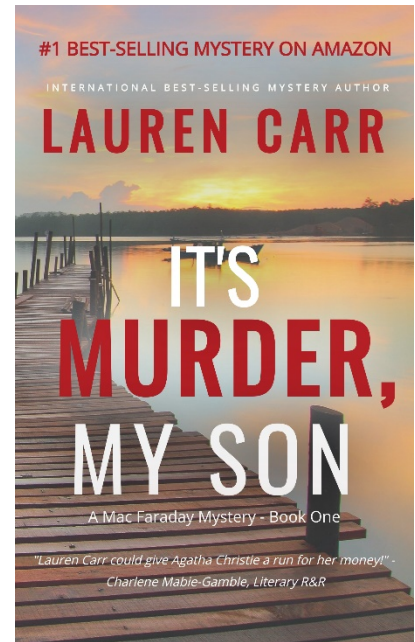


## It's Murder, My Son Book Club Guide

Lauren invites you to discuss this best-selling first installment in the Mac Faraday Mysteries at your next book club meeting. Below is a list of questions to get your club started.

1. How did you experience *It's Murder, My Son*? Were you engaged in the mystery of Katrina Singleton's murder immediately, or did it take you a while to "get into it"?
2. Describe each of the main characters' traits—Mac, David, and Archie—personality traits, motivations, and inner qualities and how those traits contribute to the close relationship they develop over the course of the book.
3. How important is Mac Faraday's rags-to-riches premise to his character and the mystery?
4. Having had a middle-class upbringing and suffering financial hardships as an underpaid detective, Mac Faraday embraced his good fortune. Do you think it is realistic that he did not harbor any grudges against Robin Spencer? If he had, how would that have changed the tone of the book?
5. For a dead character who is not a murder victim, Robin Spencer plays a prominent role in *It's Murder, My Son*. In your opinion, could Mac have solved Katrina Singleton without Robin Spencer and her journal?
6. Mac Faraday and David O'Callaghan develop a brotherly relationship and friendship that grows quickly during their investigation. What played the primary role in their relationship? Their love for mystery or genetics? Were you surprised in the end when David revealed that his father had told him about Mac several years before?
7. What role does Archie Monday play in the mystery? She had been Robin Spencer's assistant and is allowed to live at Spencer Manor for as long as she wants. Do you see her as playing more of a role than just a love interest for Mac?
8. Did you lose respect for David when it was revealed that he had an affair with Katrina Singleton? Would Mac (and you) have cared as much about finding the real murderer if David had not been involved?



9. Some readers have had negative reactions to Betsy and references to her obesity—calling it “fat-shaming.” Betsy’s excessive weight is actually a physical symptom of her extremely low self-esteem, which makes her an easy target for the culprit. What are your thoughts? Do you think Lauren should have used other less sensitive symptoms to illustrate Betsy’s low self-esteem?
10. We can’t forget about Gnarly. Lauren Carr has revealed that Gnarly was not in the first and second drafts of *It’s Murder, My Son*. She only included him after acquiring an exceedingly smart and poorly behaved border collie. Have you ever encountered a dog like Gnarly? Would you want to own a Gnarly?
11. Lauren Carr provided a boatload of red herrings! How effective were the plot twists and herrings to your enjoyment of the mystery?
12. Lauren Carr provides a cast of characters at the front of her books. How effective was this in reading *It’s Murder, My Son*? Did you have to refer to it often, or was each character distinctive enough for you to keep them straight?

Feel free to visit Lauren’s book club page on [her website](#) to download and print a copy for your group.

Want to add some excitement to your next book club meeting? Are you curious about the inspiration for Mac Faraday? And what about Gnarly? What does Lauren have planned next for the Mac Faraday Mysteries?

Now is your chance to ask this international best-selling mystery writer, in person, you and your book club. That’s right. Lauren Carr is available to personally meet with your book club to discuss *It’s Murder, My Son* or any of her best-selling mystery novels.

Don’t worry if your club is meeting on the other side of the continent. Lauren can pop in to answer your questions via webcam. But, if your club is close enough, Lauren would love to personally meet with your group.

To invite Lauren Carr to your next book club meeting, send an email to Lauren Carr at [acornbookservices@gmail.com](mailto:acornbookservices@gmail.com). Be certain to write “Book Club Invite” in the subject line.