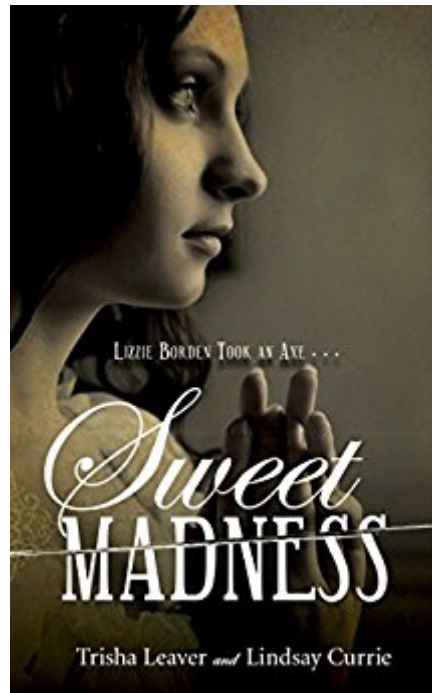




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Synopsis

Sad young woman ... or cold-blooded killer? On a steaming August day in 1892, a sweet-faced, young woman in Fall River, Massachusetts stepped from a naive girlhood into a dark legend that has lasted for more than a hundred years. On that day, Andrew Borden, a prosperous businessman, was found hacked to death in his parlor. Upstairs, police find his wife, Abbey -- just as dead. Andrew's youngest daughter, Lizzie, was charged with the murders, sending shock-waves through the nation. A jury found her not guilty, for no one saw a thing and there wasn't a single real clue. Still, as this captivating realistic novel suggests, someone may have known the truth. Told through the eyes of Lizzie's Irish maid, Bridget Sullivan, who may have been Lizzie's only true friend, *Sweet Madness* tells of a cruel, penny-pinching father who had plenty of enemies, an ambitious second wife, a distant older sister and Lizzie, a trusting and kind soul who grew more unstable by the day. A carefully researched account from a bystander who was once a prime suspect, *Sweet Madness* will give you a look into the doomed house on Second Street and a deeper understanding of one of history's saddest and most controversial crimes

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Customer Reviews

One of the most famous murder mysteries in history brought to life through the eyes of a poor Irish maid. I heard about this book shortly before it was released and immediately put it on my wish list. I finally got myself a copy and I was not disappointed. The details known about the family were well researched and woven into the story creatively. The twists and mind games leading up to the murder were mind blowing. The account of the murders themselves was chilling. Truly a genius explanation that I have never heard put forth before now as to what happened in the Borden house that fateful day. If you like historical fiction or murder mysteries do yourself a favor and pick up a copy of this one. So good.

This book took me forever to read and it isn't even all that long. It is one of the slowest books I've ever read. The authors are seriously beating a dead horse with those little random facts we think we know about the actual Lizzie Borden case (like the stuff about Lizzie's fishing gear). This book turns from historical fiction to historical nonsense. And I know this is picky of me, but there are several typos towards the end of the book. They are incredibly obvious and annoying. This book is, plain and simple, a work of great speculation and the authors seem to have done very little research into the case. Seriously, don't waste your time on this book.

I literally just ignored my life for three hours to finish SWEET MADNESS. What a great twist on a familiar story. I loved Bridget, and Lizzie was a surprisingly sympathetic character. If you think you know the story of Lizzie Borden, you should read this book.

Great! Thought it might be boring but found it to be anything but. Not only suspenseful, but allows you to experience the ambience of Fall River, Massachusetts and its wealthy community as well as its Irish community in the late 19th century. Found this book to be completely enjoyable.

You don't. Not yet. But you will. SWEET MADNESS will take you to a whole 'nother place, in what you thought was just a creepy children's rhyme. You can feel the August heat come off the pages, and the claustrophobia and danger that lurks in the Borden house. Don't wait. Now would be a good time to read it. You know, in the daylight...

I'm always interested in learning a different viewpoint. This story gave me the option to interpret the story in a different light

I read this book in one day, if that tells you anything. There were so many ways they could have taken this storyline. I certainly kept my attention.

Okay story, kept repeating the same lines and ideas over and over, not trusting the reader. Interesting take on the story.

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