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Introducing Claudia Lin: a sharp-witted heroine for the 21st century

A sharp debut novel about love, technology and murder. Follows Claudia as she verifies people's online lives, and lies, for a dating detective agency in New York City – until a client with an unusual request goes missing...

A finalist for the Joseph Hansen Award for LGBTQ Crime Writing, longlisted for the VCU Cabell First Novelist Award and nominated for the Lefty Award for Best Debut Mystery

For fans of *Maggie Terry* by Sarah Schulman, *Scorched Grace* by Margot Douaihy and Rosalie Knecht's Vera Kelly series

The novel received widespread acclaim and high-profile endorsements when published in the US by Vintage. A Best Book of the Year for NPR, *The Washington Post*, *Bookriot*, *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, *Northwest Asian Weekly*. A Most Anticipated Book of the Year for *Harper's Bazaar*, *Good Morning America*, *BuzzFeed*, *USA Today*, *Bustle*, *CrimeReads* and more

VERVE will publish the second novel in the series, *The Rivals*, in August 2025, with a third Claudia Lin mystery following in 2026

THE BOOK

Claudia Lin is used to disregarding her fractious family's model-minority expectations: she has no interest in finding either a conventional career or a nice Chinese boy. She's also used to keeping secrets from them, such as that she prefers girls – and that she's just been stealth-recruited by Veracity, a referrals-only online-dating detective agency.

A lifelong mystery reader who wrote her senior thesis on Jane Austen, Claudia believes she's landed her ideal job. But when a client vanishes, Claudia breaks protocol to investigate – and uncovers a maelstrom of personal and corporate deceit.

Part literary mystery, part family story, *The Verifiers* is a clever and incisive examination of how technology shapes our choices and the nature of romantic love in the digital age.

PRAISE FOR THE VERIFIERS

'Your go-to summer read... Really fun and will keep you hooked' - **Emily Henry**, author of *Beach Read*

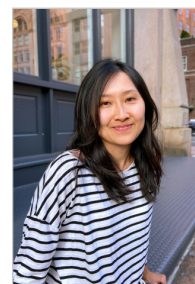
'This book is exhilaratingly well-written. I loved it so much that I didn't want it to end' - **Emily St. John Mandel**, author of *Station Eleven*

'Pek's engrossing debut novel gives us a thoroughly modern twist on classic detective fiction' - **New York Times (Editors' Choice)**

'Clever, dryly funny... This is a fascinating, carefully layered mystery novel as well as a love letter to New York City and complicated families' - **Washington Post**

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