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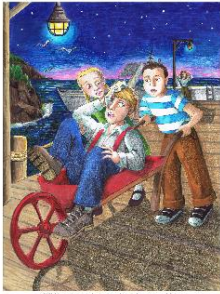
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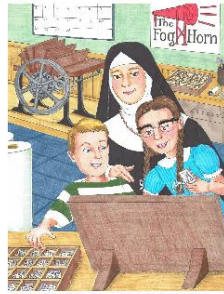
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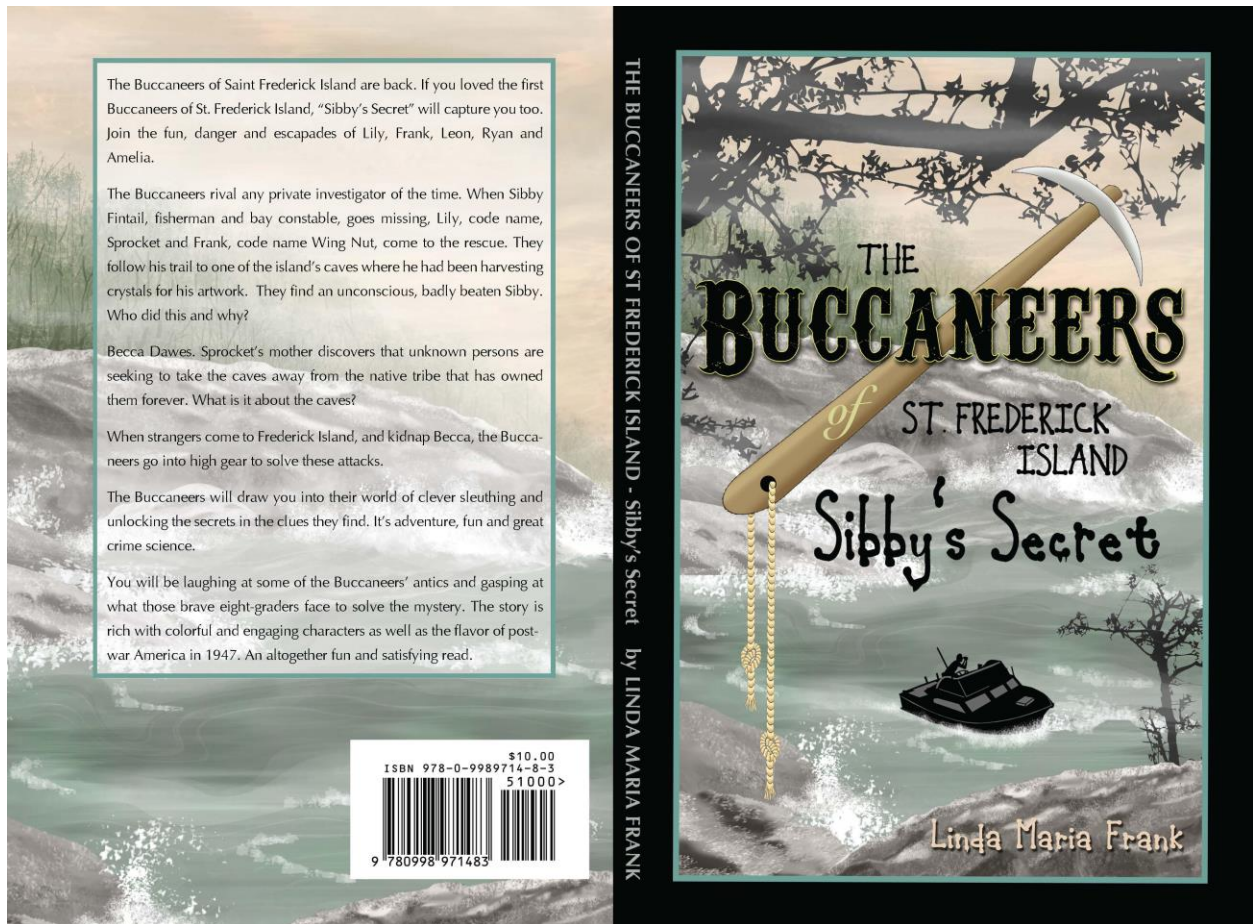
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The Buccaneers of St. Frederick Island, Sibby's Secret by Linda Maria Frank.

Book 1 of 1: The Buccaneers of St. Frederick Island.

The Buccaneers of Saint Frederick Island are back. If you loved the first Buccaneers of St. Frederick Island, "Sibby's Secret" will capture you too.

Join the fun, danger and escapades of Lily, Frank, Leon, Ryan, and Amelia.

The Buccaneers rival any private investigator of the time. When Sibby Fintail, fisherman and bay constable, goes missing, Lily, code name, Sprocket and Frank, code name Wing Nut, come to the rescue. They follow his trail to one of the island's caves where he had been harvesting crystals for his artwork. They find an unconscious, badly beaten Sibby.

Who did this and why?

Becca Dawes. Sprocket's mother discovers that unknown persons are seeking to take the caves away from the native tribe that has owned them forever. What is it about the caves?

When strangers come to Frederick Island, and kidnap Becca, the Buccaneers go into high gear to solve these attacks.

The Buccaneers will draw you into their world of clever sleuthing and unlocking the secrets in the clues they find. It's adventure, fun and great crime science.

You will be laughing at some of the Buccaneers' antics and gasping at what those brave eighth-graders face to solve the mystery. The story is rich with colorful and engaging characters as well as the flavor of 1947.



REVIEW for SIBBY'S SECRET: Adventure abounds in the new book of the Buccaneers of St. Frederick Island series. "Sibby's Secret" finds the Buccaneers engaged with an unknown enemy who seems intent on getting control of the fabulous caves that belong to the Native American North Breeze tribe that has inhabited the island for many centuries.

The Buccaneers are a group of eighth graders who are students at the island's only school, St. Besillius. Their self-appointed mission is to protect St. Frederick Island from any force that threatens their island home. St. Frederick Island is remote with old forests and the cave system that holds many mysteries. The residents are the North Breeze tribe, the fisher folks, and farmers, the Beachies who live off the land but don't own it, and the St. Besillius community.

The Buccaneers have code names. Lily is Sprocket, Frank is Wing Nut, Amelia is Ratchet, Leon is Snap Shackle and Ryan is Bletch. You'll have to read the book to discover the secret of these code names. In Sibby's Secret, friend of the Buccaneers, Sibby Fintail becomes bay constable, enabling him to patrol the waters around the island. He is also harvesting crystals from the caves to create artwork which he will sell to raise money for the student scholarship fund at St. Besillius.

He is attacked and his crystals stolen. But why?

Lily's mother, Becca Dawes, owns and runs the island's newspaper, The Foghorn. She is threatened and kidnapped. The Buccaneers receive a threatening letter. What is this all about?

As the Buccaneers go deeper into this mystery, the danger increases. As always, the solutions they uncover will surprise and intrigue you.

Sibby's Secret reintroduces you to your favorite characters from the first book. It engages you in the adventures, dangers, and fun these young detectives spiral into. Enjoy the island's beauty and hang on for a strange surprise at the end. No peeking!

