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The Thursday Murder Club

- Richard Osman 2020
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Smallbone Deceased -
Michael Francis Gilbert
1950

A respectable firm of London solicitors becomes the scene of

suspicion and intrigue. A hermetically-sealed deed-box was never meant to be used for storing a body and its discovery leads to the business and social life of the firm being investigated.

Mystery in White - J.

Jefferson Farjeon

2016-10-04

"The settings of train, blizzard, and the eerily welcoming home are all engrossing. Dorothy L. Sayers characterized Farjeon as 'unsurpassed for creepy skill in mysterious adventures.' This reissue proves it."

-Booklist STARRED review

'The horror on the train, great though it may turn out to be, will not compare with the horror that exists here, in this house.' On Christmas Eve, heavy snowfall brings a train to a halt near the village of Hemmersby. Several passengers take shelter in a deserted country house, where the

fire has been lit and the table laid for tea—but no one is at home. Trapped together for Christmas, the passengers are seeking to unravel the secrets of the empty house when a murderer strikes in their midst. This classic Christmas mystery is now republished for the first time since the 1930s, with an introduction by the award-winning crime writer Martin Edwards.

A Christmas Carol Murder

- Heather Redmond

2021-09-28

"The latest novel from Heather Redmond's acclaimed mystery series finds young Charles Dickens suspecting a miser of pushing his partner out a window, but his fiancée Kate Hogarth takes a more charitable view of the old man's innocence . . ." --

Crime at Christmas - C.

H. B. Kitchin 2021-01-26
A Christmas party in Hampstead is rudely interrupted by a violent death. Can the murderer be one of the relatives and intimate friends celebrating the festive season in the great house? The stockbroker sleuth Malcolm Warren investigates, in this brilliantly witty mystery from this classic crime writer. First published in 1934, the second in the Malcolm Warren series sees our some-time detective unravel the mystery behind two gruesome deaths in a mere twenty-four hours. A master of suspense and surprise, Kitchin sets the festive scene by conjuring up the most vivid of characters and presents us with a likeable narrator to guide us through.
Groaning Spinney - Gladys Mitchell
2014-04-30

A VINTAGE MURDER MYSTERY
Rediscover Gladys Mitchell – one of the 'Big Three' female crime fiction writers alongside Agatha Christie and Dorothy L. Sayers. Christmas in the Cotswolds brings with it the apparition of a country parson, a series of poison pen letters, and a woman's body frozen in the snow. The eminent psychoanalyst and superior sleuth Mrs Bradley has a theory about who's behind all three and sets about a plan to ensnare the unseasonal villain. Opinionated, unconventional, unafraid... If you like Poirot and Miss Marple, you'll love Mrs Bradley.
Tales from the Dead of Night: Thirteen Classic Ghost Stories - Various
2013-09-26
From a beautiful antique that gives its owner a show he'd rather forget, to 'ghost detective'

whose exorcism goes horribly wrong and a sinister masked ball which seems to have one too many guests, these ghost stories of supernatural terror are guaranteed to make you shiver, thrill and look under the bed tonight. From rural England to colonial India, in murky haunted mansions and under modern electric lighting, these master storytellers - some of the best writers in the English language - unfold spine-tinglers which pull back the veil of everyday life to reveal the nightmares which lurk just out of sight. They are lessons in ingenuity and surprise, sometimes building slowly to a chilling climax, sometimes springing horror on you from the utterly banal. And as you'd expect from these writers, the stories are more than simply

frightening - they're also disquieting exposures of mortality, loneliness and the human capacity for both evil and remorse. We wish you pleasant dreams.

Contains ghost stories by: Ruth Rendell, M. R. James, Rudyard Kipling, Edith Wharton, E. F. Benson, E. Nesbit, Saki, W. W. Jacobs, W. F. Harvey, Hugh Walpole, Chico Kidd and LP Hartley.

Murder for Christmas - Thomas Godfrey
1988-12-01

A holiday anthology for mystery fans highlights the works of such well-known favorites as Agatha Christie, Georges Simenon, Stanelly Ellin, and Ellery Queen. Reissue.

