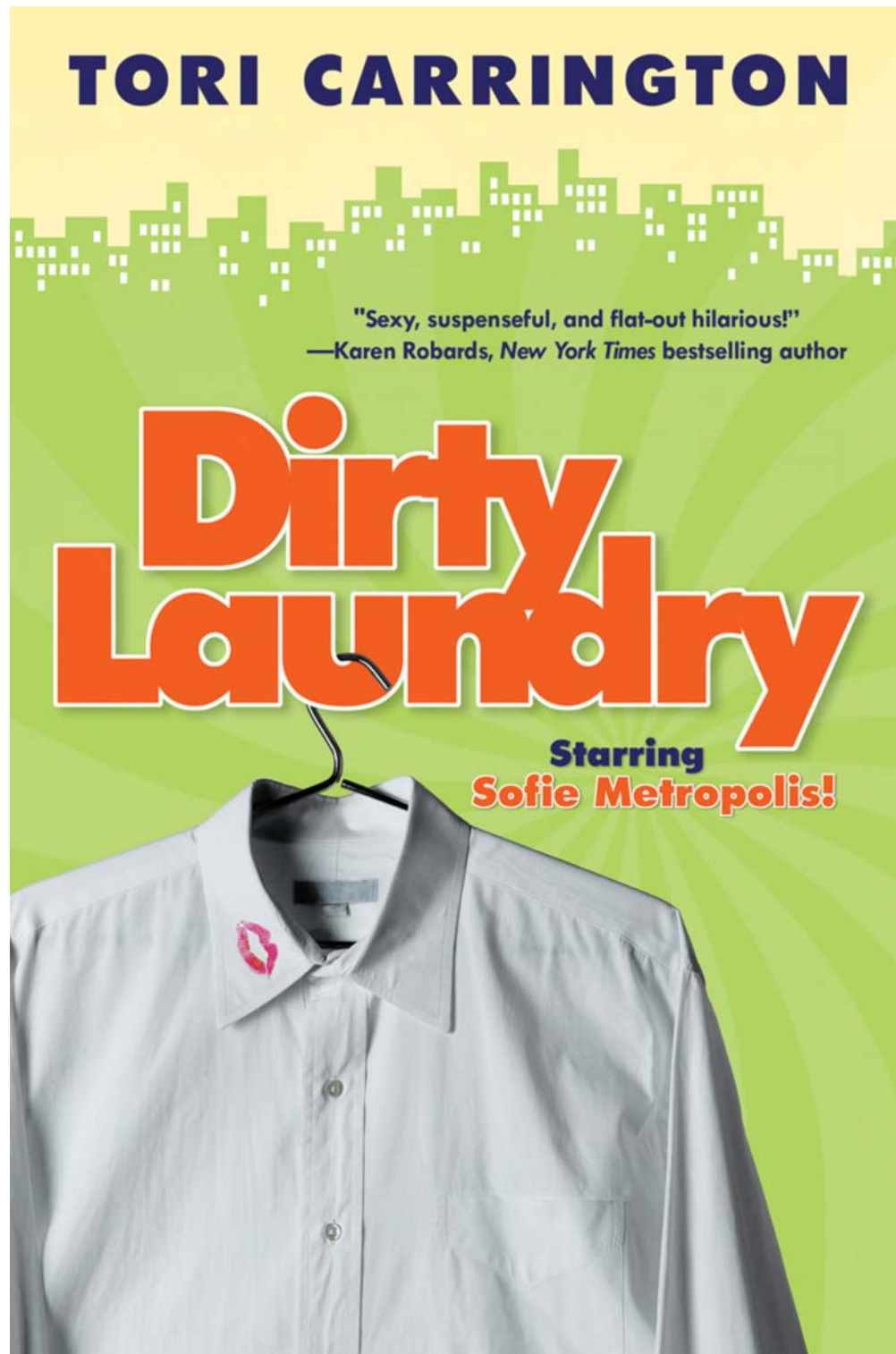


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**Big. Fat. Greek. Fiction.**

# **DIRTY LAUNDRY**

## **A Sofie Metropolis Novel**

# **By Tori Carrington**



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**Dirty Laundry reviews:**

*"Carrington depicts Sofie's world with the nutty sweetness of baklava."*

—**Publishers Weekly**

*"More frappe-fueled fun in Astoria, Queens, with the Hellenic wannabe hellcat." --Kirkus*

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Lori and Tony Karayianni have published more than thirty novels under the name *Tori Carrington*. From time to time, they've veered away from their signature steamy romance novels to delve into the realm of hard-boiled mysteries and psychological suspense. Do they have a cool job, or what? And now, with their Sofie Metropolis series, they've combined their penchant for sensuality with their passion for suspense.

In **DIRTY LAUNDRY** (A Forge Hardcover; \$23.95; May 2006) Sofie Metropolis is the newest P.I. on the mean streets of Astoria, Queens. She's known for her trademark frappes and her itchy trigger finger. In this second title in a series, Sofie's hot on the trail of a missing dry cleaner who bought a brand-new Mercedes right before he disappeared and whose books show the business was laundering more than just clothes.

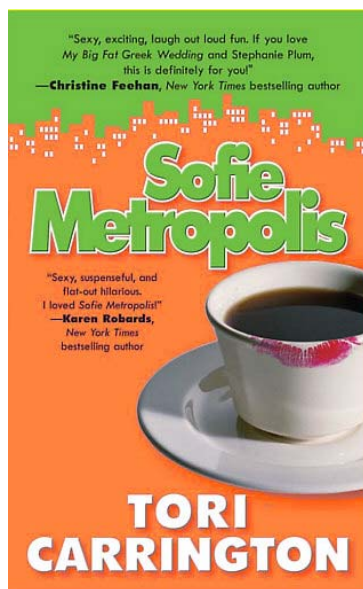
There's no Mafia, right? Then how do you account for the darkly handsome Tony DiPiazza who warns Sofie not to poke her pretty little nose into things that are not her affair? Too bad she won't back off; if she did, he'd show her a good time.