Review by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite: 5-Stars. Reviewed on 05/18/2024. The Buccaneers of St. Frederick Island: Sibby's Secret is penned by author Linda Maria Frank in the historical, adventure, and action genres for young independent readers. The plot sees Lily, Frank, Leon, Ryan, and Amelia embroiled in a thrilling adventure as they investigate the disappearance of Sibby Fintail, a fisherman and bay constable. Following clues to a cave where Sibby harvested crystals, they find Sibby badly beaten, prompting questions about the perpetrators' motives. As they delve deeper, they uncover a plot to seize control of the caves from the native tribe and face danger when strangers kidnap Becca Dawes, Sprocket's mother. Through clever sleuthing and daring acts, the Buccaneers unravel the mystery,

showcasing their wit and bravery in solving the case.

Author Linda Maria Frank crafts an exhilarating story that whisks young readers away into a world of adventure and mystery. The captivating narrative has a superb sense of pacing to balance big action moments with interesting, suspense-filled discovery sections, and it was filled with twists, turns, and unexpected revelations to keep young minds engaged. The dynamic characters of Lily, Frank, and their friends brought the story to life, each contributing their unique skills and personalities to the investigation. I was delighted by the dialogue, which felt suitably classic for this kind of historical adventure, yet was highly accessible for young modern readers. Frank's attention to detail and vivid descriptions transported me to the vibrant setting of St. Frederick Island in 1947, immersing me in the atmosphere of the period with a balanced amount of context and detail. As I followed the Buccaneers' escapades, I found myself laughing at their antics and cheering for their triumphs, making for an entertaining and engaging read. Overall, Sibby's Secret is a delightful blend of adventure, suspense, and camaraderie that kept me hooked until the very end, and I would not hesitate to recommend it for the young and the young at heart alike.

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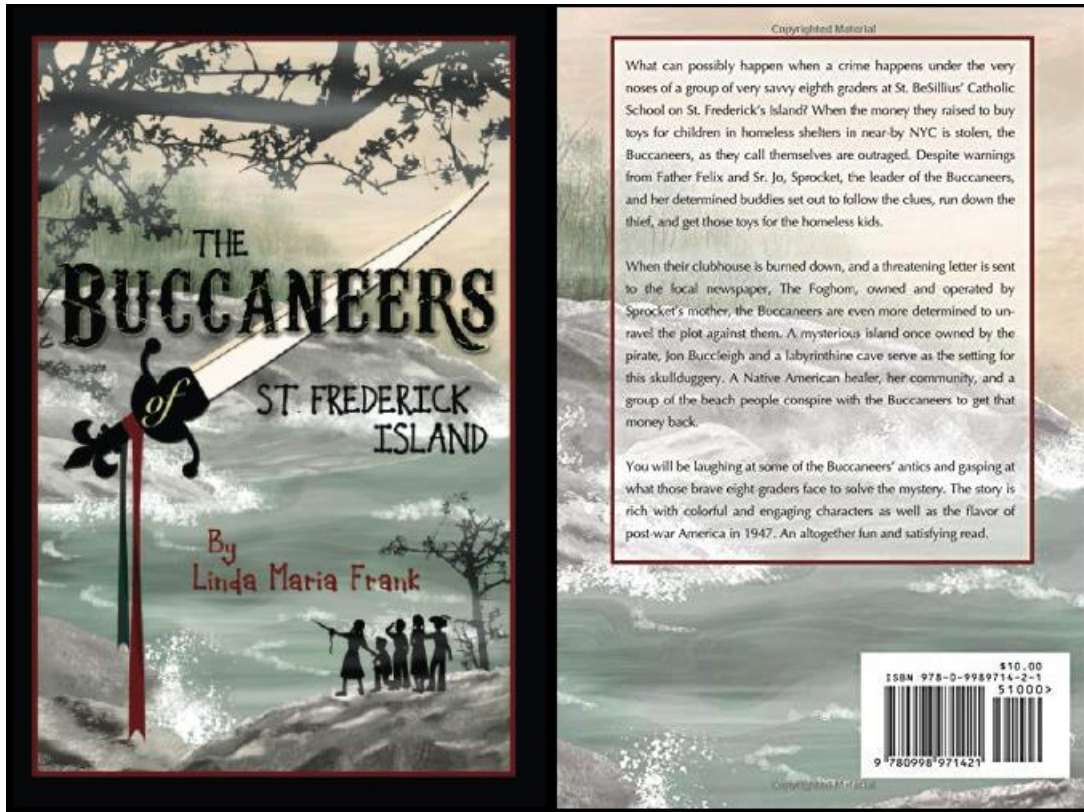
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The Buccaneers Of St. Frederick Island by Linda Maria Frank.

Introduction To Series.

What can possibly happen when a crime happens under the very noses of a group of very savvy eighth graders at St. BeSillius' Catholic School on St. Frederick's Island? When the money they raised to buy toys for children in homeless shelters in near-by NYC is stolen, the Buccaneers, as they call themselves are outraged. Despite warnings from Father Felix and Sr. Jo, Sprocket, the leader of the Buccaneers, and her determined buddies set out to follow the clues, run down the thief, and get those toys for the homeless kids.

When their clubhouse is burned down, and a threatening letter is sent to the local newspaper, The Foghorn, owned and operated by Sprocket's mother, the Buccaneers are even more determined to unravel the plot against them. A mysterious island once owned by the pirate, Jon Buccleigh and a labyrinthine cave serve as the setting for this skullduggery. A Native American healer, her community, and a group of the beach people conspire with the Buccaneers to get that money back.

You will be laughing at some of the Buccaneers' antics and gasping at what those brave eight-graders face to solve the mystery. The story is rich with colorful and engaging characters as well as the flavor of post-war America in 1947. An altogether fun and satisfying read.



5 Stars: Adventure sure to capture a young reader's imagination.

Author Linda Maria Frank begins this book with her historical notes about where the story originated from. This is very educational for young readers as it addresses her earliest memories in Middle Village, Queens, New York at the end of WWII.

The story begins at St. BeSillius's (catholic school), where mystery Author Linda Maria Frank sets the stage for more than one intriguing mystery (wrapped into one), that in my opinion, out preforms the Nancy Drew mysteries that I read as a young reader.

Within the walls of a small clubhouse (shack) a small band of school friends broke through the strict, stifling, constrictions of the classroom regiment, set in stone, by Sister JoAnn and Mother Superior. This tiny band of self-proclaimed private investigators, set out to find out, who stole the money they had spent an entire year earning, for a class trip to distribute toys to day care centers in the parish. The money disappeared from the Vestry (small room behind the altar); the very day Father Felix was supposed to open a bank account for the school project.

This small band of PIs came with an official title 'Buccaneers (meaning pirates) of St. Besillius'. They wrote up and voted on a charter (agreement) for their group, which included:

- Each member is sworn to secrecy, under pain of... what? Oh, I don't know.
- All clues are to be shared by everyone.
- All communications would be done using our code names. Mine is Sprocket.
- Our meeting place would be the old fishing shack on the beach.

The hunt for the mystery thief begins, which only leads to more mystery, danger, intrigue, and an ominous warning letter. Each club member had responsibilities related to their investigation. Club name Ratchet (real name Amelia) with her camera (Brownie) was the official photographer. Let me bring you into the story at Chapter Fifteen: Meanwhile, At the Ferry Dock.

...Ratchet would much rather be called by her real name, Amelia. Especially since one of her heroines was Amelia Erhardt, the aviatrix who made news-worthy flights around the world. She disappeared somewhere in the Pacific, never to be found. Ratchet just couldn't resist the mystery of it all.

