

## ***Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*** by Jesse Q. Sutanto

### **Main Characters**

**Vera Wong Zhuzhu** our hero, owner of Teahouse

**Tilbert aka Tilly** her son, lawyer

**Jinlong** her dead husband

**Alex** Chen, father of the twins, murderer

**Marshall Chen** the 'bad' twin, dead in Teahouse, scammer

**Julia Chen** his wife, photographer, manipulated, demeaned and lied to by Marshall

**Emma Chen** their two-year-old daughter

**Riki Herwanto** 'Buzzfeed journalist', cheated by Marshall

**Sana Singh** Artist, cheated by Marshall

**Oliver Chen** 'good' twin to Marshall, in love with Julia

**Officer Gray** police investigator on the case

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Vera has a strong personality. She is regimented, opinionated, and interfering. She is also lonely, well-meaning, and loving. Did you find Vera to be meddlesome or did you love her character? How did your opinion of Vera affect your overall opinion of the book?
2. Discuss Vera's decision to take the investigation into her own hands and her approach to the people she suspects of being the murderer. Where did Vera hide the flash drive?
3. In addition to Vera, we also hear the story through her four main suspects: Julia, Riki, Sana, and Oliver. What did you think of the author's decision to alternate among five different points of view?
4. More than murder, what do you believe is the book's underlying theme? Did you enjoy the dramatic elements of the story?
5. The book blends humor, mystery, and drama. What humorous moments stood out most to you?
6. Tea and food are prominently featured in the book. Did you learn anything about Chinese teas and medicine? What dish of Vera's would you most like to taste?
7. Did you anticipate the ending? Were you able to guess the murderer before they were revealed?
8. Overall, what is your assessment of the author's conclusion to the story?
9. Is there any significance to the name of Vera's Teahouse?
10. Will you read more mysteries featuring Vera Wong?