Murder On The Christmas Express - Alexandra Benedict
2022-11-10

COULD YOU SOLVE THE CASE? PRE-ORDER NOW FOR THE PUZZLING CHRISTMAS MYSTERY OF THE YEAR

Eighteen passengers.
Seven stops. One killer.
In the early hours of
Christmas Eve, the
sleeper train to the
Highlands is derailed,
along with the festive
plans of its travellers.
With the train stuck in
snow in the middle of
nowhere, a killer stalks
its carriages, picking
off passengers one by
one. Those who sleep on
the sleeper train may
never wake again. Can
former Met detective Roz
Parker find the killer
before they kill again?
All aboard for . . .
Murder on the Christmas
Express Praise for The
Christmas Murder Game:
'The perfect gift for
quizzers and mystery
addicts . . . A
delicious locked room
mystery crammed with
cryptic clues, secrets
in sonnets and a deadly
game. But it's more than
a series of puzzles,
it's also an
entertaining exploration

of relationships and a
riveting read' VAL
McDERMID 'Perfectly
pitched for cold nights
and warm fires. A lovely
Golden Age tribute'
SINEAD CROWLEY 'A
perfectly plotted
festive mystery' SUSI
HOLLIDAY 'Clever and
twisty' CRIME MONTHLY
'One for book lovers
that can't get enough of
mystery fiction - even
during Christmas' THE
SUN 'Packed with
riddles, anagrams and
puzzles, this is an
engaging murder
mystery that will grip
you until the end' DAILY
MIRROR 'This is the
perfect Christmas book.
Get it for yourself to
read when the nights are
cold and dark and give
it as a present. To
everyone!' MARTYN WAITES
'Curl up by the fire
(and lock all the doors)
for this Christmas
cracker of a book' C.S.
GREEN 'Utterly original
and breathtakingly

intriguing . . . A must-read this Christmas'
STEPH BROADRIBB 'The perfect updating of the classic Christmas Country House mystery . . . Fabulous festive fun'
DEREK FARRELL 'The perfect Christmas read . . . and puzzles galore for both readers and the players of the game'
W.C. RYAN

Murder in Midwinter - Various 2020-11-05
Midwinter. As snow falls softly outside and frost sparkles on tree branches, it's time to curl up before a roaring fire, wrap your hands around a steaming mug of mulled wine, and forget your worries for now. Everything is as it should be. Or is it? As the temperature drops outside, old grudges and new motives rise to the surface - and a murder's tracks can easily be covered by freshly fallen snow. From a poisoned box of

glittering chocolates to an inexplicably invisible murder weapon, let ten of the greatest crime writers in history surprise and delight you with twists and turns as shocking as an icicle in the heart.

Murder On Christmas Eve
- 2017-11-02

Christmas Eve. While the world sleeps, snow falls gently from the sky, presents await under the tree . . . and murder is afoot. In this collection of ten classic murder mysteries from the best crime writers in history, death and mayhem take many festive forms, from the inventive to the unexpected. From a Santa Claus with a grudge to a cat who knows who killed its owner on Christmas Eve, these are stories to enjoy - and be mystified by - in front of a roaring fire, mince pie to hand.

Partners in Crime -

Agatha Christie 2001
The Famous Volume Of
Tommy & Tuppence Linked
Short Stories, Reissued
In A New Look To
Coincide With The Brand
New Series Of Tommy &
Tuppence Bbc Movies.
Tommy And Tuppence
Beresford Were Restless
For Adventure, So When
They Were Asked To Take
Over Blunt S
International Detective
Agency, They Leapt At
The Chance. After Their
Triumphant Recovery Of A
Pink Pearl, Intriguing
Cases Kept On Coming
Their Way: A Stabbing On
Sunningdale Golf Course;
Cryptic Messages In The
Personal Columns Of
Newspapers; And Even A
Box Of Poisoned
Chocolates.

