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SUMMER PRESCOTT BOOKS announces the spectacular debut of mystery author, Valley Sams, who has written a masterpiece of Culinary Cozy perfection!!!

Presenting: Truffles and Troubles - Book 1 of The Chocolate Cafe Series...

After the death of her beloved grandfather, Catharine “Mac” Mackenzie opens a chocolate shop in her sleepy little New England bayside town with her best friend Sabrina. Things are going well for the daring duo, until Sabrina’s landlord, one of the wealthiest women in town, is murdered. Toss in a British detective with a wicked sense of humor, a shudder-worthy encounter with a childhood friend, and you’re in for a delectable mystery experience that’ll have you on the edge of your seat!

## Truffles and Troubles: Book 1 in The Chocolate Cafe Series Details

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# **From Reader Review Truffles and Troubles: Book 1 in The Chocolate Cafe Series for online ebook**

## **Sandy Bartles says**

Summer Prescott Books has hit on another wonderful writer. The Chocolate Cafe Series shows such promise. Catherine "Mac" Mackenzie comes home from Harvard after the death of her grandfather and opens a chocolate shop with her best friend, Sabrina, "Brie". When Brie's landlady is murdered, Mac decides she needs to get involved. Doesn't hurt that she develops a crush on the British detective in charge of the case!

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## **Andrea says**

Knew who might be the killer at the beginning but still enough twists to cause doubt.

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## **Shannon Binegar-Foster says**

### **Great new series**

Disclosure: I received this book free of charge from the publisher. This review is my honest opinion, and is in no way influenced by the author or publisher.

This is the first bin I have read by Valley Sams and it definitely kept me in the edge of my seat. I am looking forward to the next book.

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## **valerie green says**

### **This book was not interesting. Sorry**

I would not recommend this book .

This book lacked the mystery. Too much information in the prologue of this book.

The outcome was obvious. No suspense.

Sorry.

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## **Penny Marks says**

An amazing new series! Truffles and Troubles is book one in the Chocolate Cafe series by Valley Sams. I enjoyed the storyline and characters so much that I couldn't put it down. I read it in one sitting and be warned that housework and cooking will not be done till you are finished. LOL It is a great mystery full of excitement and yummy Chocolate. A page turner not to miss. Already looking forward to book two.

Catherine Mackenzie (Mac) and her best friend Sabrina (Brie) have known each other for over 17 years. Brie owns the most delicious store in Mackenzie Bay, a Chocolate Shop! Brie calls herself "Wonka " when she is making her yummy surprises.

Mac has come back to town because her beloved grandfather has died. He was her only guardian since her parents died. She has been helping Brie in her shop to keep herself busy. Things kinda get crazy in town when Victoria Dunleavy and her fiancé are found shot in Victoria's mansion. Mac can't help herself when it comes to a mystery. She calls herself Nancy Drew. Brie is not happy having her friend in harms way investigating. There is just no stopping her! She can't even be deterred by handsome Detective Louis Stocker who by the way has an English accent to drool over just like chocolate!

Will Mac be able to stay out of the line of fire or will she have to be rescued before she is the next victim???

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## **Kelly says**

**\*\*I received a copy from the publisher in exchange for my honest review\*\***

Such a fun start to a new series. This book had some of the funniest character introductions I have ever read. Overall I loved this book, but it felt slightly rushed at the end.

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## **Karen Wright says**

Another wonderful book from Summer Prescott books. This is the first in a new series from Valley Sams. I wish that the chocolate cafe was real so I could stop drooling when they talk about it! This was really good and I felt like I read it much too quickly. Mac belongs to one of the founding families of the town where she came from and in fact, the town is named after her family. She owns a chocolate cafe with her friend Brie and they, or should I say Mac, finds herself in trouble more than once. Mac has recently come home after the death of her grandfather, who was the mayor as well as her guardian. She was almost through with earning her degree in criminology but had to put it on hold to come home but you will soon see that she has not abandoned criminology altogether as they investigate the murder of another founding family member, her frienemy's mother. She also leaves a lasting impression on the new British detective in town when she vomits on his sneakers as she meets him jogging hungover on the beach. He then becomes known as "puke boy" but always steps in to save Mac. These three make a great team and have a lot of fun while they are doing it. Brie is the creative mastermind behind the delicious confections and comes up with comical names from the people around her. The characters are well described and the scenes make me feel like I could be there as I picture what goes on in my mind. I really liked this book and am anxiously waiting for the next book to come. This author is talented and Summer Prescott seems to have an uncanny record of finding these authors, keep up to good work both of you!

