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**Photo Finish's dead diva, the soprano
Isabella Sommita, was so widely loathed that
the problem is less a lack of plausible
suspects than an embarrassment of options.
Though the grand country-house - and with
it, the country-house murder - was history
by 1980, when Photo Finish was originally
published, Dame Ngaio got around the**

problem by setting the story on a lavish island estate, cut off from the mainland by a sudden storm. Happily, Inspector Alleyn is among the guests, and can take charge in the coppers' absence. The penultimate book in the series, Photo Finish is also one of only four books set in Marsh's native New Zealand.

The new play at the Unicorn is the event of the year until the final act leaves an actor dead, and Inspector Alleyn must uncover the killer who wrote murder into the playbill--one of two people who had access

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to the prop box. Reprint.

New Zealand theatrical manager Alfred Meyer wanted to celebrate his wife's birthday in style. The piece de resistance would be the jeroboam of champagne. But something went horribly wrong and Chief Detective Inspector Alleyn witnessed it himself."

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Tied Up in Tinsel

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Lay Dead, Enter a Murderer, The Nursing Home Murder When In Rome

Unexpectedly promoted to detective when his predecessor goes missing and a supervisor is killed, agency clerk Charles Unwin struggles with inexperience and nerves during a case in which he encounters bizarre clues and is framed for murder.

A mystery with "atmosphere, humor . . .and a group of characters, English, Maori, and New Zealander, who are fascinating and completely credible." —The New York Times During World War II, Colonel Claire—a

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tremendously nice fellow and a disastrously bad businessman—runs a mud-baths resort in rural New Zealand. But the place is on the brink of being taken over by a local blowhard who may be a Nazi spy. Inspector Alleyn has been sent in to sort things out—and don a disguise in order to blend in the resort's motley cast of characters—in this classic tale of detection from the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master. "It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around." —New York Magazine

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Death in a White Tie - Overture to Death - Death at the Bar

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Constables, When in Rome, Tied Up in Tinsel

Inspector Alleyn 3-Book Collection 8: Death at the

Dolphin, Hand in Glove, Dead Water

Crime comes to a country house: "Any Ngaio Marsh story is certain to be Grade A, and this one is no exception." "The

New York Times This classic from the Golden Age of British mystery opens during a country-house party between the two world wars—servants bustling, gin flowing, the gentlemen in dinner jackets, the ladies all slink and smolder. Even more

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delicious: The host, Sir Hubert Handesley, has invented a new and especially exciting version of that beloved parlor entertainment, The Murder Game . . . It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around. New York Magazine A peerless practitioner of the slightly surreal, English-village comedy-mystery. Kirkus Reviews

A new edition of a classic mystery follows Scotland Yard's Troy Alleyn, on a cruise through England with his wife, as he tries to unmask "Jampot," a murderous forger disguised as a fellow passenger, before he strikes again. Reprint.

Vacationing in Rome, Inspector Roderick Alleyn investigates when a member of his tour group is mysteriously murdered
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book, the sixth volume in a set of omnibus editions presenting the complete run of 32 Inspector Alleyn mysteries.

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Opening Night

Clutch of Constables

Colour Scheme

A murder committed at Halberds Manor brings

Superintendent Roderick Alleyn to this old English house staffed by ex-convicts

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A classic Ngaio Marsh novel reissued in B-format.

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Light Thickens

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Overture to Death, Death at the Bar

Inspector Alleyn 3-Book Collection 2: Death in Ecstasy,
Vintage Murder, Artists in Crime

Surfeit of Lampreys

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Crime's first book, the seventh volume in a set of
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**From the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master,
this tale of death at the Dolphin Theatre has "wit,**

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charm, and oodles of atmosphere” (Kirkus Reviews). Among theater folk, “the Scottish play” is considered unlucky, so much so that tradition requires anyone who utters its proper name backstage to leave the building, spin around, spit, curse, and then request permission to re-enter. As director Peregrine Jay directs a production of Shakespeare’s great work at the Dolphin Theater, misfortune does indeed abound, including some ugly practical jokes—and a grisly death for the leading man. It’s up to Roderick Alleyn to find out who has blood on their hands . . . “No playwright could devise a better curtain.” —Los Angeles Times “As always she writes most elegantly.” —Daily Telegraph “The doyenne of

