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Novel Kenmore Square's Haunting Theme: Who Shot a Boston Teen's Mother?

Iris Apple is like most young women in the 1950s except for two things: She's the granddaughter of Boston's most notorious bookie and she suspects that her father murdered her mother. But how can she prove it?

Las Vegas, Nevada - 12/20/2016 – Carol June Stover's novel, *Kenmore Square*, has us rooting for Iris Apple seeking the truth about who killed her mother on her tenth birthday. Suspecting that her father was the gunman, her cat and mouse game plays out with him at his Kenmore Square rooming house, a haven for Boston's down and outs. When Iris turns eighteen, still without answers, she teams up with boarder Madame Charlemagne, a has-been cabaret singer. Together they learn that a nearby innkeeper holds keys to the puzzle, and they set out for the Wellesley Inn. Instead, Iris discovers a web of dark secrets entangled with hers. Mustering all of her courage, Iris must untangle these webs to bring truth and love into her life.

“While my novel's genre is literary fiction, it's also a cozy mystery,” Stover explains. “I moved to Boston after college and lived in a Kenmore Square rooming house while getting settled. I thought the place would be a great setting for a novel...thus the inspiration for my tale was born. I felt the same fascination for the historic Wellesley Inn and set many scenes there,” Stover says. “Also, the theme of young women struggling to develop self-worth is strong for me. This is my third novel exploring the challenge, this time the heroine solving a murder at the same time.”

Reader's Favorite reviewer, Jessyca Garcia, says, “Kenmore Square is a story filled with secrets and memorable characters. I loved the main character, Iris Apple...Stover made her seem like a real person with real problems. I felt Iris was personally telling me her story when reading the book.” Stover attributes her story telling ability to her southern roots. “My grandmother was a great story teller. I think I learned the art of spinning a yarn on her front porch in Arkansas.”

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