Snow - John Banville
2020-10-06

NATIONAL BESTSELLER
*SHORTLISTED FOR THE CWA
HISTORICAL DAGGER AWARD*
A Globe and Mail Best
Book of the Year A New
York Times Editors'

Choice Pick "Banville
sets up and then deftly
demolishes the Agatha
Christie format...superbly
rich and
sophisticated."—New York
Times Book Review The
incomparable Booker
Prize winner's next
great crime novel—the
story of a family whose
secrets resurface when a
parish priest is found
murdered in their
ancestral home Detective
Inspector St. John
Strafford has been
summoned to County
Wexford to investigate a
murder. A parish priest
has been found dead in
Ballyglass House, the
family seat of the
aristocratic, secretive
Osborne family. The year
is 1957 and the Catholic
Church rules Ireland
with an iron fist.
Strafford—flinty,
visibly Protestant and
determined to identify
the murderer—faces
obstruction at every
turn, from the heavily

accumulating snow to the culture of silence in the tight-knit community he begins to investigate. As he delves further, he learns the Osbornes are not at all what they seem. And when his own deputy goes missing, Strafford must work to unravel the ever-expanding mystery before the community's secrets, like the snowfall itself, threaten to obliterate everything. Beautifully crafted, darkly evocative and pulsing with suspense, Snow is "the Irish master" (New Yorker) John Banville at his page-turning best. Don't miss John Banville's next novel, April in Spain!

Morse's Greatest Mystery and Other Stories -

Colin Dexter 2011-02-09
"DELIGHTFUL." --The Wall Street Journal In short mysteries so brilliantly plotted they'll confound

the cleverest of souls, Inspector Morse remains as patient as a cat at a mouse hole in the face of even the most resourceful evildoers. Muldoon, for instance, the one-legged bomber with one fatal weakness . . . the quartet of lovers whose bizarre entanglements Morse deciphers only after a beautiful woman is murdered . . . and those artful dodgers who catch the cunning and very respectful Morse with his pants down. There are mysteries featuring new characters and some familiar ones, including the great Sherlock Holmes, and a royal flush of American crooks. "BRILLIANT . . . Inspector Morse is back, and more than welcome." --Houston Chronicle "Fear not. In Dexter's dexterous hands, the short-form Morse is every bit as wily and irascible as he is in

the the popular Morse novels and the long-running PBS Mystery! series." --The Raleigh News & Observer
Fell Murder - E.C.R. Lorac 2020-01-06
Mystery crime fiction written in the Golden Age of Murder A classic Golden Age mystery from acclaimed author E.C.R. Lorac '...this crime is conditioned by the place. To understand the one you've got to study the other.' The Garths had farmed their fertile acres for generations, and fine land it was with the towering hills of the Lake Country on the far horizon. Here hot-tempered Robert Garth, still hale and hearty at eighty-two, ruled Garthmere Hall with a rod of iron. Until, that is, old Garth was found dead--'dead as mutton'--in the trampled mud of the ancient outhouse. Glowering clouds gather

over the dramatic dales and fells as seasoned investigator Chief Inspector Macdonald arrives in the north country. Awaiting him are the reticent Garths and their guarded neighbors of the Lune Valley; and a battle of wits to unearth their murderous secrets. First published in 1944, Fell Murder is a tightly-paced mystery with authentic depictions of its breathtaking locales and Second World War setting. This edition also includes the rare E.C.R. Lorac short story 'The Live Wire'.

Death Comes at Christmas
- Gladys Mitchell
2019-10-31

The perfect classic crime story to cosy up with this winter. Amateur sleuth Mrs Bradley investigates a puzzling Christmas mystery . . . First published in 1936 as Dead Men's Morris. 'Mrs

Bradley is an amateur sleuth to rival Miss Marple... A delight' Guardian It is December and Mrs Bradley has left London behind for a relaxing visit to the Oxfordshire countryside. Then, on Christmas Eve, a local solicitor is found dead by the river. Everyone believes that he suffered a heart attack - but Mrs Bradley is suspicious, and is soon investigating a series of disturbing clues. As the frost thaws and spring begins, the inimitable detective must work fast if she is to protect the people close to her from a resourceful killer...