...However, she would be true to her oath as a Buccaneer and fulfill her mission. She struggled with how to accomplish this. Most days she went to the ferry dock dressed in her reporter's costume consisting of

a many-pocketed jacket, borrowed men's trousers, a cap with a green visor, and several cameras strung around her neck, most of which did not work.

...But her trusty Brownie never failed her. Notepad in hand she snapped photos of the ferry passengers going to and from Main. She was too shy, at this point, to go up to them and get that "scoop".

...Today was different. She didn't want to stand out like a sore thumb. Surveillance required melting into the scenery. The outfit for this assignment had her pigtails tucked into a red bandana, her thick lensed glasses hidden behind her dad's aviator shades, and a dark blue jumpsuit, two sizes too big, borrowed from her brother who worked at Fred's only gas station. She was channeling Rosie the Riveter. Rosie, as you may have heard, was another heroine in American history. She and her millions of sisters made the planes, tanks and ships that won the recent World War. Since the war effort for Rosie was over for now, Amelia still stuck out like a sore thumb.

... "Hey, Sis. Halloween's over," called out one of the day trippers.

...Embarrassed, she hid the bandana and pulled out her braids. She kept the glasses, and the coveralls were a must, since taking them off meant she would be walking around in her undies.

...It was getting pretty boring. What was she thinking? This is a lame idea, but duty called, and she settled herself more comfortably. The scents of tar, salt water, and creosoted wood planking joined the piney aroma of the hemlocks to provide a perfume Amelia came to call home.

...Amelia looked up just in time. Janet trotted down the path to the ferry dock. She could have missed her because she had a jacket with a hood. But Janet always wore beaded moccasins and her pigtails had feathers instead of bows. One braid escaped the hood sealing her identity for Amelia.

...Amelia, now in Ratchet mode, started snapping again.

...Janet turned her way and Ratchet's heart almost stopped. Ratchet knew how important it was to identify Janet as Janet in her series of photos. Taking a breath and holding it, she snapped away.

...When Ratchet returned to check out the folks getting off the ferry, the strangers she had seen on other days came down the gangplank. Snap! Snap! Snap! They surrounded Janet, one grabbing her arm, the other talking to her, right in her face, grim and threatening. Janet pulled her arm away and snapped back at the stranger who had confronted her.

...The other man jammed something in her pocket. "Just do it," he growled. This was an easy lip read for Ratchet, a skill necessary for a well-trained snoop, er, journalist. Janet turned and ran back up the path. The men got back on the boat.

...What did the stranger put in Amelia's (Ratchet) pocket?

I encourage you to purchase "The Buccaneers of St. Frederick Island" by Linda Maria Frank and share it with all the children in your life. This book would make a great summer reading project for kids. This story will spark their imagination and inspire he/she to create their own clubhouse of friends and become private investigators.

Editorial Review (Book Marketing Global Network).



Review by Angela Reich: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Mystery, Adventure and Fun! Reviewed in the United States on August 26, 2021. Lily Dawes, a.k.a. Sprocket, leads the Private Eye group called the Buccaneers of St. BeSillius on a perilous hunt for a cache of money stolen from their school in this rollicking tale of adventure, danger, and mystery.

It seems that Lily, in forming this group along with her classmates, had all agreed to a charter and special code names. Some of the points of the charter are, in brief, "Each member is sworn to secrecy... All communications will be done using our code names...Our meeting place would be the old fishing shack on the beach..." The group operates as a team and is ferocious in its commitment to solve crimes, right wrongs, and protect the innocent from harm.

Writer Linda Maria Frank has done it again, as she has in the Annie Tillary Mysteries with this new mystery story meant for middle school readers, replete with an isolated island accessible only by ferry, dangerous caves, stories of pirates of the past, and mystifying strangers who come and go.

The characters include a mixture of WWII veterans, a Native American Healer, Lily's mother who writes and publishes the island's newspaper, the faculty of St. BeSillius Catholic School and Lily's comrades-in-arms. Into this mix, Frank manages to drop hints and clues, carefully planted along the way as the mystery of the missing money grows much more serious and threatening than a simple robbery. The complexity of the tale is carefully woven, and as the tension mounts and the crime is solved, each detail is carefully revealed to the satisfaction of the characters and the readers alike.

Frank both entertains and educates, stimulating the young reader's curiosity, encouraging deductive reasoning skills, as well as dropping information about science, American History, and Native American Culture. All this is accompanied by beautiful illustrations by Marianne Savage.

Frank's dry sense of humor and conversational tone is the icing on the cake for any reader who dares to go along with the Buccaneers for this enjoyable adventure!

Review by Frances O'Sullivan: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Engaging and enjoyable read. Reviewed in the United States on February 20, 2021. The Buccaneers of St. Frederick Island by Linda Maria Frank is possibly best described as an American Secret Seven. Set in the late 1940s, it follows a group of young teenagers who enjoy solving mysteries and are relentless in their pursuit of the truth. It has everything you'd expect – code names, clever ways of conveying information and some pretty cool hiding places (there's even a cave!).

There's a lively cast of child characters, as well as supporting adults. Some of the adults are understanding of the children's need to keep secrets and see a case through, whilst others try to stop them. I particularly liked Sibby, who lives in a shack near the Buccaneers' original club house and looks out for them.

This is an engaging and enjoyable read. I would recommend it to children who enjoy solving mysteries and reading adventure books such as those by Enid Blyton and Arthur Ransome. For me, it's a five-star read!

Review by Laura Furuta: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Wonderful story. Reviewed in the United States on February 18, 2021. I loved reading the book BUCCANEERS OF St. FREDERICK ISLAND by LINDA MARIA FRANK. It is a story that both young and old will enjoy reading. It is a book that includes mysteries, secrets, intrigue, and a little danger. I enjoyed reading about the characters and the part that each one played. Will they retrieve their missing money? Read this book to find out. This is a wonderful book about friendships and loyalty. The author does a wonderful job of making the story and the characters come alive. The story kept my attention from the first chapter to the final page. The mystery will pull you in and you will get lost in the storyline. Don't miss out on a book that is intriguing, exciting, entertaining, and mysterious, I highly recommend it.

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Linda Maria Frank had a lifelong career teaching science in high school and university. She took the case studies she created for the students in her forensic science classes and turned them into mysteries for young readers. She has lived in New York City and currently resides on Long Island.

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Review by Martha A. Cheves (VINE VOICE): 5.0 out of 5 Stars. The good people from Bay Shore tried to comfort her. Reviewed in the United States us on March 16, 2015. Verified Purchase.

"The story goes that the women lashed their small child to themselves with their shawls before they jumped overboard to swim ashore. This action proved to be fatal for some of the children. They couldn't struggle to the surface to breathe, and most of the mothers were not swimmers anyway. They were at the mercy of the waves."... "Some could be revived, and this drove one woman in particular to wander up and down the beach, trying to find someone who could revive her baby. When they saw that her child was dead, the good people from Bay Shore tried to comfort her.... She wandered the beach, her baby clutched to her, until she collapsed and died herself. Her grave is in the old cemetery in Bay Shore... Even today, the Madonna Ghost, as she is called, is sighted by people on occasion."

