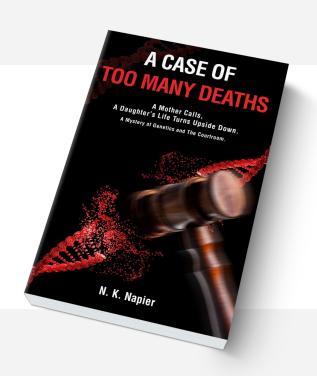
A CASE OF TOO MANY DEATHS

A Mother Calls,
A Daughter's Life Turns Upside Down.
A Mystery of Genetics and The Courtroom.





I sincerely hope you enjoyed reading *A Case of Too Many Deaths*. You could have picked any book, but you chose mine, and for that, I am grateful. I hope that by unraveling the genetic threads of justice, I will leave you with some idea of how newly available scientific research could save someone's life.

As you gather a group of avid mystery readers friends, I hope the questions below will help spark the conversation, and generate a healthy discussion about how the book has impacted each reader.

Enjoy your discussion! N. K. Napier



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. The title of the book, *A Case of Too Many Deaths*, implies a central mystery. How did the interplay between the courtroom drama and the medical investigation enhance your reading experience?
- 2. Emma Raddell, the protagonist, is confronted with a sudden and complex challenge involving her estranged family. How did her character evolve throughout the story, and what were the key factors that contributed to her growth?
- 3. The story explores themes of family secrets and hidden truths. How did the revelations about Emma's family history impact your understanding of her motivations and decisions?
- 4. Genetics plays a significant role in the plot. How did the involvement of a world-renowned geneticist influence the direction of the story? In what ways did the genetic aspect deepen your engagement with the mystery?
- 5. The relationship between Emma and her mother is strained at the beginning of the book. Did their interactions and evolving dynamics resonate with any personal experiences you've had? How did their relationship contribute to the emotional core of the narrative?
- 6. The legal system and the pursuit of justice are central themes. How did the portrayal of the legal process, including Emma's efforts to secure a mistrial or a new trial, affect your perceptions of the justice system? Did it spark any discussions about its strengths and shortcomings?
- 7. The story raises questions about the reliability of expert testimony in criminal cases. How did the character of the Australian expert impact your thoughts on the role of expert witnesses in trials?
- 8. The mystery revolves around a claim of innocence from a woman convicted of a heinous crime. As you read, did you find yourself questioning her innocence or guilt? What specific clues or moments influenced your opinion?

- 9. The retired Scottish librarian serves as a key ally to Emma in her investigation. How did this unconventional partnership enhance the story's intrigue and contribute to the unraveling of the mystery?
- 10. The narrative weaves together elements of mystery, family drama, and legal thriller. Which aspect of the book did you find most compelling, and how did the blending of genres contribute to your engagement with the plot?

Feel free to use these questions as a starting point for engaging discussions about *A Case* of *Too Many Deaths* within your book club.

I offer a 30-minute virtual call as a thank-you to the book club members. To schedule the call, please email nkn@nancyknapier.com with the requested date and time.

I encourage you to use the hashtag #ACaseOfTooManyDeaths or tag @nancyknapier on social media to share pictures of you, your group, or your favorite reading spot.

I also appreciate your book review on your retailer of preference.

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