'The equal of Dorothy L. Sayers and Agatha Christie' Independent Murder on a Winter's Night - Cecily Gayford 2021-11-04

In the bleak midwinter ... murder awaits. The halls might be decked, and the mistletoe hung,

but in these ten classic crime stories you're more likely to come across a corpse under the Christmas tree than a present. From a Santa Claus with a secret to a violent theft that snowballs into something quite unexpected, pull up a chair, throw another log on the fire ... and let history's greatest crime writers surprise, delight and chill you to the bone.

The Christmas Murder Game - Alexandra Benedict 2021-09-30

'A perfectly plotted festive mystery' SUSI HOLLIDAY Twelve clues. Twelve keys. Twelve days of Christmas. But who will survive until Twelfth Night? Lily Armitage never intended to return to Endgame House - the grand family home where her mother died twenty-one Christmases ago. Until she receives a letter from her aunt, asking

her to return to take part in an annual tradition: the Christmas Game. The challenge? Solve twelve clues, to find twelve keys. The prize? The deeds to the manor house. Lily has no desire to win the house. But her aunt makes one more promise: The clues will also reveal who really killed Lily's mother all those years ago. So, for the twelve days of Christmas, Lily must stay at Endgame House with her estranged cousins and unravel the riddles that hold the key not just to the family home, but to its darkest secrets. However, it soon becomes clear that her cousins all have their own reasons for wanting to win the house - and not all of them are playing fair. As a snowstorm cuts them off from the village, the game turns deadly. Soon Lily realises that she is no

longer fighting for an inheritance, but for her life. This Christmas is to die for . . . Let the game begin 'Curl up by the fire (and lock all the doors) for this Christmas cracker of a book' C.S. GREEN 'Utterly original and breathtakingly intriguing . . . A must-read this Christmas' STEPH BROADRIBB 'The perfect updating of the classic Christmas Country House mystery . . . Fabulous festive fun' DEREK FARRELL 'The perfect Christmas read . . . and puzzles galore for both readers and the players of the game' W.C. RYAN The perfect gift for fans of Agatha Christie and classic crime this Christmas. Crimson Snow - Martin Edwards 2017-01-03 Mystery crime fiction written in the Golden Age of Murder "Edwards's second winter-themed anthology in the British

Library Crime Classics series is a standout. As in the most successful of such volumes, the editor's expertise results in a selection of unusual suspects, expanding readers' knowledge." –Publishers Weekly STARRED review
Crimson Snow brings together a dozen vintage crime stories set in winter. Welcome to a world of Father Christmases behaving oddly, a famous fictional detective in a Yuletide drama, mysterious tracks in the snow, and some very unpleasant carol singers. There's no denying that the supposed season of goodwill is a time of year that lends itself to detective fiction. On a cold night, it's tempting to curl up by the fireside with a good mystery. And more than that, claustrophobic house parties, with

people cooped up with long-estranged relatives, can provide plenty of motives for murder. Including forgotten stories by major writers such as Margery Allingham, as well as classic tales by less familiar crime novelists, each story in this selection is introduced by the leading expert on classic crime, Martin Edwards. The resulting volume is an entertaining and atmospheric compendium of wintry delights.
Christmas Is Murder - VAL. MCDERMID 2022-10-13
'No one can plot or tell a story like she can'
Daily Express _____
The Queen of Crime Val McDermid is a master of the dark and sinister story, and these powers are demonstrated in full force in Christmas is Murder, a festive collection of chilling tales. From an

irresponsible baron whose body is discovered beneath a silver birch tree, to an author who is haunted by the spiteful presence of a jealous writing partner, the characters McDermid conjures are enigmatic and dangerous, never above suspicion. Follow Tony Hill and Carol Jordan as they track a deadly killer who is preparing to strike on Christmas Day, and lose yourself in a festive exclusive - a recently unearthed case for a classic detective duo, set as the lights are going out across Europe. These evocative, atmospheric tales will shock and delight. This is the perfect book to curl up with as the frosty winter draws in and each night gets darker than the last, written by one of our greatest living crime writers. _____
Praise for the Queen of

