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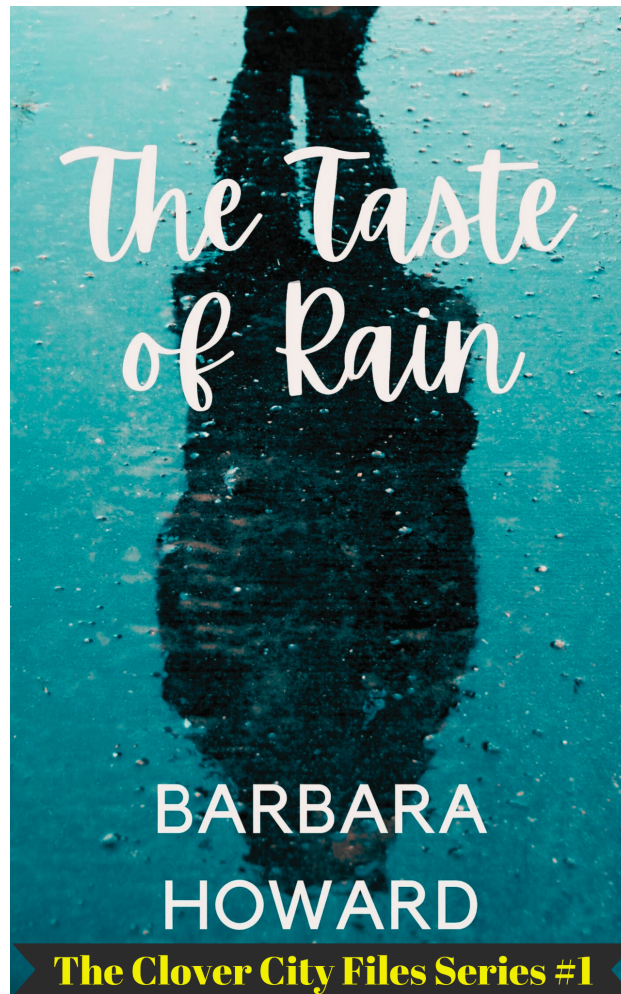
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## Book List



Title: The Taste of Rain, The Clover City Files Series Book One

ISBN: 979-8397664622

Formats Available: eBook, paperback, hardcover, large print

Synopsis: College student and part-time health aide, Amira Connors, wants nothing more than to graduate and successfully launch a non-profit with her latest crush, Attorney Darius Browne. But when a nursing home patient (Claire Stewart) shares shocking details surrounding her husband's death, Amira pieces together the fractured memories and helps law enforcement identify the actual killer. But is he? Or have Claire's ramblings entangled Amira into becoming the next target?

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Genre: mystery, cozy mystery, african-american mystery, multi-generational, diverse, amateur sleuth



Title: The Spice Code, The Clover City Files Series Book Two

ISBN: 9798223275329

Formats available: eBook, paperback, large print

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The Clover City Files Mysteries

# The Taste of Rain The Spice Code



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The Clover City Files Mysteries (series)

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Genre: mystery, culinary cozy, cozy mystery, african-american mystery, diverse, amateur sleuth, young adult mystery





Title: Final Harvest, Finding Home Series Book One

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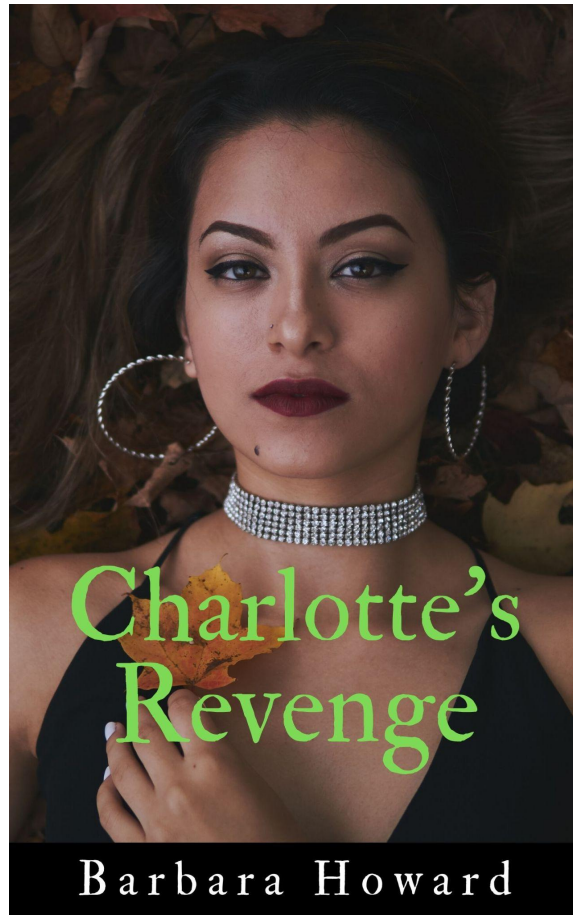
Synopsis: Traci Simmons has been fired from another job and must decide if it's time to give up her home and start fresh in another town. But, when her elderly neighbor dies mysteriously, she is pulled into leading a crusade to save the neighbor's urban farm and find the killer. Through her new and unexpected relationship with these invisible people, Traci faces her own insecurities to learn what home really means. Backdrop:

Homelessness, anxiety, food insecurity, gentrification.

Publication Date: August 1, 2020

Available at: Online retailers and author website: <http://www.authorbarbarahoward.com>

Genre: mystery, cozy mystery, african-american mystery, female sleuth, amateur sleuth



Title: Charlotte's Revenge, Finding Home Series Book Two

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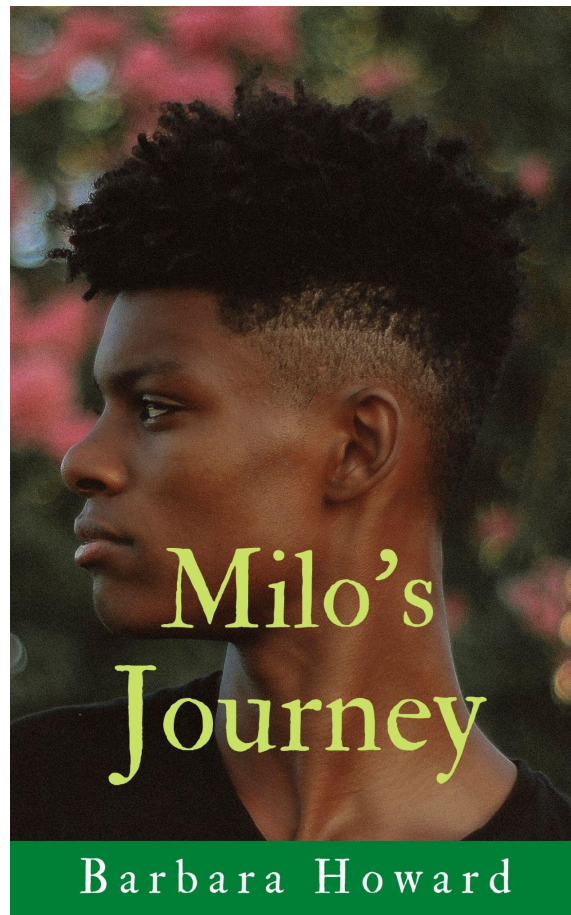
Formats Available: eBook, paperback, large print, audiobook

Synopsis: This is a continuation of the story of Traci Simmons. Two years have passed. Her relationship with Officer Randall Wells unfolds and they embark on a new life together. As things get serious, someone from their past designs a scheme to ruin both of their lives. The suspense heats up as Randall becomes a target of the evil Charlotte Carter and it almost destroys his career. And, if that were not bad enough, his love and loyalty to Traci is put to the ultimate test.

Publication Date: October 18, 2020

Available at: Online retailers and author website: <http://www.authorbarbarahoward.com>

Genre: mystery, cozy mystery, african-american mystery, female sleuth, amateur sleuth, young adult mystery