Annie and her Aunt Jill are vacationing on a small island out from New York called Fire Island. The island is small and Annie is really hoping that there will be at least a couple of people her own age. She was in luck. They were staying at the summer home of a friend of Jill's who just happened to have his nephew Ty staying with him. Now the vacation was looking up and even more so when she learned there was a ghost on the island. Maybe she would be able to see the Madonna Ghost for herself, making it a first for her. And of course, with Ty by her side, it would be fun.

What Annie and Ty soon learn is that there is more than a ghost on the island. The men staying in the cottage next door seem a little strange. And when Jill comes up missing, they are both sure the neighbors have something to do with it.

The suspense and mystery in this book had me rapidly turning the pages. I read a lot of books and usually have them pegged at least halfway through. Not this one. It kept me guessing all the way to the

end. So much so that I've ordered the next two books by this author... Secrets in the Fairy Chimneys and Girl with Pencil, Drawings

Review by Melissa Kuch: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Mystery and Fire Island Perfect Summer Read. Reviewed in the United States on August 20, 2013. Verified Purchase. When I was a young adult, I used to love the Nancy Drew books, which is why I was drawn to The Madonna Ghost. The novel revolves around a modern-day young detective, Annie Tillery. She is a great role model for young girls. Not only is she smart, but she is down to earth and someone people can relate with. She is not only facing the mystery of the Madonna Ghost on Fire Island, but she is also facing family issues, with her mother's drinking problem and her father always being away on business. The mystery itself is engaging and the reader is uncovering the clues and helping to solve the mystery along with Annie and her crush, the cute college boy Ty. I really enjoyed how Ty and Annie's relationship grows throughout the novel, and though there is romance, the two bond on another level as well. Ty understands what Annie is dealing with and shows her there is a path toward forgiveness. Linda Frank is a very talented author who not only sucks you into this mystery, but her beautiful descriptive passages about Fire Island will make you feel like you are on the beach along with the characters. The ending is a page-turning, nail-biting experience, and I recommend this story for mystery lovers, both young and old. I can't wait to read the next Annie Tillery mystery!

Review by Vito Gentile: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. The Madonna Ghost. Reviewed in the United States on November 11, 2013. Verified Purchase. I spent my youth on Fire Island and thought it was exciting and very interesting and then I read Linda Maria Frank's "The Madonna Ghost, an Annie Tillery Mystery" and realized all the excitement that I was missing. Packed with adventure and adversity – this thriller doesn't let go as it infuses romance and the supernatural to name just two of the many elements that rock what was to be a peaceful vacation. It was one of those books you can't put down. Buy "The Madonna Ghost" and see what I mean.

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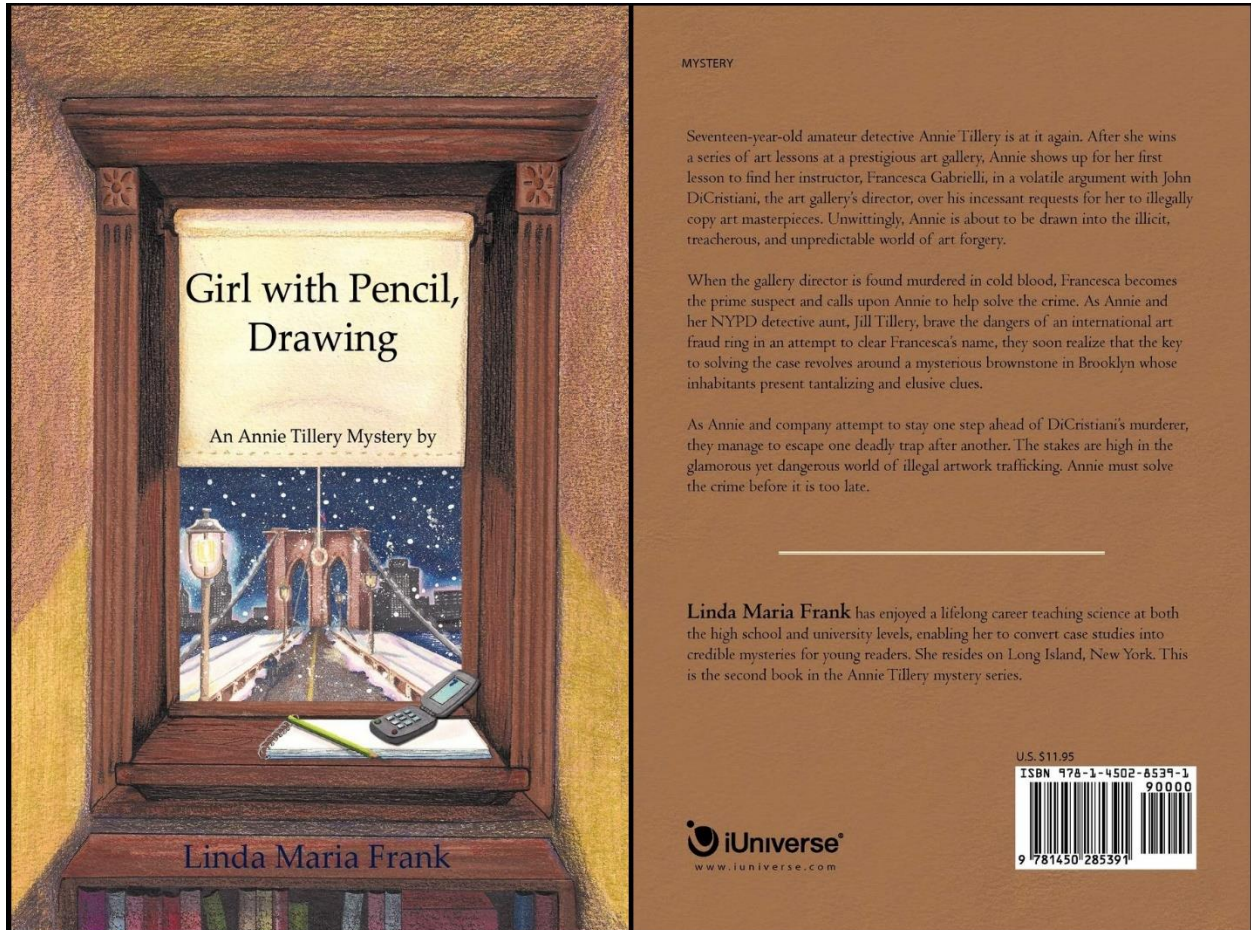
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Girl With Pencil, Drawing by Linda Maria Frank.

Annie Tillery Mysteries Book 2.

Seventeen-year-old amateur detective Annie Tillery is at it again.

After she wins a series of art lessons at a prestigious art gallery, Annie shows up for her first lesson to find her instructor, Francesca Gabrielli, in a volatile argument with John DiCristiani, the art gallery's director. He is demanding that she illegally copy art masterpieces. Unwittingly, Annie is about to be

drawn into the illicit, treacherous, and unpredictable world of art forgery. When DiCristiani is found murdered in cold blood, Francesca becomes the prime suspect.

She calls upon Annie to help solve the crime along with her NYPD detective aunt, Jill Tillery. They must brave the dangers of an international art fraud ring in an attempt to clear Francesca's name. They discover that the key to solving the case revolves around a mysterious brownstone in Brooklyn whose inhabitants present tantalizing and elusive clues. As Annie and company attempt to stay one step ahead of DiCristiani's murderer, they escape one deadly trap after another. The stakes are high in the glamorous yet dangerous world of illegal art trafficking. Annie must solve the crime to save her life and that of her friends.



