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Killer Cruise: A Jaine Austen Mystery

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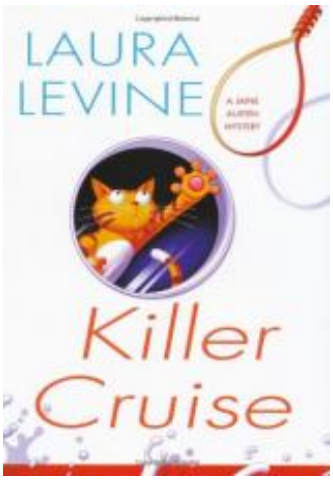

About the Book

Jaine Austen?s ship has finally come in! Her new teaching gig is on a fancy cruise line where she nabs a free vacation --- and access to a 24-hour buffet! But her all-expenses-paid trip to the Mexican Riviera seems destined to be a wreck?

Laura Levine?s latest mystery featuring wordsmith-turned-sleuth, Jaine Austen --- who?s about to dive into her most dangerous case yet --- she?s far beyond any ordinary *Bon Voyag*e.

Discussion Guide

1. Jaine sets off on what she assumes is going to be a fabulous cruise, but winds up with a killer at her dinner table and a stowaway cat in her cabin --- not to mention a blackmailing steward with a ghastly manuscript he?s forcing her to edit. Have you ever gone on a Trip from Hell where everything went wrong?

2. At the beginning of the book, Prozac is furious with Jaine for going off on a trip without her. Can your pets tell when you?re planning to go away? If so, how do they let you know of their displeasure?

3. Jaine gets romantically involved with Robbie, one of her murder suspects. Would you, under any circumstances, allow yourself to be romantically involved with anyone who might possibly be guilty of murder?

4. Do you think Jaine might have allowed herself to become involved with Robbie because of the cruise setting? Have you ever done anything on vacation you wouldn?t dream of doing in your real life?

5. Jaine is surprised to discover the dowdy Ms. Nesbitt with a drawer full of X-rated underwear and having steamy affair with Kyle. On the other hand, biographers say that sexual icon Marilyn Monroe was never truly interested in sex. What do you think? Is outward appearance a true indication of bedroom behavior?

6. Jaine is great at telling people off inside her head but can rarely get up the gumption to tell them off to their faces. What sort of person are you? Can you let loose with a zinger when you?re peeved? Or do you hold it in and think of snappy comebacks only when you?re home alone?

7. Jaine gets caught up in the lives of the Pritchard family when she is assigned to their dinner table on the cruise. Are you the kind of person who wants to meet new people when you travel? Or do you like to stick with the people you came with? Do you think women are more inclined to be friendly, while men tend to be loners?

8. Do you hope Jaine winds up with Robbie? Do you think a gal like Jaine, who has never met a bathing suit she didn?t hate, can find happiness with a water sports nut like Robbie?

Author Bio

Laura Levine is a comedy writer whose television credits include ″The Bob Newhart Show″, ″Laverne & Shirley″, ″The Love Boat", ″The Jefferson?s″, ″Three?s Company" and ″Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman". Her work has been published in *The Washington Post* and *The Los Angeles Times*. She lives with her husband in Los Angeles.

Critical Praise

"Zany Jaine is a crafty, likeable sleuth."

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