

LENORE MACADAM

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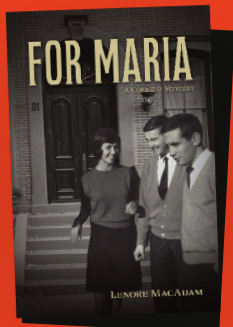
FOR MARIA: A CORK BAY MYSTERY

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THE BOOK

FOR MARIA

A CORK BAY MYSTERY

A prosecutor watches her father get shot in a small-town Ontario cafe, and the town's oldest secret, a deadly car explosion from 1973, awakens.

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WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

“Mystery done right!”

WITNESS #1

“It's like reading the Gen X love child of *Law & Order* and *Murder, She Wrote*, with a friend group straight out of *Reality Bites*.”

WITNESS #2

ABOUT LENORE



Lenore MacAdam studied film at Queen's University, worked in the film industry in the 1990s, then went to business school and spent 30 years in corporate life. She published her first novel at 55. *For Maria* is the first Cork Bay Mystery, and she is already at work on the second book in the series. She lives in Toronto, and she has never stopped thinking about Kingston, or about the murders that might have occurred there.

INTERVIEW ANGLES

CORK BAY, KINGSTON IN DISGUISE

Why she built a fictional Ontario port town instead of using the real one, and how Canadiana shapes the place.

A FIRST NOVEL AT 55

Film school, an MBA, three decades in corporate life, then a murder mystery.

FRIENDS, NOT SIDEKICKS

The queer found-family circle, the Gen X friendships, and the banter that makes readers want to spend time with these characters.

A CANADIAN-MADE, HUMAN-MADE BOOK

Why she wanted a mystery made by people, with real attention to place, community and disability, in the age of generative AI.

WHAT'S NEXT

Book two, *Mrs. Poole*, returns to Cork Bay and corruption at the port.

THREE QUESTIONS TO START

- 1 What does a human-made mystery owe its readers right now?
- 2 How did you build Alex's friend group so each relationship carries its own history?
- 3 What can book two do now that Cork Bay is established?

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