5 Stars: Spectacular Read for Students and Young Adults!

Annie Tillery Mysteries book two *Girl with Pencil, Drawing* is a spectacular read for students and young adults of all ages. Each book in the Annie Tiller Mystery Series is unique and stands alone with no need to read in a particular sequence.

The story line in '*Girl with Pencil, Drawing*' by Author Linda Maria Frank draws the young reader into an adventure where young Annie Tillery goes for her first art lesson at a prestigious Art Gallery. With youthful exuberance and an eagerness to advance her drawing skills Annie arrives early. When she enters the studio, she overhears a heated argument between two people who turn out to be her Art Instructor Francesca Gabrielli and the Art Gallery Director John DiCristiani.

Annie's empathy for others and her sleuth personally draws her into a murder mystery when John DiCristiani turns up dead and Francesca Gabrielli is the prime suspect, Annie enlists the help of her Aunt Jill who is a NYPD Detective to help clear her new-found friend and art mentor's name.

With strong characters, flowing dialog, and layers of mystery, soon everyone is caught up in a real who-dun-it that involves a long list of suspects and hidden clues. Twists and turns with all the dangers that come into play when an International Art Fraud has been perpetrated.

I invite you to go beyond this headline: "Manhattan Business-Man Found Slain in Chelsea. John DiCristiani, a wealthy business man, whose financial interests reached as far as Hong Kong and Istanbul, was found shot to death in his posh apartment overlooking the Hudson River. Mr. DiCristiani's body was found by an employee from his Soho gallery. The police questioned the employee, Ms. Francesca Gabrielli, at headquarters, but subsequently released her. Police would only confide that the murder

weapon was found at the scene and that all other leads were being investigated. Mr. DiCristiani is survived by a son, Mark, twenty-five, a law student at New York University.”

Learn the ins and out of the art world that include how scientists’ tests for authenticity in original paintings by world renown artist like Renoir and the lucrative forgeries that make this underworld as treacherous as any international mob association.

Follow the clues, wait for the DNA evidence, and sift through the ashes left by an arsonist. Inspire a young reader to discover the innate detective skills of Annie Tillery who is fast becoming the next Nancy Drew. This series should be placed on our schools’ summer reading list.

Editorial Review (Book Marketing Global Network).



Review by Martha A. Cheves - VINE VOICE: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. When I was a young girl, I loved reading the Nancy Drew mysteries and to this day. Reviewed in the United States on June 5, 2015. Verified Purchase. He busied himself rummaging through the kitchen drawers, two sets of panic-stricken eyes following his every move. He found some emergency candles and went into the small dinette adjoining the kitchen. He lit them, let the wax drip onto some paper plates from the counter and affixed the candles to the plates. There were six candles in all. Was he into satanic rituals? He came back into the kitchen and turned on all the gas jets at the range and the oven, leaving its door ajar. He blows out the flames, letting the gas escape freely. "Bye, bye, ladies." He hurried out the back door locking it behind him.

When I was a young girl, I loved reading the Nancy Drew mysteries and to this day I still enjoy the style and mysteries of the young 'detective' but you can only read them so many times before you know them by heart. Well... Author Linda Maria Frank has brought my young memories back. Annie Tillery is today's Nancy Drew! In fact, she is great at getting herself into trouble but working it out in a fashion that would make Nancy proud. In *Girl With Pencil*, Drawing Annie goes to art school and finds that her instructor/teacher is mixed up in a murder that Annie doesn't believe she committed. Can she prove her innocence without getting both of them killed? What do you think?

This is the second book in the Annie Tillery Mystery Series. I've read the first, loved it and couldn't see how it could get any better. Well, it does. I'm now looking forward to reading the third book to see what Nancy, oh excuse me, Annie gets into and how she gets through it.

Review by A.S.: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Well written, quick reading, exciting mystery! Reviewed in the United States on September 15, 2012. Verified Purchase. The characters are fun and interesting. This is the 2nd book in this series that I've read and I really enjoyed them. I'm looking forward to the next book. I recommend this series for teenagers as well as adults.

Review by Geoffrey Wells: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. The guts and charm of a likable young leading lady. Reviewed in the United States on December 12, 2022. We all need an Aunt J. She's Annie's mentor and

guide in this sleazy world of crime that Annie Tillary finds herself in. Being under Aunt J's recognizance has its advantages, especially when it's based on her many years of service to the NYPD. And this is how we, the reader, accept Annie's smarts when it comes to cracking a crime; she has learned from the best. Author Linda Maria Frank makes no bones about the talent Annie has inherited; we're reassured that Annie knows what she is doing because crime-solving is in her blood. Consequently, her apparent precociousness at first leads us to discovering that she is in fact an effective sleuth, and along with her guts and charm, she's also a very likeable young leading lady.

Adding further credence to this story is the author's knowledge of forensics from teaching science for many years. In all, a fun and interesting read. (I received a free copy of this book.)

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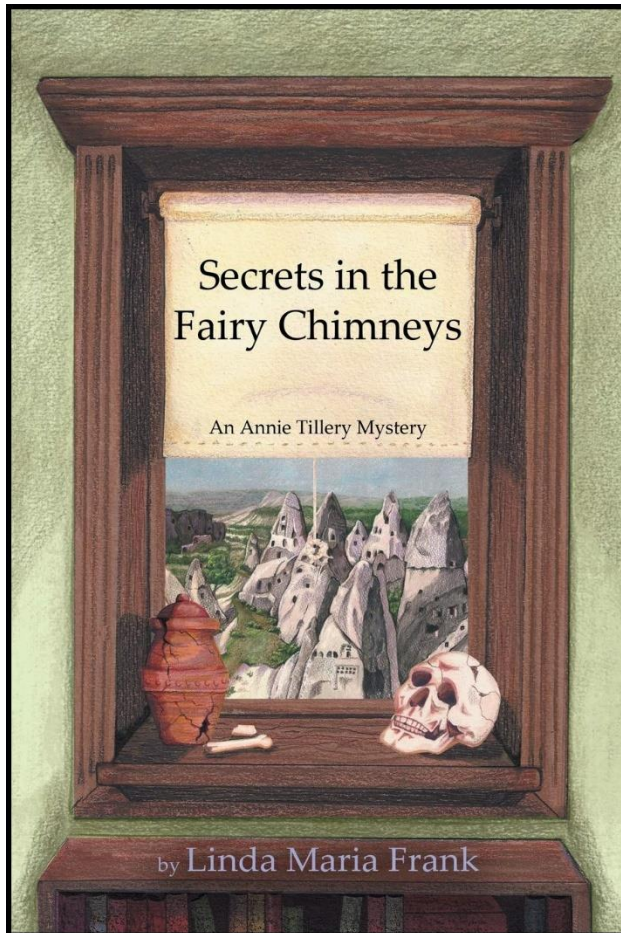
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LINDA MARIA FRANK is retired from a lifelong career teaching the sciences. She resides on Long Island, where she is currently writing the Annie Tillery Mysteries series, which includes *The Madonna Ghost*; *Girl with Pencil*, *Drawing* and *Secrets in the Fairy Chimneys*. She also produces the television show *The Writer's Dream* and serves as an active member of several writers' groups.

