charley Scott is thrilled to be running a summer pop-up gallery in cottage country. Returning to the lakeside village, not on vacation but as an artist, she's determined to turn her hobby into a career. Joined by two other artists, including her childhood friend Kayla, the Cover Art Exhibit is a dream come true.

But, beneath the surface of this peaceful town, darkness lurks. There's a history.

Local chocolatier, Matt Thorn, is struggling to come to terms with his father's recent death and his legacy of deception. As Matt plans to expose his father's secrets, Kayla's husband is found dead, the result of eating Matt's boutique chocolates.

The homicide investigation threatens to make Charley's pop-up gallery a failure before it even begins. Luckily, art is all about perspective and she's always had a keen eye. Can she see past the obvious and find the killer?

Reviews

"An artfully crafted mystery full of charm, wit, and page-turning suspense, plus some of the most mouth-watering descriptions I've ever read." — Daryl Wood Gerber, bestselling author of the *Fairy Garden Mysteries*

The Author

An avid reader of mysteries, Vanessa Westermann is a former Arthur Ellis Awards judge, holds an M.A. in English Literature, as well as a Bachelor of Education, and has taught creative writing. Her debut mystery, *An Excuse for Murder*, was published in 2019. At the heart of all of Westermann's stories are strong female protagonists inspired by the heroines in her own life. She currently lives in Ontario.



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