Title: Milo's Journey, Finding Home Series Book Three

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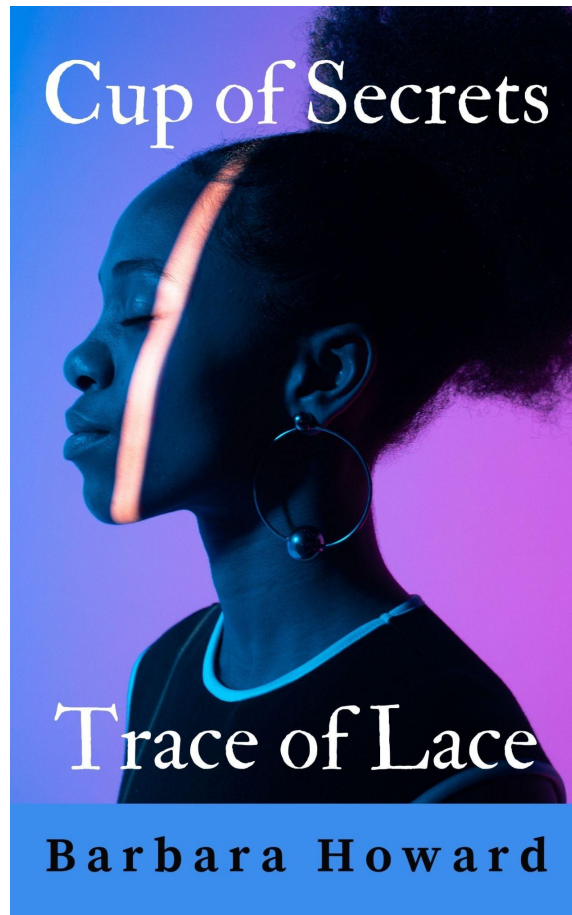
Formats Available: eBook, paperback, large print, audiobook

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Publication Date: December 2, 2020

Available at: Online retailers and author website: <http://www.authorbarbarahoward.com>

Genre: mystery, cozy mystery, african-american mystery, amateur sleuth, young adult mystery



Title: Cup of Secrets - Trace of Lace, Finding Home Series - Shorts

ISBN: 979-8424801242

Formats Available: eBook, paperback

Synopsis: Looking for a quick and easy cozy mystery to read? Enjoy two short stories featuring Milo and Jules from the Finding Home series. Our favorite couple is busy juggling time between preparing for Jules' college graduation and Milo building their new catering business. The pace picks up even more when the sweethearts find themselves targeted and swept up in murder investigations troubling their small hometown of Keeferton. The stories are standalone episodes that take place after the original Finding Home series.

A Cup of Secrets -- Debutante Chelsea Parker's birthday celebration launched his catering business into an overnight success, but Milo is thrown into the center of a murder investigation before dawn with his business partner and love of his life as the primary suspect.

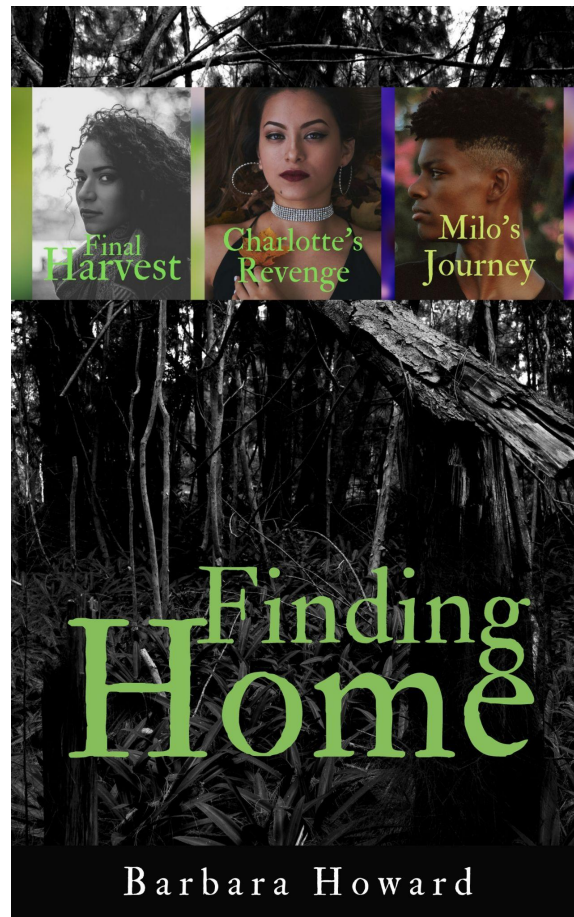
A Trace of Lace -- On the eve of his wedding day, Milo gets the news of a serial killer near Birston College and the entire campus has been put on lockdown. His guardian angel, Traci, steps in to help as Milo prepares to do whatever is necessary to protect his fiancée. Will they intervene in time to save Jules? Or will Traci's intuition lead them into another deadly confrontation?

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Genre: mystery, cozy mystery, african-american mystery, amateur sleuth, short stories, young adult mystery



Title: Finding Home Collection

ISBN: 979-8577229320

Formats Available: eBook, paperback, hardcover, audiobook

Synopsis: Finding Home Mystery Series Book One: Final Harvest

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