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Secrets In The Fairy Chimneys (Book Three) by Linda Maria Frank.

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Annie Tillery Mysteries book three 'Secrets In The Fairy Chimneys' can be summed up as Indiana Jones meets Nancy Drew with the skills and precision of CSI. A mystery unfolds midst a mix of ancient history and modern innovation, in an ageless Eastern country where time moves at a camel's pace.

Dedicated research by author Linda Maria Frank leaves no stone unturned while great description text transports the reader to the streets of Turkey with its mosques and minarets, towers, and modern buildings. One of my favorite quotes from the book is "Water droplets plunked into the pool from the vaulted ceiling. After the heat of the bazaar and the street chase, it was deliciously cool. Ornate columns with carved capitals supported the ceiling. The bases were decorated with animal and human figures. There were a few visitors, but the enormity of the space muffled their conversations."

Strong characters with great dialog bring us to dusty archaeological site in one of the oldest towns in human history called Catalhoyuk. Nothing can explain it better than this quote: "We were in a valley of shapes I couldn't believe were not made by humans, humans with a fabulous imagination. Conical formations called fairy chimneys in various sizes spread away from us in every direction. The color of bleached bones, they sat majestically among the gray-green brush and white clay-like soil. The air shimmered from the heat. I could smell the odor of clay mixed with a faint herbal scent that must have come from the brush."

Cosponsors from Vermont University are looking for a DNA connection between residents of Catalhoyuk and our original nomadic ancestors in Africa. Annie Tillery and her team go to work excavating this archaeological site, with all the inherent dangers and a mystery brings out the detective in Annie.

From the spell of an Ouija board to a magical balloon ride in the sky nothing is lost as this time and space makes all their senses come alive with amazing black and white graphics that bring the main characters to life.

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Anne Tillery has joined her boyfriend Ty at an archaeological dig in Turkey. He and his best friend Cedric are at the dig representing Vermont University. They will be working alongside a Dr. Atsut who is in charge of the project. Ty, Cedric, and Dr. Atsut are trying to prove that human remains at one of the earliest known archaeological sites in Turkey contained DNA that would link them to the first humans that evolved in Africa. But accidents and missing artifacts seem to be plaguing the site and there is even fear that it may be shut down.

As I've found out in other books of this series, Annie is quite a detective. Hopefully she, with the help of Dr. Atsut's twin children, will be able to make the connections that will end the accidents and theft before the Turkish government steps in to put a halt to everything. In doing so, Anne finds herself escaping two attempts of kidnapping which leaves her no choice but to call her own father for help.

This book gave me so much history of the Fairy Chimneys that I had to see for myself if they were real. They are and they are amazingly beautiful! Seeing what these unusual cities look like made the book even more enjoyable. As I read, I was not only enticed by the story but I could also picture where events were happening. If you like mystery as well as archaeology, you'll not want to miss reading this book.

Review by Messages For The Soul: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Fascinating and fun adventure. Reviewed in the United States on September 1, 2015. Verified Purchase. The writing in Secrets in the Fairy Chimneys can be really breath-taking at times so much that I found myself backtracking to reread passages and take it all in again. Lots of depth in description of character and place to bring the exotic into your home and you take in the words. Apart from the CSI angle which, as you would expect from a forensic scientist, is acutely poignant, the rest must have been thoroughly researched as well as nothing about events seems out of place. A captivating and charming plot and a very enjoyable YA book overall. Looking forward to reading more by Linda Frank.

Review by Russell F Moran: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Annie Tillery on the Case. Reviewed in the United States on June 10, 2014. Verified Purchase. Terrific read. Although I'm not a typical YA reader (a bit too old) I thoroughly enjoy this series. Young Annie Tillery is a character that the reader can engage as she soldiers on with her adventure in the face of some ominous threats. Her relationship with her boyfriend, and archaeological dig partner is touching. The scene descriptions of the archaeological site in Turkey are

well done and enlightening. The author not only knows how to tell a compelling story but she adds some interesting scientific information. I have heard of mitochondrial DNA, but never knew its significance until I read this book. A fast-moving fun read, with plot twists, clues, and a great ending.

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LINDA MARIA FRANK decided, after a life-long career teaching science, to mix her love of mystery with her knowledge of forensics. She refers to her books as "Nancy Drew meets CSI." She also produces The Writer's Dream—a local access TV show that interviews authors about their craft.

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5 Stars: This book educates young minds!

Good news for all Annie Tillery Mystery Followers. The Mystery Of The Lost Avenger (book 4) is finally here. This book educates young minds using this fictional mystery that involves NCIS investigating the crash site of a World War II plane.

Turns out the pilot was Annie Tillery's great-grandmother Charlotte who was a test pilot for Grumman and actually flew in battle. Annie, her mother Carol are intrigued by Charlotte's note and decide to dig through the old family attic to see what they can find out about this mysterious family member. What they discover in the attic only adds to the mystery and soon Annie suspects that Charlotte's ghost is reaching out to them from beyond the grave with an important message.

Annie's decides to get her boyfriend Ty Egan who happens to be a pilot involved. Here is their conversation.

... "Ty, you won't believe what Mom has been telling me about a mystery concerning my great-grandmother. Mom, this is your story, and maybe Ty can see something we don't. Can you fill him in on the details, so far? I'm just hearing this story for the first time, too."

... "Well, let me start with..." She shuffled the papers in her lap. "Here's the letter we received from the Department of the Navy. And here's a copy of a note we found in the plane. The note is written on some sort of a company form with an identification number on it. The number belonged to Charlotte, my grandmother."

... "I also have a letter from the Naval Crime Investigation Service about the condition of the plane where they found the note, and the pilot they found in the wreckage. There are skeletonized remains of a person whose identity they are trying to confirm. They know who flew the plane when it went missing, but they must confirm that it is that person. It is a woman."

... Mom added a new thought, "You know, it's ironic. Charlotte did die in a plane crash many years later. She continued to fly recreationally after the war. When I went to Maryland to see if there was any record of her time at Grumman, I found these letters in the house where Charlotte spent her last years."

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Editorial Review (Book Marketing Global Network).



Review by Martha A. Cheves - VINE VOICE: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Has everything you want - mystery, history & a ghost! Reviewed in the United States on October 16, 2018. Verified Purchase. Charlotte Wheeler suspected that sabotage was happening at the Grumman plant. She was able to figure out the faulty hinges for the Avenger's bomb bay doors were being randomly replaced for the good hinges, by someone who had access to the plant. Charlotte and her buddies checked all the planes and prevented the faulty parts from being switched. They did their best to stop the saboteur, things got rough and Charlotte was attacked one night while she was waiting to catch him in the act.

Charlotte Wheeler was a WASP during WWII. She not only helped build the planes, she also flew them to their destination where they were turned over to the fighting pilots. She was scheduled to fly one of the bombers out but noticed a problem with the bomb bay doors. While she went to check on something the plane was given to another WASP to deliver. Her name was Brenda McPhee and she never made it to her destination. Her plane disappeared.

Many years later Annie, who is Charlotte's great grand-daughter, finds out that the plane has been found and there was a letter inside that was written by Charlotte. Through further research and the help of her boyfriend Ty, Annie decides to solve the mystery of the downed plane and who the saboteur was.