Crime Val McDermid:
'Brilliant . . .
Sensational . . .
Unforgettable' Guardian
'Compulsively readable'
Irish Times 'One of
today's most
accomplished crime
writers' Literary Review
'As good a psychological
thriller as it is
possible to get' Sunday
Express 'It grabs the
reader by the throat and
never lets go' Daily
Mail

Murder at Christmas -
VARIOUS. 2019-11-07
Christmas is a season of
overindulgence. For most
of us, that means an
extra mince pie, a
second helping of
turkey, or perhaps a
third glass of mulled
wine. But for some among
us, the festive season
is a time to settle old
scores, dispatch new
enemies and indulge ...
in murder. Here, ten
masters of the genre
serve up mystery and
mayhem aplenty. From a

dowager's missing diamonds to a Christmas party gone horribly wrong, these classic crime stories will delight, puzzle and satisfy long after the last strands of tinsel have been packed away.

The Santa Klaus Murder - Mavis Hay 2015-10-06
Mystery crime fiction written in the Golden Age of Murder "Despite its title, this British Library Crime Classics reissue of a 1936 novel isn't just an entertaining Christmas read. It's a fine example of the old-time country-house murder mystery, with loads of suspects, lots of period atmosphere, and much caustic wit." -Booklist
Aunt Mildred declared that no good could come of the Melbury family Christmas gatherings at their country residence Flaxmere. So when Sir Osmond Melbury, the family patriarch, is

discovered-by a guest dressed as Santa Klaus-with a bullet in his head on Christmas Day, the festivities are plunged into chaos. Nearly every member of the party stands to reap some sort of benefit from Sir Osmond's death, but Santa Klaus, the one person who seems to have every opportunity to fire the shot, has no apparent motive. Various members of the family have their private suspicions about the identity of the murderer, and the Chief Constable of Haulmshire, who begins his investigations by saying that he knows the family too well and that is his difficulty, wishes before long that he understood them better. In the midst of mistrust, suspicion and hatred, it emerges that there was not one Santa Klaus, but two.

Silent Nights - Martin

Edwards 2015-11-03
Mystery crime fiction
written in the Golden
Age of Murder "Like an
assortment of presents
under a Christmas tree,
there's something for
everyone in this Yule-
themed reprint anthology
in the British Library
Crime Classics series
from Edwards."

—Publishers Weekly
Christmas is a
mysterious, as well as
magical, time of year.
Strange things can
happen, and this helps
to explain the hallowed
tradition of telling
ghost stories around the
fireside as the year
draws to a close.
Christmas tales of crime
and detection have a
similar appeal. When
television becomes
tiresome, and party
games pall, the prospect
of curling up in the
warm with a good mystery
is enticing—and much
better for the digestion
than yet another helping

of plum pudding. Crime
writers are just as
susceptible as readers
to the countless
attractions of
Christmas. Over the
years, many
distinguished
practitioners of the
genre have given one or
more of their stories a
Yuletide setting. The
most memorable Christmas
mysteries blend a lively
storyline with an
atmospheric evocation of
the season. Getting the
mixture right is much
harder than it looks.
This book introduces of
readers to some of the
finest Christmas
detective stories of the
past. Martin Edwards'
selection blends festive
pieces from much-loved
authors with one or two
stories which are likely
to be unfamiliar even to
diehard mystery fans.
The result is a
collection of crime
fiction to savor,
whatever the season.

A Surprise for Christmas
and Other Seasonal
Mysteries - Martin

Edwards 2021-10-12
"Exceptional fourth
anthology of golden age
Christmas-themed
mysteries"—Publishers
Weekly, Starred Review A
Postman murdered while
delivering cards on
Christmas morning. A
Christmas pine growing
over a forgotten
homicide. A Yuletide
heist gone horribly
wrong. When there's as
much murder as magic in
the air and the facts
seem to point to the
impossible, it's up to
the detective's trained
eye to unwrap the clues
and neatly tie together
an explanation
(preferably with a bow
on top). Martin Edwards
has once again gathered
the best of these
seasonal stories into a
stellar anthology
brimming with rare
tales, fresh as fallen
snow, and classics from

the likes of Julian
Symons, Margery
Allingham, Anthony
Gilbert and Cyril Hare.
A most welcome surprise
indeed, and perfect to
be shared between super-
sleuths by the fire on a
cold winter's night.
*The Story of Classic
Crime in 100 Books* -
Martin Edwards
2017-08-01
2018 Macavity Award
winner for Best
Nonfiction 2018 Anthony
Award nominee for Best
Critical/Nonfiction Book
This book tells the
story of crime fiction
published during the
first half of the
twentieth century. The
diversity of this much-
loved genre is
breathtaking, and so
much greater than many
critics have suggested.
To illustrate this, the
leading expert on
classic crime discusses
one hundred books
ranging from *The Hound
of the Baskervilles* to

