

Murder and Marinara (An Italian Kitchen Mystery, #1) By Rosie Genova 326 Rosie Genova writes what she knows she is a Jersey Girl an author and she loves good food! Wonder if these characters are based on her family...Victoria did the unexpected when she left the family business behind Danny does not work at the restaurant either but he is a police officer and Nonna finds that a reputable profession unlike that of being an author. Her series for Penguin the Italian Kitchen Mysteries is informed by her appreciation for good food her pride in her heritage and her love of classic mysteries from Nancy Drew to Miss Marple. When Victoria takes a break from penning her popular mystery series and moves back to the Jersey shore she imagines sun sand and scents of fresh basil and simmering marinara sauce at the family restaurant the Casa Lido. Their small town is up in arms over plans to film a new reality TV show and when Victoria serves the show's pushy producer his last meal the Casa Lido staff finds itself embroiled in a murder investigation. The setting with the boardwalk the cottage and the beach made me wish I could read my book in that little Italian restaurant with the deliciously described food and a cappuccino. 326 I believe I may have found the perfect modern cozy mystery! When I think of mysteries I think of the way they used to be prior to gore and other garbage I think of stories just like this one. I halfway figured out who done it (My ego is always bolstered when I do this!) but I have to admit that I wasn't certain I was correct as I devoured the pages of the story! I look forward to the next installment of this book.

Moved to New York and became a very successful mystery author, Now she is back to do a little research to write a non-fiction book about her heritage but she is barely unpacked before she is wrapped up in a murder investigation: Everyone thinks because she writes mysteries she can solve this one, The man died in her family's restaurant so she feels obligated to do what she can but putting herself in danger was never on the menu, Victoria is a strong protagonist and with her sister-in-law (SIL) as her sidekick what could go wrong.... Her Nonna is quite a woman and she is not letting Victoria off easy when she returns: Victoria wants to learn to cook the family recipes and she finds herself planting tomatoes and working as a waitress. Her parents are involved with the restaurant but leave all the decisions to Nonna. Victoria's brother.

A carpenter doing work at Casa Lido. He is not from Jersey and he is very secretive about his past but there is nothing secret about his feelings for Victoria, Genova takes this characters and places them on the beautiful Jersey shore and stirs them all together in a very tasty story: The mystery is complex and keeps the reader engaged with each twist and turn: I swear I could smell the marinara sauce emanating from the pages and I was so hungry by the time I finished, Thankfully she includes recipes! 326 This is the first book in the "An Italian Kitchen Mystery" series and what an excellent start, The book is filled with humor.

If you know how you know who. I think she hates her family being separated more than anything, In addition to the family there is sous chef Tim who just happens to be Victoria's old boyfriend and is an honorary family member: Victoria thinks her Nonna loves him more than her own grandchildren: :) And there is Cal mystery adventure and a strong cast of characters. I especially enjoyed the dynamics between Victoria and her Nonna...two headstrong tough women going head to head but usually Nonna wins out. The storyline is an intriguing one and could have went in several different directions: I really want to learn more about the Rienzi family as they seem like a close-knit group. I think this might be one of the series that is ending but I still have a couple of good books to read and I'm looking forward to it, 326 Loved it! I only wish I could have read it while sitting on a boardwalk somewhere drinking espresso: This book made me laugh so many times--Nonna is a hoot and every one of Vic's reactions to her made me smile: And I think I have a little crush on the sous chef Tim: 326 Author Victoria Rienzi decides to take a break from her successful mystery series by writing a book based on her family history. She leases her New York City apartment and goes back to her birth home in Oceanside Park: Victoria's family owns Italian restaurant the Casa Lido and she returns to waitressing: The family is against the reality TV show The Jersey Side filming their series

locally, When the show's producer eats in the restaurant Victoria must serve him lunch and then she goes outside to find him dead: Victoria and her sister-in-law Sofia use their skills to find out who might have wanted the producer dead: The reality show characters and antics in the book sound very much like the real series on TV the Jersey Shore, 326 A Jersey girl born and bred national bestselling author Rosie Genova left her heart at the shore which serves as the setting for much of her work, The first book in the series Murder and Marinara was voted a Best Cozy by Suspense Magazine and was a finalist for a Daphne Award. The proud mother of three grown sons Rosie still lives in her home state with her husband and a charming mutt named Lucy. Hit whodunit writer Victoria Rienzi is getting back to her roots by working at her family's Italian restaurant. But now in between plating pasta and pouring vino she'll have to find the secret ingredient in a murder: But her nonna's recipes aren't the only things getting stirred up in this Italian kitchen, Victoria wants to find the real killer but there are as many suspects as tomatoes in her nonna's garden: Now she'll have to heat up her sleuthing skills quickly...before someone else gets a plateful of murder. Murder and Marinara (An Italian Kitchen Mystery #1)I forgot how much fun it is to read really great mysteries, But Rosie Genova's Jersey Shore murder mystery had me at marinara: The book quickly absorbed me into the family the mystery and the sleuthing sisters-in-law: The descriptions are vibrant and the plot twists kept me guessing. It promises to be the perfect book to read in my beach chair at Wildwood NJ! Congratulations Rosie on a wonderful mystery, I thoroughly enjoyed it! 326 I loved it especially the cranky yet somehow loveable grandmother: I liked the characters didn't guess who the killer was and am hoping that the romance aspect is resolved in the next book: I'm looking forward to the next in the series! 326 Victoria Rienzi thinks she's taking a break from writing mystery novels and returning home to write the novel of her heart: In reality she's returning to her heart--the family she adores that drives her crazy and the childhood sweetheart she's never quite forgotten: But when a TV producer her family was at odds with dies at her family's restaurant even the childhood sweetheart is a suspect, I adored the cast of characters and may have a special place in my heart for Victoria's Nonna. Either that or I'm simply afraid of her! 326 Being a big fan of everything Italy: the country the people the food and the language I loved this book, One of my favourites was the nonna even though I wished she would have voiced her opinions a lot more: Rosie Genova has added everything into this story to make is enchanting and extremely smart: There is some romance incredible mystery and a delicious humor, I am so grateful there were no bedroom scenes! Each one of the characters in this book are developed well but Victoria was my favorite (I'm not even sure why): The author has set the scene in an expert fashion and her logic comes across in an amazing way. In some ways she reminds me of Jessica Fletcher (Murder She Wrote) but this character still has a fresh modern outlook that keeps her from being mundane. If you delight in mysteries this book should migrate to the top of your list!I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated and all opinions are 100 percent mine.The entire family dynamic is what makes me love this story. But I can't forget the food. Still it's fun to be a spectator to their battles. Figuring it all out kept me thinking and interested. I hope we see him again in book 2.Downsides: now I'm craving pastries made with almond paste. Obviously this puts a damper on the restaurant's business.I thought this cozy mystery was interesting and well written.I received this book for free in an author giveaway. My opinion is my own and not influenced by anyone. I can't wait to read the second one this summer. Great start to a new series. From the opening page of the book I was hooked. I found very little that bothered me within the book. There is some profanity but it didn't really bother me. I never found myself lost bored or horrified. Victoria has quickly become a favorite character of mine. 326