As with all the Annie Tillery Mysteries, this one kept my interest. It not only had some history; it also had a great mystery and of course a ghost. Looking forward to reading the next in this series.

Review by Theresa: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Intriguing, Informative, and Well Written! Reviewed in the United States on January 13, 2023. Although this is a YA novel, the expertise of the author, Linda Marie Frank, brings it up to another level. Her knowledge of WWII era planes and methods of decoding encrypted messages, combined with her background in forensic science and genetics, makes this novel not only fascinating, but educational! In addition, there is this sense of connection between generations within a Charlotte's family and the longevity of friendships between Charlotte and her friends. This is an historical mystery that allows the reader to collect the clues along the way while trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Highly recommend this book!

Review by Frances O'Sullivan: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. What really happened? Reviewed in the United States on February 17, 2021. The Mystery of the Lost Avenger is the fourth book in Linda Maria Frank's Annie Tillery Mystery series. Aimed at confident young readers, the series follows Annie, who in this book is getting ready to go to college, as she solves intriguing mysteries.

The Mystery of the Lost Avenger takes readers back in time to 1943, to learn about the women involved in aviation during WWII. Annie's great-grandmother, Charlotte, was a WASP, flying planes to transport them to military bases. When a note written by Charlotte is found in the remains of a crashed plane which disappeared in mysterious circumstances, the whole family gets involved in untangling the mystery of what really happened.

I loved that this book focused on a part of history I didn't know much about, and it would be a great read for mystery-loving children who are learning about WWII in school. It was also really fun learning about how Annie, as well as Charlotte back in the 1940s and the professionals at NCIS, approached solving mysteries. There are codes to crack, and forensic evidence to process.

For me, this is a five-star book. It's a really fun read and gave me lots to think about. I haven't read any of the earlier books in the series and was able to follow the story without any issues, but now that I've read it, I'm keen to go back and read about the other adventures Annie's had!

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Making A Mystery With Annie Tillery: The Madonna Ghost by Linda Maria Frank.

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Review by Lois W. Stern, Author, Creator of tales2inspire: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Teens and educators Beware: Once you start this book, you will find it difficult to put it down! Reviewed in the United States on July 28, 2018. If you want to pry your teenager away from her Smart Phone for a few hours of old fashion pleasure, just put a copy of *Madonna Ghost* in their hands. This well-crafted novel carries all the key ingredients to mesmerize its readers, capturing the essence of summer romance, sinister plots, and a touch of the occult.

As Annie Tillery embarks on a two-week beach vacation with undercover FBI agent, Aunt J, they become guests at the home of Doc and his handsome nephew, Ty. Although first attracted to Ty for his “Mr. Gorgeous” good looks, this appealing young twosome soon forge a relationship extending well beyond physical attraction. Their bond deepens as they share dark family secrets, explore mysterious island happenings, and assist in the apprehension of a monstrous criminal.

Although written for a young adult audience, this ‘senior citizen’ remained transfixed by author Linda Maria Frank’s well-crafted story. Buy it for that special young person in your life, but treat yourself to several hours of reading pleasure before handing it over to them. *The Madonna Ghost* promises plenty of fodder for rich conversation!

It is no surprise to note the Frank, a master teacher herself, included lesson plans, activities, discussion questions and websites as educational tools for students. What a wonderful gift for educators as well! *Making Mystery – The Madonna Ghost* is a ready-made curriculum to help your students develop research, writing and critical thinking skills.

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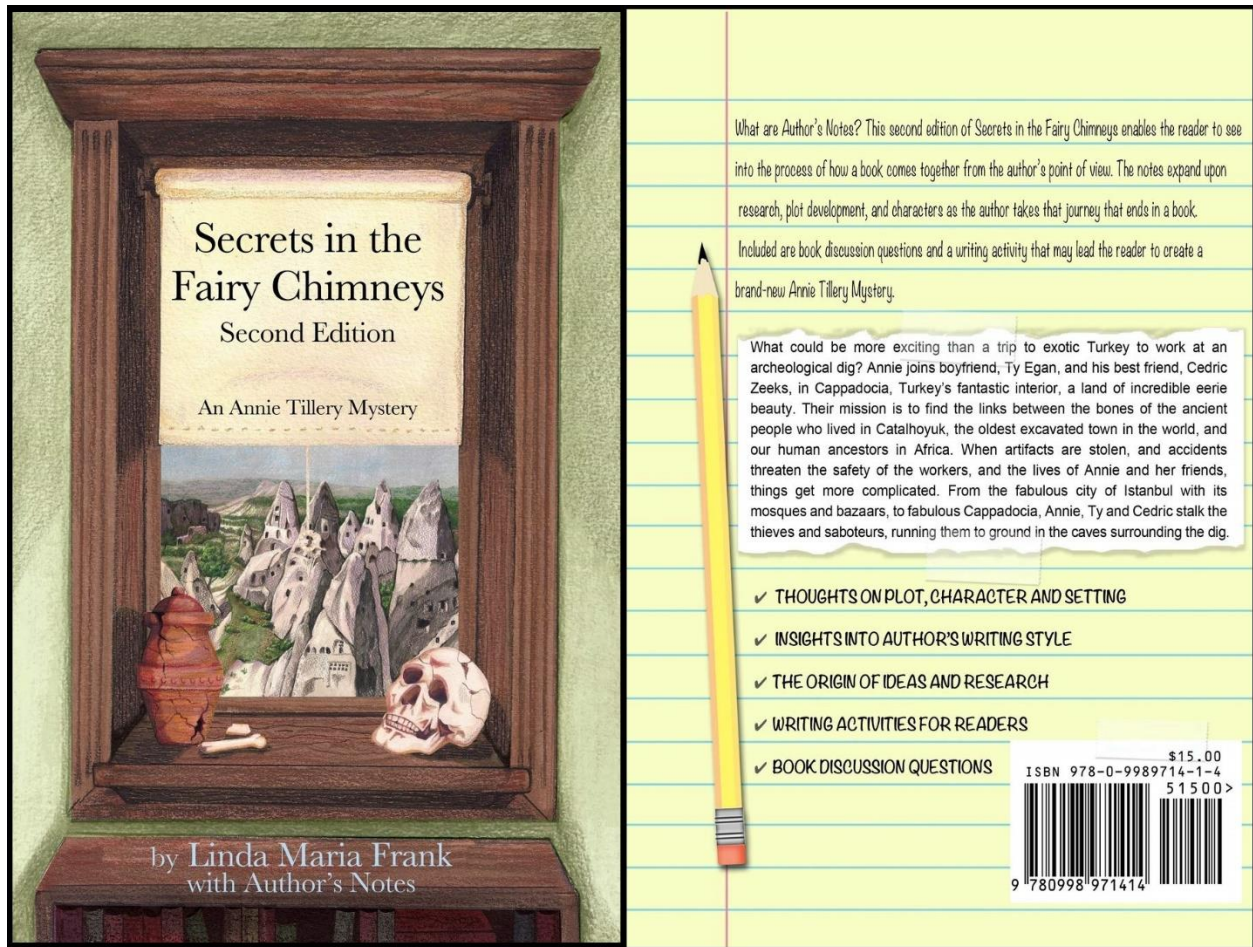
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Secrets In The Fairy Chimneys, 2nd Edition by Linda Maria Frank.

Annie Tillery Mysteries Book 6.

