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Book Title: Dim Sum of all Fears

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Dim Sum of all Fears starts off with Lana Lee agreeing to manage her parents restaurant, the Ho-Lee Noodle House, while her parents went to visit her grandmother in Taiwan. Lana lost her interview for an office job because she has to manage the restaurant and is back to square one of finding a job. She has become very close to Isabelle, who just bought the shop next to Lana. When Isabelle and her husband, Brandon, are found dead, Lana is determined to find the killer and get justice for her friend. While investigating, Lana finds some demons in Brandon's closet that she doesn't think Isabelle knew about. Lana juggles managing the restaurant, family problems, troubles with her boyfriend, who is also the detective, all while she secretly investigates her friend's murder.

I did like this book. My favorite aspect of the book was the intricate backgrounds the victims had. Brandon, one of the victims, his past had many layers and each one of them was laid out very clearly, but there were some unexpected twists in them. I do admit that I didn't like this book as much as the first in the series, *Death by Dumpling*. It had a very different plot, but a similar setup. I enjoyed both plots very much, but when reading this book I kept thinking how the events of the book laid out similar to the first book in this series.

I recommend this book to teenagers who enjoy murder mysteries and drama. You definitely should read the first book in this series, *Death by Dumpling*, before you read this book because all the characters stay consistent and they are better introduced in *Death by Dumpling*. I recommend this book because it has many twists and turns and the story line keeps you interested. Even though I said the set up of the books in this series felt similar, the story line is keeping me intrigued, and I'm going to go read the third in the series, *Lo Mein Murder*.