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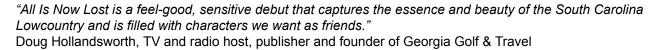
All Is Now Lost: A cozy mystery rooted in the South Carolina Lowcountry

Front Edge Mystery and author Laura Elizabeth welcome you to Mongin Island in *All Is Now Lost*, the first book in the brand new *The Island Mysteries* series. Set in the beautiful South Carolina Lowcountry, readers will meet Carr Jepson and her Books & Brew bookstore—where hot and cold tea are not the only things brewing.

In the pages of *All Is Now Lost*, cozy mystery readers will find Carr Jepson arriving alone on Mongin Island, ready to start the next chapter of her life. Accessible by boat, Mongin Island has very few cars, no busy roads, no crowds, no traffic lights, no bridge, but boasts gloriously oak-lined roads, beaches of powdery white sand, marshes with tall beach grasses and an empty storefront that speaks to an unanswered dream in Carr's heart: creating a gathering spot that happens to sell books.

Recognizing that the Books & Brew's bare walls could use some "island life," Carr decides to photograph the glorious island scenery. Promising a truly unique sunrise photo, Carr's friend Barb takes her to Governor's Point, an abandoned property that was supposed to be an exclusive waterfront neighborhood. The now

neglected property is overgrown and is Barb's secret hideaway for enjoying some of the island's most spectacular water views. But what the two women find in the water that morning sets off a mystery that crisscrosses the island and surfaces the many reasons, some of them deeply rooted in the island's once-turbulent history, that families have come to love this spot in the Atlantic for many generations.



Perceptive readers may recognize Mongin Island as Daufuskie Island, the same location that author Pat Conroy renamed Yamacraw for his first memoir, *The Water is Wide*, made later into the movie *Conrack*. Cozy mystery lovers are sure to find this page-turner riveting.



First time author Laura Elizabeth enjoys a well-established career in business as well as a rich family life that, many years ago, took her to Daufuskie Island for the first time. Together, the family embraced the wonder they only found in this special place. From her years of family experiences on the island, Laura now imagines Mongin Island as the home for her cozy series *The Island Mysteries*.

"My journey of writing island mysteries began one April day, many years ago, as I waited to board the ferry to Daufuskie Island, South Carolina for the very first time. My son assured me, in a knowing voice, that we would be back at that exact spot many more times. He felt it too, the wonder, the pull that only this specific and special place offered us. Through all of our vacations and adventures, we always left energized, restored, and whole again. Those are the feelings I am hoping my readers experience as well."

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