

Partners in Lime (Seaside Café Mystery #6) by Bree Baker

This is the next to last book in the Seaside Café Mystery series, one of my absolute favorite cozy mystery series. Everly Swan runs her own iced tea shop called Sun, Sand & Tea and always ends up in the middle of whatever murder has taken place in or around her hometown of Charm, North Carolina. This time the murder of a pro surfer places Everly's friend Matt on the top of the suspect list. So of course, she has to do what she can to prove that he's innocent. Which, in turn, puts her in hot water with her detective boyfriend, Grady. The mystery is well-paced and a bit of a rollercoaster!

Bree Baker has a way of making the fictional town of Charm feel so realistic – a quaint place I'd like to visit on vacation, even with all of the murders that seem to happen there. The cast of supporting characters are quirky and well-developed. Everly's tea shop has so many tea varieties, lunches, and baked good that sound divine, so thankfully there are recipes for some of them in the back of each book.

I do recommend starting with the first book in the series, *Live and Let Chai*, and then reading all of them (they are quick reads!), but you can definitely jump in here too. The final book in the series (*Pleading the Fish*) came out earlier this year, but I haven't read it yet because I don't want the series and my time in the aptly named Charm to be over.

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