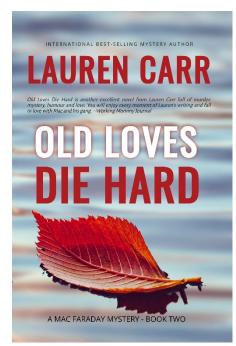
ATTENTION BOOK CLUB-BERS!

Lauren invites you to discuss this best-selling second 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 *Old Loves Die Hard*? Were you engaged in the mystery surrounding the murder of Mac's ex-wife immediately, or did it take you a while to "get into it"?
- 2. Describe the characters' traits of Archie Monday (Mac's love interest) and Christine (Mac's exwife)—personality traits, motivations, and inner qualities and how those traits contribute to their relationship with Mac Faraday.



- 3. Christine and Mac had been married for many years and had two grown children together. That's quite a history! Yet, Christine cheated on Mac and tossed him aside for someone who she considered to be more successful. Now that Mac is a multi-millionaire, Christine wants him back. While Mac's rejection is justified, do you think that he should have given their marriage another chance when you consider their long marriage?
- 4. Christine humiliated Mac and left him with nothing when she ended their marriage for Stephen Maguire. Then, after Mac comes into an unbelievable fortune and is living a life that he could only have imagined. In a case of cruel irony, Stephen humiliates her and leaves her with nothing. Can you think of a similar twist of fate in your life? Please share.
- 5. When Mac finds Stephen Maquire's and Christine's bodies, he is so distraught about his ex-wife's death that he contaminates the crime scene. Have you ever experienced a situation in which you were so shocked or stunned that you did something that you would have chastised anyone else for doing?
- 6. Describe the characters' traits of Christine's two sisters: Roxanne Burton and Sabrina Carrington—personalities, motivations, and inner qualities and how those traits contributed to breaking up Christine and Mac's marriage.
- 7. During their murder investigation, they find a list of Mac's old cases in which the killers escaped justice due to legal loopholes or corruption within the justice system. Do you

- believe this is an issue in today's judicial system? Or was this aspect of the plotline unrealistic?
- 8. Lauren brings up the issue of vigilantism in *Old Loves Die Hard*. What are your thoughts on people taking the law in their own hands? If you are against vigilantism, would those thoughts be the same if the justice system failed in arresting and trying the killer and there was absolute evidence of the killers' guilt?
- 9. We can't forget Gnarly! In *Old Loves Die Hard*, we are "introduced" to Gnarly's frenemy Otis, an overweight squirrel who lives on the point. Does your dog, or do you know a dog, who has a complicated relationship with a member of another species?
- 10. Lauren Carr provided a boatload of red herrings! How effective were the plot twists and herrings to your enjoyment of the mystery?
- 11. Lauren Carr provides a cast of characters at the front of her books. How effective was this in reading *Old Loves Die Hard*? 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 <u>her website</u> 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 *Old Loves Die Hard* 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 her at acornbookservices@gmail.com. Be certain to write "Book Club Invite" in the subject line.