



## The Charley Scott Mystery Series by Vanessa Westermann

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### *Cover Art*

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.

But, beneath the surface of this peaceful town, darkness lurks. There's a history. Local chocolatier, Matt Thorn, is struggling with his father's death and his legacy of deception. As Matt plans to expose his father's secrets, a local is found dead, the result of eating Matt's chocolates.

Luckily, art is all about perspective and Charley's always had a keen eye. Can she see past the obvious and find the killer?

### *Shudder Pulp*

The leaves have turned red in cottage country and woodsmoke scents the air. Artist Charley Scott is creating an immersive Halloween pulp fiction art installation based on the local legend of a lake monster. But life imitates art when a newcomer claims a lake monster attacked her and is later found dead by drowning.

Charley teams up with chocolatier, Matt Thorn, to unmask the murderer living in their midst. Could it be that a supernatural force is at work? There is one reason why a disguise might appear to be seamless. Not because the costume is so well-stitched, but because there are no seams. No man of flesh and blood, sweating within. To find the truth, Charley will have to risk it all to look the monster in the eye.

### **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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