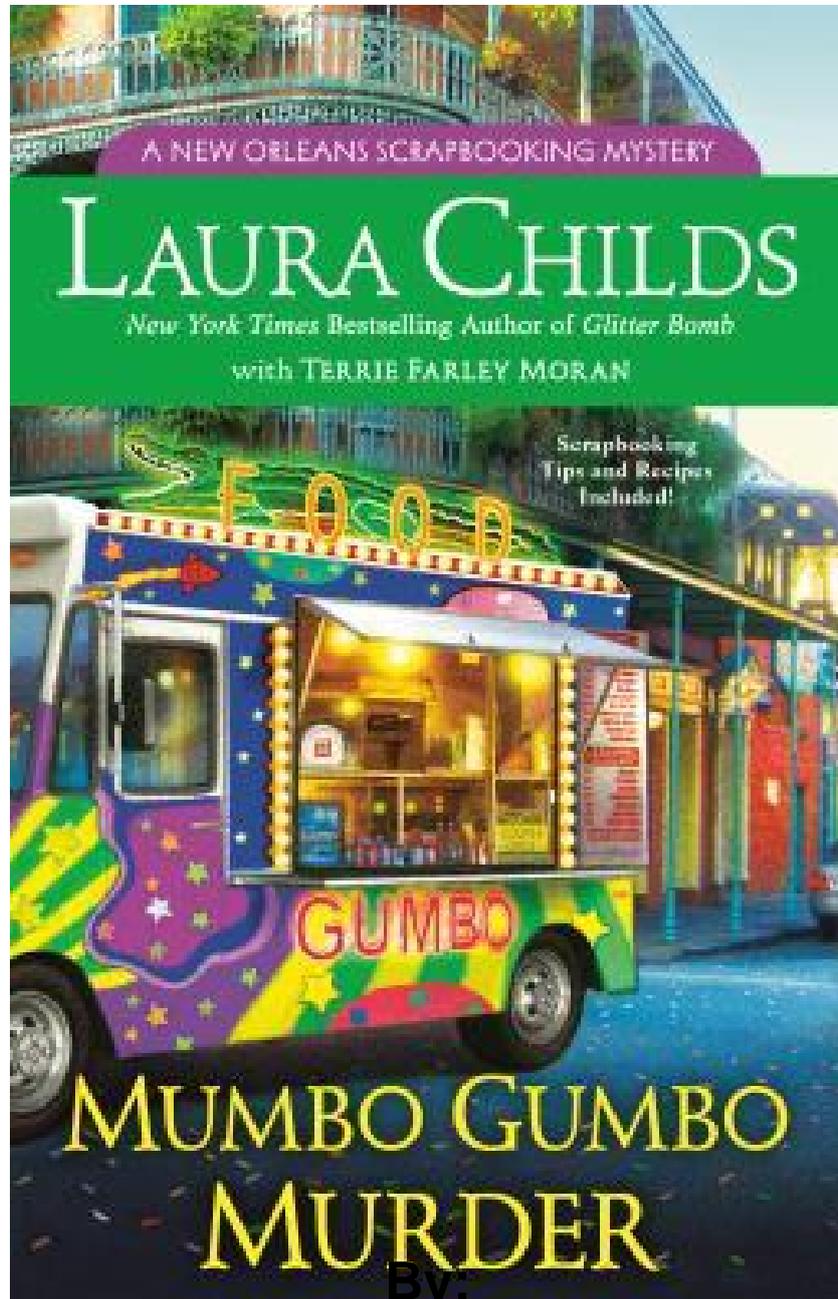


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I received a complimentary copy. All opinions are my own.

### Linda &#x1f4da;

Get set for a creepy romp through the French Quarter with Carmella Bertrand and her best friend, Ava Gruix in Book 16 of the Scrapbooking Mysteries. Vampires, beastly puppets, wild party

crashing, and two ghastly Murder scenes surround these friends as they roam the streets of New Orleans during Jazz Fest. The plot is top-notch, and the action is non-stop. Scrapbooking tips and recipes follow the story. (Note: Contains mild cursing).

## LORI CASWELL

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We arrive in New Orleans just in time for Jazz Fest featuring the giant puppets from the Beastmaster Puppet Theatre. Carmela and Eva are enjoying the festivities when a loud crash halts the progress down Royal street. Something happened at Devon Dowling's antique shop and Carmela and Eva push through the chaos and into the store. There they find their friend Devon unconscious on the floor amidst a mess of his wares and a scared pug. When the police arrive Devon is declared dead, murdered with an icepick. Carmela and Ava are sent on their way by Carmela's fiancée, Detective Edgar Babcock and they take Devon's pub, Mimi, with them. Carmela thinks the dog will help them find the killer but it may end up putting them right in the killer's sights.

Carmela Bertrand owns Memory Mine Scrapbooking Shop and her best friend, Ava Gruix owns Juju Voodoo, think Lucy Ricardo and Ethel Mertz set loose in New Orleans. Carmela is supposed to be setting a wedding date and teaching classes in her shop, but now she is wrapped up trying to solve a murder and Quigg Brevard has come back around setting up shop in the building next door to Memory Mine. He has decided he and Carmela would make great partners without any input from her. This does not make Babcock happy at all, in fact he is pretty livid.

These characters are expertly crafted. They practically leap off the page. We also meet some rather shady, alright, creepy characters like members of the Vampire Society and who knows who may be in those crazy puppet costumes. The friendship between Carmela and Eva is strong. Carmela's employee Gabby tries to keep her boss honest, pointing out things Carmela should but doesn't realize. She also mans the shop so Carmela is free to snoop. Edgar wants Carmela to stay out of his case but knows she will keep pushing the boundaries right to the end. All the interactions are realistic and the dialogue rings true. Some of it will have you laughing out loud.

The mystery itself is pretty complex and takes our amateur sleuths into some of New Orleans dicer places. They do tend to leap before they think in their quest to find Devon's killer. It is truly a crazy ride of twists and turns filled with some dangerous antics before the exciting ending. I was totally surprised by whodunit thanks to the red herrings liberally placed throughout the story.

I really enjoyed the way the story unfolded. I always get a little nervous when two really strong authors combine their talents but Laura Childs and Terrie Farley Moran have figured it out masterfully. The story has a nice flow and it is perfected paced. The descriptions painted vivid pictures in my mind.

Mumbo Gumbo Murder is a fun crime caper that held my interest and had me doing a bit of armchair sleuthing from the beginning to the end. I was totally entertained and I am looking forward to Book 17 "Cadmium Red Dead."

**Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog)**

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I really don't know how to express how much I enjoyed MUMBO GUMBO MURDER but it's definitely one of my favorite books of the year! Packed with intrigue and mystery, this book has so amazing things in it. I would highly recommend this series to anyone who likes bright characters and mysterious settings because it truly is different from the other Cozy Mystery series I've read. In fact, out of all of Childs's series, this one just might be my favorite.

MUMBO GUMBO MURDER is definitely a home run and I'll be keeping this baby on my keeper shelf for the next years to come!

## Kristina

Mumbo Gumbo Murder by Laura Childs and Terrie Farley Moran is the 16th A Scrapbooking Mystery. Carmela Bertrand and Ava Gruix finished watching the kick-off parade for Jazz Fest and went to Royal Street where a street fair is taking place. They hear glass breaking along with

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