Hunky Australian bounty hunter/man of mystery Jake Porter is acting like Sofie's guardian angel and kissing her like he really means it. Too bad she's too busy to notice: being attacked by a malevolent dry-cleaning bag; bailing the dry cleaner's wife—or widow—out of jail; airing out her apartment after an assault by noxious dog farts; and spying on her own father.

Sofie's quest for the truth gets her into hot water—and a pair of cement overshoes. It's not her best look.

Told with wit and flair, and packed with action, **DIRTY LAUNDRY** is what happens when *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* meets Janet Evanovich for a steamy cup of strong coffee in New York City.

**SOFIE METROPOLIS** (A Forge Hardcover; \$21.95; June 2005) available as a Tor Paperback in April 2006 (\$6.99 ISBN 0-765-35099-8).



### About Tori Carrington

Best-selling, award-winning husband-and-wife dynamic duo Lori and Tony Karayianni have been writing together since 1984 and have more than thirty novels to their credit. They not only enjoy chronicling the often comedic trials and tribulations of Greek-American life, Tony's being from Olympia and Athens dictates that they walk their talk. Something their two adult sons know all too well. **DIRTY LAUNDRY** is the second hardcover title in their **SOFIE METROPOLIS** series. Visit their extensive websites [www.sofiometro.com](http://www.sofiometro.com) and [www.toricarrington.net](http://www.toricarrington.net) for more info on their titles and them.

The Karayiannis are the recipients of the *Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award* as well as double nominees for the *2003 Romance Writers of America RITA Award*.

They live in Toledo, Ohio, but travel as frequently as possible to Tony's hometown of Athens, Greece. And are known to share Tony's Famous Baklava wherever they go...

### More Praise for *SOFIE METROPOLIS*

"Summer brings with it a cornucopia of lazy-days literature. Spadework recommends...Sofie Metropolis." [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

"Tori Carrington creates an Astoria that's gritty, yet somehow charming. There are a lot of shocks [in store] for Sophie when a seemingly routine cheating-spouse case turns fatal. Some of them are very good shocks, involving a hot Australian mystery man."  
—Detroit Free Press

"A perfect book for beach reading. Since the main character is a strong woman still struggling to find her identity, it would not be a stretch to compare the book to the popular movie, 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding.' The metamorphosis of Sofie from angry and bitter jilted bride to a more self-assured woman is the important story."  
—[Queens Chronicle](#)

"Sofie Metropolis takes place in the heavily Greek neighborhood of Astoria, Queens. Throughout a mild screwball farce that involves the neighborhood vampire, a missing dog and a hunky-but-alooof Australian bounty hunter, Sofie tries to navigate between the claims of community and her own vision of independent gal-hood."  
—The Washington Post

"Entertaining."—Mystery News

"I knew for sure that this was my kind of book when Sofie read one of Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum novels during the story. A chick-lit detective who reads detective novels—that's almost perfect. I'm looking forward to a sequel to find out what's next."  
—Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville, GA

"Sexy, suspenseful, and flat-out hilarious: that's my kind of book. I loved *Sofie Metropolis!*" —Karen Robards, *New York Times* bestselling author

"Sofie Metropolis is the Greek Nancy Drew and makes me wanna be both when (and if) I grow up." —Jill Conner Browne, *New York Times* bestselling author

### The Baklava Express

Tony and Lori Karayianni, aka Tori Carrington, embarked on a two month-long summer tour to promote **SOFIE METROPOLIS** in 2005. The tour kicked off with a traditional signing at Book Expo America in Manhattan and they traveled the country for two months, handing out baklava in their trailer vehicle: *The Baklava Express*. The RV was wrapped with **SOFIE METROPOLIS** cover art. Key stops included: Manhattan, Philadelphia, Knoxville, Boston, Chicago, Tampa, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston, Kansas City, Reno and Salt Lake City.

They plan to share even more of Tony's Famous Baklava in May and June 2006 by traveling the country to promote **DIRTY LAUNDRY**. Key stops include: New York, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Florida, Detroit, Atlanta, Cincinnati and multiple Ohio and Michigan appearances.

**Television appearances include:** FOX 6's Good Day Alabama in Birmingham (live); WBIR-TV NBC's Style with Moira Kaye, Knoxville; Knoxville's CBS's Volunteer TV Cooking with Uncle Walt during noon news (live); and ICN6's Northern Kentucky Magazine (live). **Radio includes:** Cincinnati's WRRS-FM's Cover to Cover; Toledo's 92.5 FM (live); Tampa's WXYB 1520 AM (live); Philadelphia's B101.1 FM Women's File; NY's Aktina at 91.5 FM (live).

The authors' motto is "have aprons, will cook." They also frequently speak to writing and reading and library groups on myriad topics.

### Talking Points for Tori Carrington

- **Writing as a husband and wife author team**
- **Small town atmosphere in the big city – Queens the new Ellis Island**
- **Quick and easy delicious Greek recipes**
- **Making the switch from Romance writing to other genres**
- **How to plan a coast-to-coast RV tour**
- **The emergence of an ethnic trend in popular culture**

Tony and Lori Karayianni are available for interviews.

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