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Book Title: The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

Author: Alan Bradley

Flavia de Luce is a chemistry genius. Poisons, especially, delight her. In her late Uncle's laboratory she sets plans into motion while surrounded by cheerfully flaming Bunsen Burners. She is also just eleven. When Flavia finds a dying man in her garden, she knows she should be horrified. Instead, she acknowledges that it is the single most exciting thing to ever happen to her, and she sets to work solving the mystery. Assisted by Dogger, her family's jack-of-all-trades, and occasionally detained by her annoying older sisters, Flavia discovers secrets long buried and brings justice with her. I have now read the first four books in the Flavia de Luce series. Every one of them has been a wonderful adventure and I highly recommend them!