Strangers on a Train which highlight the entertaining plots, the literary achievements, and the social significance of vintage crime fiction. This book serves as a companion to the acclaimed British Library Crime Classics series but it tells a very diverse story. It presents the development of crime fiction—from Sherlock Holmes to the end of the golden age—in an accessible, informative and engaging style. Readers who enjoy classic crime will make fascinating discoveries and learn about forgotten gems as well as bestselling authors. Even the most widely read connoisseurs will find books (and trivia) with which they are unfamiliar—as well as unexpected choices to debate. Classic crime is a richly varied and deeply pleasurable genre that is enjoying a

world-wide renaissance as dozens of neglected novels and stories are resurrected for modern readers to enjoy. The overriding aim of this book is to provide a launch point that enables readers to embark on their own voyages of discovery.

A Very Murderous Christmas - Profile Books 2018-11

The Christmas season is one of comfort and joy, sparkling lights and steam rising from cups of mulled wine at frosty carol services. A season of goodwill to all men, as families and friends come together to forget their differences and celebrate the year together. Unless, of course, you happen to be harbouring a grudge. Or hiding a guilty secret. Or you want something so much you just have to have it - whatever the cost. In *A Very Murderous Christmas*, ten

of the best classic crime writers come together to unleash festive havoc, with murder, mayhem and twists aplenty. Following *Murder on Christmas Eve* and *Murder under the Christmas Tree*, this is the perfect accompaniment to a mince pie and a roaring fire. Just make sure you're really, truly alone ...

Murder in the Falling Snow - Cecily Gayford
2022-11-03

It's only the afternoon, but dusk is already falling and a log fire burning in the grate. Outside, frost coats the tree branches and snow sparkles on the ground. And somewhere in the darkness, a murderer is making plans ... Here are ten classic crime stories for the winter months, from the greatest minds of the mystery genre. So bundle up, grab a glass of mulled wine, and get

ready to be puzzled, astonished and entertained by these festive stories of murder and mayhem.

[The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries](#) - Otto Penzler 2013-10-22

The Edgar Award-winning editor collects sixty of his all-time favorite holiday crime stories—from Arthur Conan Doyle and Thomas Hardy, to Sara Paretsky and Ed McBain. • “Anyone who cares about the best mystery writing of the past century and beyond would be lucky to receive this thick volume during the holidays.” –The Washington Post

This collection touches on all aspects of the holiday season, and all types of mysteries. They are suspenseful, funny, frightening, and poignant. Included are puzzles by Mary Higgins Clark, Isaac Asimov, and Ngaio Marsh; uncanny

tales in the tradition of A Christmas Carol by Peter Lovesey and Max Allan Collins; O. Henry-like stories by Stanley Ellin and Joseph Sheering, stories by pulp icons John D. MacDonald and Damon Runyon; comic gems from Donald E. Westlake and John Mortimer; and many, many more. Almost any kind of mystery you're in the mood for--suspense, pure detection, humor, cozy, private eye, or police procedural--can be found in these pages.

FEATURING: -
Unscrupulous Santas -
Crimes of Christmases Past and Present -
Festive felonies -
Deadly puddings -
Misdemeanors under the mistletoe - Christmas cases for classic characters including Sherlock Holmes, Brother Cadfael, Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Ellery Queen, Rumpole of the

Bailey, Inspector Morse, Inspector Ghote, A.J. Raffles, and Nero Wolfe.

