Sticky Fingers

by Morgan Hunt



About the Book

Dust bunnies, yes; rattlesnakes, no. So thinks amateur sleuth and lesbian Tess Camillo when, on an ordinary Saturday in San Diego, she discovers a snake under her bed. She is convinced it was put there deliberately and says as much to the police, who refuse to take her seriously.

Weeks later, the body of another lesbian, Belle Farby, is found on the UCSD campus Snake Path, dead of snake bite and with a rattlesnake?s rattle in her pocket. The crime scene is rife with unusual circumstances and odd items, including buttons and hair sprinkled on the victim?s tee shirt.

Because of the rattler in her house, Tess is interviewed by police and becomes embroiled in their investigation. In the meantime, she must wage battle with an aggressive breast cancer and make peace with a modified body image.

This title was nominated for several awards, including:

1. Finalist, 2008 Reader Views Reviewers Choice Literary Award, GLBT category
2. Nominated for Lambda Literary Award in Women?s Mystery category
3. Nominated for Golden Crown Literary Award, Lesbian Mystery

Discussion Guide

1. How would you describe the relationship between Lana and Tess? Will Tess ever find another lover while living with

Lana? Can you picture Lana's face from the description in the book?

2. The serpent is one of the oldest and most widespread of symbols, with different meanings attributed to it in different cultures. Among them are sexual temptation, wisdom, seduction, fertility, or protection. What feelings are evoked in you by the snakes in this book? When the cosmic serpent bites its tail, it symbolizes infinity and the cyclical nature of the cosmos. Did you get a sense of this in the mystery?s solution?

3. Have you ever known anyone with needle phobia? What other weaknesses does Tess have? How does she deal with pain and loss?

4. Have you read any mystery writers or humorists who remind you of Morgan Hunt? Does the Tess series have appeal for mainstream audiences as well as the GLBT community?

5. How would you deal with a loved one's request that you assist him/her in committing suicide to spare this person the pain of a lingering death? Are there different kinds of murder? Is Darlene sufficiently punished for her acts?

6. How did you respond to the chapter names throughout **Sticky Fingers**? Did they pique your interest?

Author Bio

A Jersey native, Morgan Hunt?s stint in the Navy brought her to San Diego where she lived for 27 years doing every kind of writing gig imaginable. Now in Ashland, Oregon, this breast cancer survivor released the second book of the series, **Fool on the Hill**, in April 2008. A third book,**Blinded by the Light**, is due for release in September 2008.

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Critical Praise

"an engaging tale of equal parts murder, sharp dialogue, loss and humor."

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