This enhanced edition of “Fairy Chimneys” reveals the story behind the story of writing this exciting mystery.

To add to the readers’ pleasures, I have included book discussion questions, a writing activity, and a little gem about how the story came about from the author’s perspective. I have answered the who, why, when, where, and how of the book. And here is a peek into the story.

A young detective volunteering at an archaeological dig in turkey embarks on another adventure where she must unravel an ancient mystery and solve the secrets in the fairy chimneys. Amateur sleuth Annie Tillery has been warned to stay away from Nevshehir, Turkey, where she is heading to meet her boyfriend, Ty Egan, and Cedric Zeeks, Ty’s best friend.

Intent on helping the two excavate an archaeological site where they hope to link human remains to the first African ancestors, Annie does her best to shake her foreboding feelings as her plane lands in Istanbul and she prepares to embark on her next adventure .But when a stranger claims he is there to pick her up and then disappears once he sees Ty, Annie is immediately thrown back into worry mode—

especially after Ty tells her there is unexplained tension surrounding the dig and she receives a threatening note at the hotel. Still, as the three head to Nevsehir, Annie is buoyed by the excitement surrounding ancient Turkey and the possibility of uncovering secrets.

The dig is plagued by accidents and theft, however, and the three friends, assisted by the head archaeologist's twins, must search the ancient city of Istanbul and the caves of fantastic Cappadocia to find who is sabotaging their work.

In this young adult thriller, detective Annie Tillery must once again walk on a dangerous path in an attempt to unravel a complicated mystery and solve the secrets in the fairy chimneys.



5 Stars: Indiana Jones meets Nancy Drew with the skills and precision of CSI.

Annie Tillery Mysteries book three 'Secrets In The Fairy Chimneys' can be summed up as Indiana Jones meets Nancy Drew with the skills and precision of CSI. A mystery unfolds amidst a mix of ancient history and modern innovation, in an ageless Eastern country where time moves at a camel's pace.

Dedicated research by author Linda Maria Frank leaves no stone unturned while great descriptive text transports the reader to the streets of Turkey with its mosques and minarets, towers, and modern buildings. One of my favorite quotes from the book is "Water droplets plunked into the pool from the vaulted ceiling. After the heat of the bazaar and the street chase, it was deliciously cool. Ornate columns with carved capitals supported the ceiling. The bases were decorated with animal and human figures. There were a few visitors, but the enormity of the space muffled their conversations."

Strong characters with great dialog bring us to dusty archaeological sites in one of the oldest towns in human history called Catalhoyuk. Nothing can explain it better than this quote: "We were in a valley of shapes I couldn't believe were not made by humans, humans with a fabulous imagination. Conical formations called fairy chimneys in various sizes spread away from us in every direction. The color of bleached bones, they sat majestically among the gray-green brush and white clay-like soil. The air shimmered from the heat. I could smell the odor of clay mixed with a faint herbal scent that must have come from the brush."

Cosponsors from Vermont University are looking for a DNA connection between residents of Catalhoyuk and our original nomadic ancestors in Africa. Annie Tillery and her team go to work excavating this archaeological site, with all the inherent dangers and a mystery brings out the detective in Annie.

From the spell of an Ouija board to a magical balloon ride in the sky nothing is lost as this time and space makes all their senses come alive with amazing black and white graphics that bring the main characters to life.

Students and young adults of all ages will enjoy Annie Tillery Mysteries. Although a series each book is unique and stands alone with no need to read in a particular sequence.

Editorial Review (Book Marketing Global Network).



Review by Dan Mariani Author of *Bicycling With A Purpose: Shift Gears to Lower Stress, The Road to Chapulepec Park: Surviving The Big Freeze*. 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Great addition to the Annie Tillery Mysteries Series! Reviewed in the United States on July 12, 2020. Verified Purchase. Eloquently written young adult mystery story that adults will like too!

Follow Annie has she uncovers clues leading to mysterious crimes at a dig outside Istanbul. Fast-paced page turner that will keep you engaged and satisfied with its intricate plot.

Just when I thought I knew whodunit the plot thickened and sent me off in another direction. The twists and turns were well-placed throughout and kept the narrative whole.

If you haven't read a Frank mystery this is a good one to start with. You won't be disappointed!

I highly recommend this to readers who enjoy well-crafted stories that make you think and where you can learn something new along the way.

Review by Kindle Customer: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. This is a page-turning, fun filled, nail-biting, adventure. Reviewed in the United States on August 19, 2019. Verified Purchase. It was great fun to write, and I love getting accolades from my readers. One 60ish lady was angry at me, because she stayed up until 3AM. She couldn't put it down. Don't really know why Amazon wanted me to review my own book, but what the heck.

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Message From Linda Maria Frank: Hello, fellow mystery lovers. As a teacher of forensic science for almost 20 years, I decided to create mysteries around the science I found most interesting. I also wanted to create a smart, edgy, young female detective to solve my cases. The result was Annie Tillery. I like to call my books "Nancy Drew meets CSI". My books capture, not only my love of mystery and science, but those things I found most exciting in life; sailing, falling in love, and my fascination with New York City.

Currently, I am living on Long Island and working hard to promote my books.

The third Annie Tillery mystery, *Secrets in the Fairy Chimneys*, revolves around another topic I find fascinating, and that is archaeology. It takes place in Turkey. This story is packed with heart stopping page turning drama.

The latest book, *The Mystery of the Lost Avenger*, investigates a cold case involving Annie's great grandmother who was a test pilot for Grumman Aviation during WWII. Go back in time to solve an unexplained plane crash involving sabotage and great grandma, Charlotte Wheeler, and her fighter pilot fiancé.

Stay tuned for more thrilling and dangerous adventures for Annie and that oh-so-sexy Ty.



AN EXPLANATION OF THE AWARDS

The Author Show Awards (1, 2, 4, and 7) – are writing contests. The winning entries appear in an anthology, “50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading”.

The Top Female Writers Award (6) is based on an entry the author chooses to submit of their writing.

The other awards are for individual books I submitted to various contests.

The first award I received was “Rising Star” for “The Madonna Ghost”, awarded by iUniverse, the original publisher.

- 2013 The Authors Show 50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading
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- 2015 Wishing Shelf Awards Red Ribbon Winner, “Secrets in the Fairy Chimneys”
- 2016 The Authors Show 50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading
- 2017 Finalist, Book Excellence Awards, “Secrets in the Fairy Chimneys”
- 2018 The Authors Show Top Female Author
- 2018 The Authors Show, 50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading
- 2019 First Place, Royal Dragonfly Book Award, “Making a Mystery with Annie Tillery”
- 2019 Independent Press Award, Distinguished Favorite, “Making a Mystery with Annie Tillery”
- 201 Big Book Award, Distinguished Favorite, “The Mystery of the Lost Avenger”.

Book Awards: Young Adults/Teen: Linda Maria Frank, New York
<https://wnbnetworkwest.com/WnbAuthorsShowTopFemale-results.html>

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Secrets In The Fairy Chimney's Prologue by Linda Maria Frank
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Secrets In The Fairy Chimney (Commercial)
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The Madonna Ghost by Linda Maria Frank
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Girl With Pencil, Drawing (Ch 1 Audiobook) by Linda Maria Frank
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Linda Maria Frank Interview At The Children's Author Radio Show
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