

Avery Aames is the pseudonym for Daryl Wood Gerber. As Avery, she writes the nationally bestselling **A Cheese Shop Mystery Series**. The first in the series, **The Long Quiche Goodbye**, won the Agatha Award for best first novel. The series is set in the quaint, fictional town of Providence, Ohio, and features Charlotte Bessette, a feisty cheese shop owner with a colorful extended family.

Daryl writes short stories, the latest, "**Palace on the Lake**" has been nominated for numerous awards, and she has a new mystery series debuting in July 2013, **The Cookbook Nook mysteries**. This new cozy mystery series features Jenna Hart, an avid reader, admitted foodie, and owner of a cookbook store in picturesque coastal California.

Prior to her career as a novelist, Daryl wrote screenplays and created the format for the popular TV sitcom *Out of this World*. A fun tidbit for mystery buffs, Daryl was also an actress and co-starred on **Murder, She Wrote**, as well as other TV shows. Daryl is originally from the San Francisco Area and graduated from Stanford University. She loves to cook, read, golf, swim, and garden. She also likes adventure and has been known to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. She has been happily married for over twenty-five years, and she and her husband have a grown son who has flown the coop.