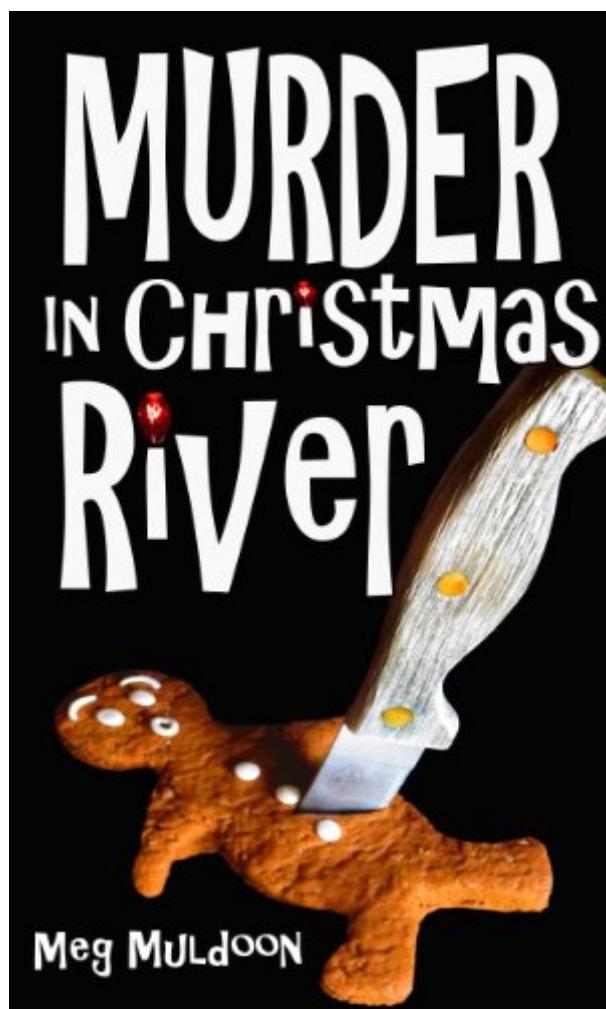


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# **Murder In Christmas River: A Christmas Cozy Mystery (Christmas River Cozy, Book 1)**



## **Synopsis**

Cinnamon Peters is one tough cookie. Every year at Christmas Riverâ™s annual Gingerbread Junction Competition, pie baker extraordinaire Cinnamon aims to win, taking down any competitor who gets in her way. But when she finds a dead body in the woods behind her pie shop just days before the big competition, Cinnamon realizes that thereâ™s much more to worry about than cookies, frosting, and gumdrops. Someoneâ™s out to bring Cinnamon down. And theyâ™re playing dirty. Only Cinnamon and a mysterious stranger who walks into her life one snowy evening can figure out the mystery. But can they solve it before Cinnamonâ™s chances of gingerbread competition glory crumble?

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a good start to what I hope will be a long series about a woman who owns a pie shop in the aptly named Christmas River. There are a few bumps and bruises in this story, but I think the author will work things out as she goes. Cinnamon is a great character, kind, loving, quirky, a little damaged, determined and luckily for us, curious. The man from her past who comes back one

snowy night is a great plot device which allows the author to go into both their pasts together and separately in a succinct fashion which tells us all we need to know in short order. The mystery aspect of this book is decently plotted and written and I enjoyed it, but I do have to say the best parts of the book for me were when the heroine was relating to one of the interesting folks in her life. This is a nice story and intro for a series and I liked it a lot.

This is definitely a light and easy read. While the story may be predictable to some, I found that it did have some twists and turns I didn't anticipate. Aside from the fact that building gingerbread houses played a large part of the book, the story could have happened at any time of the year. The name of the town, Christmas River, just adds to the time of the year the book should be read.

This story starts off straight up with the murder taking place without a clue as to who the victim or the murderer might be. It then moves on to pleasantly introducing you to the characters of an odd little town who 'celebrate' Christmas all year round and are seemingly obsessed by gingerbread. Odd to say the least, despite that, it's actually a fun story with a bit of a mystery and enough potential suspects to keep you guessing. I found it enjoyable if a bit light weight but it's fun to read and keeps you interested, not for those looking for heavy drama or dark murder mystery but worth it if you want an easy to read enjoyable book that's a little quirky. Worth reading if only to learn more about making pies and gingerbread!

This was a nice cozy, but lacked a bit in the plot development when it came to the run up to the murderer. Red herrings are expected, but a little more needs to be given to character development. Otherwise, a fun read with an interesting premise.

Anybody who loves cozy mysteries and holiday themed books and doesn't have a Kindle is missing out. I believe this book is only available on the Kindle. I was getting burned out on holiday cozies and almost didn't even start this book. I was hooked from the prologue, though. I love the main character. She is not your typical wimpy, indecisive protagonist. I'm looking forward to reading the next one.

Christmas River is the setting of this mystery series and the first book features Cinnamon who sells pies at her bakery. The mystery starts when a poor dog's owner is killed. He shows up at her shop for several nights, when she feeds him. Finally somehow she and a friend from her past figure out

what the dog has been trying to show them. It turns out one of the judges in the gingerbread making contest, that she was hoping to enter again, is dead. And she soon is the main suspect. Will she be able to figure out who killed him before it's too late.

This is a quick read and has likeable characters. The editing was not so good. Many typos. For a quick fun mystery, I would recommend. I read book 2 but may not continue.

I loved this debut mystery from a new Cozy Mystery author. It was a super quick read that I couldn't put down and introduced the quirky, but charming, town of Christmas River and all of its interesting inhabitants. I found the main character to be very likeable and the love interest was intriguing--can't wait to see where this couple ends up! Love that Cinnamon lives with her grandfather, he's a really interesting character, and the dog was adorable. I love the idea of a town that centers around Christmas and the pies Cinnamon baked for her shop made my mouth water! Best of all, this cozy is rife with holiday atmosphere. I love to read books like that around Christmas. The next in this series is a must-read for me.

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