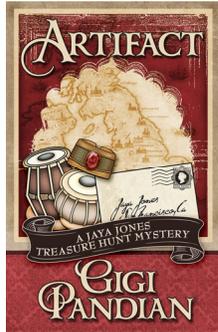


## **ARTIFACT**

A Jaya Jones Treasure Hunt Mystery | Gigi Pandian



When historian Jaya Jones receives a mysterious package containing a jewel-encrusted artifact from India, she discovers the secrets of a lost Indian treasure may be hidden in a Scottish legend from the days of the British Raj. From San Francisco to the Highlands, Jaya must evade a shadowy stalker as she follows hints to a remote archaeological dig. When a member of the dig's crew is murdered, Jaya must figure out which of the scholars vying for her affections might be the love of her life—and which one is a killer.

### **Author Bio:**

Gigi Pandian is the child of cultural anthropologists from New Mexico and the southern tip of India. After being dragged around the world during her childhood, she tried to escape her fate when she left a PhD program for art school. But adventurous academic characters wouldn't stay out of her head. Thus was born the Jaya Jones Treasure Hunt Mystery Series. The first book in the series, *Artifact*, was awarded a Malice Domestic Grant and named a "Best of 2012" debut novel by *Suspense Magazine*.

### **The Jaya Jones Mystery Series**

FOOL'S GOLD (novella in OTHER PEOPLE'S BAGGAGE)

ARTIFACT (#1)

PIRATE VISHNU (#2)

QUICKSAND (#3)

MICHELANGELO'S GHOST (#4)

THE NINJA'S ILLUSION (#5)

### **Author Appearance Opportunities:**

- Skype
- In-Person

### **Gigi will happily attend in person if it fits these travel parameters:**

If dates are flexible, in-person is a possibility in two areas Gigi visits periodically: the Portland, Oregon area, and Los Angeles metro area, as well to the San Francisco Bay Area. Contact Gigi to see if timing might work.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. The Jaya Jones Treasure Hunt Mysteries are described as a cross between Indiana Jones and Agatha Christie. Was your initial reaction that *Artifact* was more an adventure story or more a mystery? Which element were you most drawn to?
2. Which plot twist surprised you the most? Or were you more drawn to the characters and their relationships than the plot twists?
3. Superstition is used in the book to hide the truth. Were you familiar with any Scottish legends before reading *Artifact*?
4. Closer to home, do you have a favorite local legend or ghost story?
5. Being part of two cultures, Jaya describes feeling like an outsider. Did you relate to Jaya in this way, or which character did you most relate to?
6. Which of Jaya's eclectic friends was your favorite, and why?
7. If you were hosting a dinner party for the characters in the book, who would you want to invite?
8. If you were casting a movie for the book, which actors could you imagine playing the characters?
9. What books or movies did *Artifact* remind you of?
10. *Artifact* is a fair-play "puzzle" mystery in which the reader is given the clues to solve the mystery. Did you guess the solution of the treasure and/or the killer?
11. Would you have made different choices than Jaya?
12. If you could ask the author Gigi Pandian one question about the book, what would it be?

### **PAIRING MENU**

San Francisco Chocolate Covered Strawberries  
London Fog Tea  
Scottish Whisky MacDonald Cocktail  
Book-Themed Snacks

### **GOODIES & SWAG**

Gigi can bring (or mail) book-themed recipe cards for the readers who participate in a book club discussion of *Artifact*. The Jaya Jones Treasure Hunt Mysteries are set around the world (so far the United States, Scotland, India, France, Italy, and Japan) and for each of Gigi's books she creates a recipe card with a recipe inspired by the setting of the book. For book clubs Gigi chats with via Skype, she can send signed bookplates to anyone who'd like one.

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### **TOP CRITICAL REVIEWS**

"Fans of Elizabeth Peters will adore following along with Jaya Jones and a cast of quirky characters as they pursue a fabled treasure." — *New York Times* Bestselling Author Juliet Blackwell, Author of the Art Lover's Mystery Series

"If Indiana Jones had a sister, it would definitely be historian Jaya Jones." — *Suspense Magazine*

"Pandian's new series may well captivate a generation of readers, combining the suspenseful, mysterious and romantic. Four stars." — *RT Book Reviews*

### **SHARE PHOTOS**

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## **SAN FRANCISCO CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES**

San Francisco is famous for Ghirardelli chocolate. Jaya doesn't cook, so this is an easy recipe for chocolate covered strawberries – the secret is to make sure the strawberries are completely dry before dipping them.

### **Ingredients**

1 lb. strawberries  
8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 Tbsp coconut oil

### **Directions**

Wash the strawberries and dry them completely, either with paper towels or setting them aside for an hour. Line a baking sheet or plate with parchment paper – pick a size that will fit in your fridge.

Melt the chocolate chips and coconut oil together, either in a double-boiler on the stove, or in a bowl in the microwave. If using the microwave, try 50 percent power for 1 minute before stirring, then heat for 30 seconds at a time until fully melted.

Dip each strawberry into the melted chocolate mixture and set onto the parchment paper. Place in the fridge for at least 30 minutes to set. Enjoy!

## **LONDON FOG**

A decadent tea.

### **Ingredients**

1 bag Earl Grey tea  
2 cups hot water  
1/4 cup milk of choice (dairy or nut-based milks both work well)  
1/2 tsp vanilla  
1 tsp honey

### **Directions**

Steep the tea bag in hot water for 5 minutes and remove. Stir in remaining ingredients. If you'd like a frothy drink that's more like a latte, blend in a blender.

## **SCOTTISH COCKTAIL: WHISKY MACDONALD**

A Scottish cocktail with roots in India during British colonial rule, often referred to as a “Whisky Mac.”

### **Ingredients**

1-1/2 oz. Scotch Whisky

1-1/2 oz. Ginger Wine

### **Directions**

Pour ingredients over a generous amount of ice in a short tumbler.

Variation: On a cold night, instead of serving over ice, add hot water to make a soothing drink similar to a hot toddy.

## **Book-themed snacks you can buy to enjoy without cooking**

Try some international snacks while reading and chatting about Jaya Jones’ first international adventure. These suggestions are easily found in the US:

Salt-and-vinegar potato chips (called “crisps” in the UK)

Scottish shortbread

Cadbury chocolate

Scones and jam, served with tea

### **\*BONUS\* book-related recipes on Gigi’s website:**

Scottish Dessert Cranachan Scottish Pudding, plus more recipes, at [www.gigipandian.com/recipes](http://www.gigipandian.com/recipes)