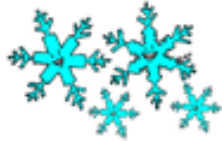


WRECK THE HALLS
By Sarah Graves

In her hardcover debut, series sleuth Jacobia "Jake" Tiptree (Repair to Her Grave) and best friend, Ellie, try to help Faye Anne, an abused wife, after she's accused of butchering her drunkard husband. Unfortunately, their unauthorized investigating results in a stronger case against her. Nonetheless, Jake and Ellie persevere in their quest: they rev up the Eastport, ME, rumor mill and spout various crime scenarios. In spare moments, Jake weather-strips her 1823 fixer-upper. Frequent humor tempers the Down East mannerisms, plucky heroine, and more serious subject matter.

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MURDER ON 34TH STREET
By Edward Koch & Wendy Staub

Christmas in New York. The city's legendary Ramsey's Department Store is suffering its worst season in years. General manager Barnaby Tischler knows it's because their rival, Weatherly's superstore, is scaring off the store's customers—with bomb threats! But when Ramsey's Santa-for-hire is found in a utility closet shot through the heart, Tischler's only hope lies in his old buddy, Mayor Ed Koch

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TIED UP IN TINSEL
By Ngaio Marsh

A Christmas pageant turns unholy. Holed up at Hilary Bill-Tasman's manor estate for Christmas, Troy Alleyn is to paint the man's portrait and, while she's there, view the Druid Christmas pageant. Along with a pack of eccentric guests, Troy enjoys the festivities, until one of the pageant's players mysteriously disappears into the snowy night. Did the hired help—each a paroled murderer from the nearby prison—have a deadly hand in this Christmas conundrum? Inspector Roderick Alleyn arrives to join his wife in finding the lost man—and unraveling the glaring truth from the glittering tinsel.

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NOT ALL IT'S
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*Sometimes even
the best laid
Christmas plans
can go awry!*

CHRISTMAS IS MURDER: A REX GRAVES MYSTERY By C.S. Challinor

A disparate group of guests snowed in at an English hotel await Christmas and death. Rex Graves, QC, makes the trip from Scotland to Swanmere Manor just in time to turn sleuth. The proprietress, Mrs. Smithings, a widow who recently lost a son in Iraq, is an old friend of his mother's. But Rex's fond memories of childhood visits are about to be polluted by a series of murders. Soon after his arrival, he is taken aside by honeymooning EMT Charley Perkins, who confides his suspicions that what caused old Mr. Lawdry's death was not a heart attack but poison in his almond tart. The next to die is unpopular New York literary agent Miriam Greenbaum, whose edited biography of George W. Bush has been delayed by a fall down the stairs that was obviously helped along. Rex is attracted to Helen d'Arcy, but when her friend Wanda Martyr falls victim to the killer, he has to add Helen to his necessarily small list of suspects. Nothing daunted, he uses his prosecutorial expertise to work his way through method and motive until he announces the murderer in a denouement in the classic style.

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A HOLIDAY FOR MURDER By Agatha Christie

It started when the wealthy Simeon Lee called his sons and their wives together on Christmas Eve and told them he was drawing up a new will. It ended horribly a few hours later as his children sat around the dinner table—their meal interrupted by a blood-chilling scream coming from the old man's bedroom. For the visiting Hercule Poirot it will be no holiday from murder!

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CHRISTMAS JOURNEY By Anne Perry

Set in Victorian England, this novelette has all the poignancy one might expect from Anne Perry. At a dinner party Isobel Alvie makes a remark that "cruelly crumbles the thin veneer of hope" for Gwendoline Kilmuir, who later that night jumps from a bridge to her death in icy waters. All the guests are outraged and, using the threat of ostracism against Isobel, they suggest a pilgrimage of expiation. Isobel will travel 700 miles to acknowledge her part in the suicide and deliver Gwendoline's suicide note to her mother. Lady Vespasia Cumming-Gould accompanies her. With subtle tone and pacing, Terrence Hardiman infuses Isobel's careless remark with the depth of cruelty it reveals.

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CEMETERY YEW By Cynthia Riggs

Victoria Trumbull, the astute, 92-year-old Vineyard native and deputy police officer, takes on her most bizarre case yet, in Riggs's third appealing Vineyard mystery. An empty grave, a misplaced coffin and a missing hearse driver are the harbingers of a series of grotesque murders, whose victims turn out to share an odd South American connection involving smuggling and an exotic bird. The author lends ballast to an outlandish plot by lovingly depicting ordinary island people (awkward teens, a friendly police chief, small-town officials with their rivalries and gossips) and events (notably the return of the local high school football team from the big game against Nantucket). The unfamiliar portrait of the Vineyard in winter is another plus. With patience and charm, the down-to-earth Victoria succeeds in drawing out confidences. In the end, even she is surprised.

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THE STUPIDEST ANGEL: A HEART- WARMING TALE OF CHRISTMAS HORROR By Christopher Moore

Hilarity abounds in Moore's latest satirical gem. Sleepy Pine Cove, CA is abuzz with Christmas spirit, but Lena Marquez is fed up with her despicable ex-husband, Dale Pearson. On his way home from playing Santa Claus at the local lodge, Dale spies sneaky Lena uprooting his Monterey pines; he pulls a gun on her, she lashes out with a shovel and—oops!—kills him. Seven-year-old Josh Barker, thinking he's just seen the murder of Santa, prays for a miracle to save Christmas. This little slice of perverse Christmas cheer is enough to make even the most cynical Scrooge guffaw.

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ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT By Mary Higgins Clark

This is Clark's second holiday tale of suspense and sentiment which opens with a young unmarried woman leaving her newborn baby on the steps of a church on Manhattan's Upper West Side. At the same time, a young man steals the church's precious chalice. Both the child and the chalice then disappear, and it's up to Alvira, Clark's lottery winner turned sleuth, and husband Willy to solve the mystery.

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