Murder under the Christmas Tree - Cecily Gayford 2016-11-03

Murder most festive... A locked room mystery solved with a flourish on Boxing Day. Blackmail on Christmas Eve. A missing jewel discovered in a very festive hiding place. A body slumped in a chair on Christmas morning, still listening to carols. The midnight theft of a gift intended for a saint. Crime doesn't take a holiday, so these - and many more - are the puzzles that make up Murder under the Christmas Tree, a collection of festive mysteries featuring fictional sleuths from Lord Peter Wimsey to Sherlock Holmes, Cadfael to Father Brown. This is the very best of Christmas murder and mayhem - so settle into your armchair, put

another log on the fire and take a bite of your mince pie. Just make sure it's not poisoned...

Portrait of a Murderer - Anne Meredith 2018-04-03

Mystery crime fiction written in the Golden Age of Murder "Golden age fans will be enthralled." –Publishers Weekly STARRED review

'Adrian Gray was born in May 1862 and met his death through violence, at the hands of one of his own children, at Christmas, 1931.' Thus begins a classic crime novel published in 1933 that has been too long neglected—until now. It is a riveting portrait of the psychology of a murderer. Each December, Adrian Gray invites his extended family to stay at his lonely house, Kings Poplars. None of Gray's six surviving children is fond of him; several have cause to wish him dead. The

family gathers on Christmas Eve—and by the following morning, their wish has been granted.

This fascinating and unusual novel tells the story of what happened that dark Christmas night; and what the murderer did next.

Murder on a Winter's Night - Cecily Gayford 2021-11-04

Murder Is Easy - Agatha Christie 2011-06-21

A quiet English village is plagued by a fiendish serial killer in Queen of Mystery Agatha Christie's classic thriller, *Murder is Easy*. Luke Fitzwilliam does not believe Miss Pinkerton's wild allegation that a multiple murderer is at work in the quiet English village of Wychwood and that her local doctor is next in line. But within hours, Miss Pinkerton has been killed in a hit-and-run

car accident. Mere coincidence? Luke is inclined to think so—until he reads in the Times of the unexpected demise of Wychwood's Dr. Humbleby....

The Christmas Card Crime and Other Stories -

Martin Edwards

2019-10-01

Mystery crime fiction written in the Golden Age of Murder A

Christmas party is punctuated by a gunshot under a policeman's watchful eye. A jewel heist is planned amidst the glitz and glamour of Oxford Street's Christmas shopping. Lost in a snowstorm, a man finds a motive for murder. This collection of mysteries explores the darker side of the festive season—from unexplained disturbances in the fresh snow, to the darkness that lurks beneath the sparkling decorations. With neglected stories by

John Bude and E.C.R. Lorac, as well as tales by little-known writers of crime fiction, Martin Edwards blends the cosy atmosphere of the fireside story with a chill to match the temperature outside.

This is a gripping seasonal collection sure to delight mystery fans Murder Takes a Holiday -

VARIOUS. 2020-05-07

For most of us, a summer holiday is an opportunity to escape from it all: to lounge on warm sands or sip a cool drink in the shade of a city square. But, as the characters in this murderously good collection of classic crime stories discover to their cost ... trouble has a nasty habit of finding you out. From a body found on a beach without a single footprint, to a lemonade stand whose wares appear to have been poisoned and a

Wimbledon final ruined by the mysterious disappearance of the championship player, these tales of murder and malice will take you on the trip of a lifetime. So pour that glass of Pimms, grab your sunhat and indulge your dark side: these stories will chill you to your very core, even in a heatwave ...

Murder in Midsummer -
Cecily Gayford
2019-05-30

A rock pool with a deadly secret. A bank holiday heatwave dominated by the murder of an unknown man. A sun-drenched picnic that ends in a sinister locked-room mystery. And an Adriatic holiday interrupted by a beautiful couple ... who aren't quite who they seem to be. All these, and many more, can be found in these classic stories of summertime murder and mayhem,

featuring masters of the genre from Dorothy L. Sayers to Arthur Conan Doyle. From St Mark's Square in Venice to the English seaside, their tales will puzzle, entertain and prove that - no matter how far you travel - there's no rest for the wicked. Selected by Cecily Gayford