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### **Kristine (A Cozy Booknook) says**

This is the first in a new series and it doesn't disappoint. This is a fast paced story that will quickly draw you in. The characters are fun and quirky, I loved their descriptions and that the hero is a bit odd and not off the pages of a magazine. I guessed who the culprit was early on but getting to the big reveal was a fun journey though a little rushed. I look forward to reading more in this series!

I received a copy of this manuscript from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

A tasty start to what should be a yummy series!

TRUFFLES AND TROUBLES is a fresh and fun cozy. Author Valley Sams has a fluid style of writing that made reading this story a joy.

I really liked her characters. Mac and Sabrina would be an entertaining handful to deal with in real life. Well, Sabrina certainly would. LOL But I had a great time with them. I loved their conversations, and the way they got along.

Fast paced, TRUFFLES AND TROUBLE grabbed my attention right away, and held it tight until the satisfying end. Really a wonderful mystery.

No recipes with this one. ? As someone who enjoys baking, and making candy, I hope a few recipes are added to books. Either way, I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

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### **Lauren Dottin-Radel says**

Ok so I loved this book from start to finish. I mean you have the rich friend but you wouldn't know she is rich and then you have the best friend that is not afraid of anything...or so you think. Now Mac is one of the founding families in this town so she took some time off after her grandfather (who raised her) died and moved into his big home. Mac and Brie open up a specialty store when their landlord is found dead along with her fiancé. Mac, currently a criminology major at Harvard University, is interested in solving this murder..especially with the new British Detective in town is on the investigating team. Without giving it away, you will think you know who the killer is, but there is a twist and it will have your mouth hanging open.

This book will have you laughing, feeling somewhat sad and craving chocolate. Definitely a book to read and I can not wait for book two. This is a great first book from Valley Sams and I can not wait to read more.

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## **Star says**

A new mystery series involving a chocolate cafe! Yum! The main character, Mac, is very likable and so is her best friend Sabrina. Mac's British detective love interest is my favorite character. He is quirky and unpredictable. The mystery kept me guessing. If you enjoy culinary cozies, check out this new series! The publisher provided me with a complimentary ebook copy in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Teri says**

Truffles and Troubles is a really great start to another great series. Started reading it tonight and couldn't put it down. Mac and Brie are a great pair and funny. Who could pass up a murder, a little romance and chocolate. Great combo. Valley Sams has great writing skills and drew me into the story very fast. Great characters, story, setting and fun. I sure hope there is more to come from Mac and Brie very soon.

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## **Doward Wilson says**

Mac and Sabrina own a shop in Mackenzie Bay where Sabrina creates decadent chocolate creations in her upstairs lab and Mac runs the downstairs retail business. When their landlady, Victoria Dunleavy is found shot to death, Mac as a criminology major, pushes herself into the investigation. Mac and Victoria are both descendants of founding families and polite enemies. Victoria's son is cleared as a suspect but Mac finds another suspect. Detective Louis Stocker, a recent import from England tries to keep Mac out of trouble but finds it a hard job. Mac and Sabrina keep looking and Mac soon finds herself face to face with the killer. The writing is concise and the story moves quickly. The characters are nicely done but leave room for lots more development. The descriptions of the chocolate will have you drooling and running to get some. This is a slightly edgier cozy with a twisted murder plot. I am reading the second book to see what Mac and Sabrina get into next.

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## **Geneva Stokes says**

New Author Valley Sams gives us chuckles, goosebumps and a little love tingle! Mac & Brie are funny, get into anything young ladies who are best friends, along comes Detective Sargent Louis having eyes only for Mac. So much material, in this first book, to have several more on the way. Love the Victorian ocean atmosphere.

Well done Valley Sims, waiting patiently for more.

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## **Dawn says**

Mac's life has changed since the death of her grandfather. She leaves graduate school to return to the New

England hometown she left behind. Along with her best friend Mac opens a successful chocolate shop. When the wealthiest woman in town, Brie's landlord, is murdered the women decide to put Mac's criminal justice education to good use. Add to the mix a British ex-pat who is actually paid to investigate crime and you have a fun cast of characters. Will they be able to work together to solve this murder?

First, let me say that I like this book. It began a little slow for me. I'm not sure if it was actually me or the actual writing. The characters are nicely developed and the plot moves along nicely (at least it did when I finally got into the story in the second chapter). I do look forward to the next book in the series. I can't wait to see what this trio does next.

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