

***A Sprinkling of Murder* by Daryl Wood Gerber**

This is a cozy mystery that I recently read as a part of an online book club. It's set in Carmel-by-the-Sea (or sometimes just Carmel), California at a little shop that sells fairy gardens. And also, fairies are real. So I have to admit that I was a bit skeptical that I would enjoy this one. I definitely found myself rolling my eyes sometimes, but overall it was a light, fun read – and that was very welcome after some of the darker cozies that I've been reading lately.

Courtney Kelly owns Open Your Imagination, the fairy garden shop, and when the owner of a neighboring business is found dead on the premises in the wee hours of the morning, she is the first suspect. So, in the grand tradition of cozy mysteries, Courtney must become an amateur sleuth to clear her name and figure out who the real killer is. Thankfully she has her fairy companion, Fiona, also on the case. The book has a full cast of quirky characters, and I look forward to learning more about all of them in the rest of the books in the series.

If you like your cozies with a touch of whimsy, or if you need a break from some more intense reads, I would highly recommend this charming book!

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