

**STICKY FINGERS**

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*Sticky Fingers*, by Morgan Hunt, is the first in a series about an unlikely amateur sleuth, Tess Camillo. "Unlikely" is an understatement – Tess is everything mainstream mystery heroines are not: she's a lesbian, she's a cancer survivor, and perhaps most unexpected of all, she is a woman "of a certain age." And she is terrific.

Tess is forced into sleuthing when someone tries to kill her – with a snake. When a woman is murdered, Tess gets involved. As she dodges serpents and a venomous killer, enduring hot flashes and hypodermic needles, the sassy Tess gets help from her friends – a loveable, quirky, unique cast of secondary characters I look forward to getting to know in future books. When Tess faces breast cancer (much like her creator, Morgan Hunt), she handles it with the wry aplomb the reader has begun to expect from her.

Though *Sticky Fingers* is the first book in a new series, Hunt's character development is so flawless you'll think she's been writing Tess Camillo mysteries for years. With style, wit, and an irrepressible sense of humor, Hunt draws you into the story and doesn't let go until the last word... and then leaves you wishing for more.