Murder After Christmas -
Rupert Latimer
2022-10-04

"[Murder After Christmas] supplies cheerfully calculating relatives, decorously brutal dialogue, and a fiendishly intricate set of Chinese boxes before the surprising reveal...no, they don't make them like this anymore."—Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review
"A war's on and a murder has been committed—and we sit here talking nonsense about almond whirls and mince pies!"
Good old Uncle Willie—known for an

insatiable sweet tooth and being an epic pain in the rear—has come to stay with the Redpaths for the holidays. As luck would have it, he's found dead in the snow, in a Santa suit on Boxing Day. It seems as though someone may have poisoned his chocolate...or was it the mince pie? As the police flock to the house, Willie's descendants, past lovers and distant relatives are drawn into a perplexing investigation to find out how the old man met his fate, and who stands to gain by such an unseasonable crime. First published in 1944, *Murder After Christmas* is a lively riot of murder, holiday desserts, and misdirection, cleverly twisting the tropes of Golden Age detective fiction to create a pacey, light-hearted package admirably suited

for the holiday season. Featuring an introduction by CWA Diamond Dagger Award-winning author and series editor Martin Edwards.

Murder Underground -

Mavis Doriel Hay 2021-02

An unpleasant spinster meets her end on the stairs of the Belsize Park Tube station. All of the residents of the Frampton Private Hotel in Hampstead knew that Euphemia Pongleton was in the habit of walking one stop closer to the center of London to save a penny's fare on the Underground. But they hardly expected to hear that she was found on the stairs at Belsize Park, strangled to death with her terrier's leash on her way to a dental appointment. Her death sends shock waves through the boardinghouse. Betty Watson and Cissie Fain are all agog. Mrs.

Daymer regards the murder as fodder for her latest psychological thriller. The landlady, Mrs. Bliss, frets about how she'll get dinner done with the maid, Nellie, crying her eyes out because the police have detained her boyfriend, Bob Thurlow. Gerry Plasher is in a tizzy because the question of whether his fiancée, Beryl Sanders, will or won't inherit her aunt's fortune depends on what vindictive Euphemia wrote in the latest version of her will. Meanwhile, Basil Pongleton, the other claimant to the family fortune, tells the police a cock and bull story about traveling to Hampstead from his own boardinghouse in Tavistock Square when he was actually in Belsize Park at the time of his aunt's death. He's so rattled by his own

blunder that he seeks advice from Joseph Slocum, another Frampton tenant whom young Basil regards as a man of the world. All the while, Mr. Blend sits at his table in the living room, cutting his newspaper placidly into strips. How this band of halfwits will solve a murder will surprise, and perhaps amuse, readers of this Golden Age classic.

Murder by the Book -
Martin Edwards

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With Martin Edwards as librarian and guide, delve into an irresistible stack of bibliomysteries, where "golden age-inspired puzzle masters [are] doing what they do best: bringing together readers, books, and felonies [in] perhaps the single best collection yet in this blue-chip series (Kirkus Reviews)." There is no

better hiding place for clues—or red herrings—than inside the pages of a book. But in this world of resentful ghost writers, indiscreet playwrights, and unscrupulous book collectors, literary prowess is often a prologue to disaster. Readers should be warned that the most riveting tales often conceal the deadliest of secrets. Featuring much-loved Golden Age detectives Nigel Strangeways, Philip Trent, Detective Chief Inspector Roderick Alleyn, and others, a bookish puzzle threatens an eagerly awaited inheritance; a submission to a publisher recounts a murder that seems increasingly to be a work of nonfiction; an irate novelist puts a

grisly end to the source of his writer's block.

The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries -
2021-12-09

Murder in Midwinter -
Profile Books Limited
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Midwinter. As snow falls softly outside and frost sparkles on tree branches, it's time to curl up before a roaring fire, wrap your hands around a steaming mug of mulled wine, and forget your worries for now. But as the temperature drops outside, malice is sharpening its claws ... and murder walks abroad. In these classic stories of mystery and mayhem, let ten of the great crime writers in history surprise and delight you with twists and turns as shocking as an icicle in the heart.