

*Steeped to Death* by Gretchen Rue

Book club Monday 1/30/23 at 11 AM

Discussion Questions

- 1) Do you read mysteries, and if so, what kinds of mysteries are you most drawn to?
- 2) Although Eudora is already deceased when the story begins, do you think the author did a good job of portraying her through her letters, Phoebe's memories, and the comments of friends and neighbors?
- 3) Have you ever been anywhere that reminded you of Raven Creek? Did you enjoy the strong sense of setting the author provided? Why do you think small towns make such a great setting for mysteries?
- 4) Did you enjoy the supernatural elements of the story? How would the story have been different if magic and witches were not real/if it was a regular mystery?
- 5) Why did Phoebe suspect Rich? Did it make sense to suspect him?
- 6) What did you think of Carl (Ox)? Did you sympathize with him at all?
- 7) The author waited right up to the end to reveal the murderer's identity. Did you like the pacing of the story?
- 8) Did you guess that Owen might be the murderer?
- 9) Honey and Rich know that Phoebe is a witch. How many people do you think really knew about Eudora's powers? Do you think the people in Raven Creek would treat Phoebe differently if they knew she was a witch too? Do you think they would believe that Eudora and Phoebe were witches?
- 10) Would you recommend this book to others? Would you continue with this series?
- 11) Would you like to read more cozy mysteries?