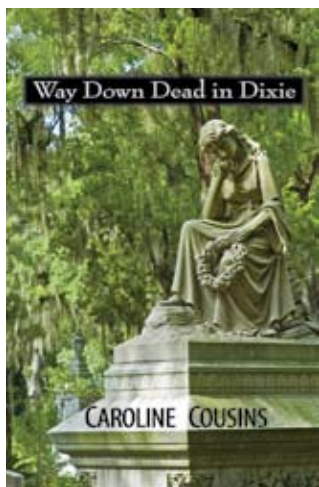


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## *Way Down Dead in Dixie* By Caroline Cousins **Crime-fighting Cousins Crack Cold Case**



Evildoers, beware. Plot and scheme to your twisted little hearts' content, but keep your nefarious plans far from the idyllic shores and old plantations of Indigo Island.

In fact, you had better stay away from the entire Low Country, if not all of South Carolina.

The Cousins will catch you. And then they will tell

you how tacky you are.

The Cousins are actually two sisters—Mam and Bonnie—and their first-and-a-half cousin Lindsey (their mamas are sisters and their daddies are first cousins). These amateur crime-fighters are the creation of Caroline Cousins, which is actually the pseudonym of sisters Meg Herndon and Gail Greer and their first-and-a-half cousin Nancy Pate.

In their first two outings—2003's *Fiddle Dee Death* and 2005's *Marsh Madness*—Lindsey, Mam, and Bonnie survived ghosts, shady developers, mobile meth dealers, and an albino alligator, not to mention the holidays and the tackiest beach wedding Indigo Island has ever seen. But when Indigo's favorite amateur sleuths come across the skeleton of a long-lost runaway, they must dig into the island's haunted past, dodge whoever is trying to kill them, and plan the island's Fourth of July parade and picnic in *Way Down Dead in Dixie*, the latest "mystery of manners" by Caroline Cousins.

When Eliza Comfort Bailey ("Miss Eliza" to anyone who was raised right) passes away, Lindsey, Mam,

and Bonnie have to straighten up their family's plot in the island's cemetery so they won't be embarrassed during Miss Eliza's burial. While climbing a fence to get some Lady Banks roses that Mam wants, Lindsey falls and gets goosed by a skeletal finger poking out of its grave—a finger wearing a high-school class ring.

Discovering whose finger is wearing the ring turns out to be a mystery much deeper than the grave, literally and figuratively. Was someone killed over a priceless piece of antique jewelry or the secret buried in the pages of an old diary? Is someone still willing to kill to keep that secret safe? Is Miss Eliza's family really cursed? Will Mam ever get her Lady Banks roses?

*Caroline Cousins* is the nom de plume for former Orlando Sentinel book editor Nancy Pate and her first-and-a-half cousins Meg Herndon and Gail Greer. Meg is a former teacher who now owns and operates a floral design business with the help of her sister Gail, whose past experience as a plantation-home tour guide has proven to have more literary value than she ever expected. Nancy lives in Orlando, FL, while Meg and Gail live on Edisto Island, SC, the inspiration for their fictional Indigo Island. *Way Down Dead in Dixie* is their third book.

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