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traditional mystery writers.” —The New York Times
Queen visits an operating theater to witness a
surgery, but finds a murder instead The son of a
police detective, Ellery Queen grew up in a bloody
atmosphere. Since he started lending his deductive
powers to the New York City homicide squad, he has
seen more than his fair share of mangled corpses.
Though he is accustomed to gore, the thought of
seeing a living person sliced open makes him ill. So
when a doctor invites him to sit in on an operation,
Queen braces his stomach. As it happens, his
stomach is spared, but his brain must go to work.
The patient is Abigail Doorn, a millionairess in a
diabetic coma. To prepare her for surgery, the

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hospital staff has stabilized her blood sugar level and wheeled her to the operating theater—but just before the first incision, the doctors realize she is dead, strangled while lying unconscious on her gurney. Queen came to the hospital to watch surgeons work, but now it's his time to operate. The eighth volume in a set of omnibus editions presenting the complete run of 32 Inspector Alleyn mysteries.

Final Curtain

Overture to Death

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Head, Singing in the Shrouds, False Scent
The Manual of Detection**

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The ninth volume in a set of omnibus editions presenting the complete run of 32 Inspector Alleyn mysteries.

Superintendent Roderick Alleyn finds a host of suspects and a tangled set of relationships when he journeys to a genteel English country estate, shared by retiree Percival Pyke Period and lawyer Harry Cartell, to investigate a murder. Reprint.

A Shakespearean actor shuffles off his mortal coil in this "skillfully wrought" country-house mystery (The New York

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Times). Sir Henry Ancred, a celebrated Shakespearean actor, has arranged to have his portrait painted by Agatha Troy, wife of Inspector Roderick Alleyn. But when Ancred is killed at his own birthday party, leaving behind a family full of suspects, Troy's work ends and Inspector Alleyn's begins . . . "It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around." –New York Magazine "A peerless practitioner of the slightly surreal, English-village comedy-mystery." –Kirkus Reviews

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A spring may have healing properties—but the controversy over it may have harmful results—in a witty mystery by a Mystery Writers of America Grand Master. The elderly Emily Pride is perfectly pleased to have inherited an island, even if her starchy pragmatism is ever-so-faintly appalled by the island's "Pixie Falls" spring and its reported miraculous healing properties. Really, the locals' attempts to capitalize on the "miracles" are entirely too tacky—Ye Olde Gift Shoppe, the neon signs . . . not on Miss Emily's

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watch, thank you. Of course, the locals are not exactly thrilled to give up their trade. Pixie Falls may be merely be known for healing warts, it's true, but you take your shillings where you can find them. Could their frustration have bubbled up into murderous rage? Inspector Alleyn will have to sort it out. And this time, it's personal. "It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around." –New York Magazine "A peerless practitioner of the slightly surreal, English-village comedy-mystery." –Kirkus

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Reviews “The nonpareil among criminal
investigators.” –The New York Times

Dead Water

Death in a White Tie

Inspector Alleyn 3-Book Collection 6:

Opening Night, Spinsters in Jeopardy,
Scales of Justice

Died in the Wool

*This tale of murder at a snowed-in country house is a
“constant puzzle to the end . . . alive with wit” (The New
York Times). The unspeakably wealthy (and generally
unspeakable) Jonathan Royal has decided to throw a party*

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and, just for fun, has studded the guest list with people who loathe one another. When a blizzard imprisons them all in Royal's country house, murder ensues, and there are nearly as many suspects as there are potential victims. Eventually, Inspector Alleyn makes his way through the snow to put things right, in this classic whodunit by the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master. "A smooth yarn." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

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This tale of an actress's dramatic demise, and a police

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detective trying to sniff out a killer, is “one of Ngaio Marsh's best yarns” (Kirkus Reviews). Mary Bellamy is the sweetheart of the London stage—everyone simply adores darling Mary. So her fans and friends are heartbroken when somehow Mary manages to spritz herself not with her favorite perfume but with a deadly insecticide meant to be sprayed on the azaleas. What Inspector Alleyn smells is something fishy, especially since everything he learns about lovely, fragile Mary suggests that in fact she was a rather vicious battleax. And with a bit more investigation, he quickly starts smelling something different: a rat . . . “It’s time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the

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other way around.” —New York Magazine “[Her] writing style and vivid characters and settings made her a mystery novelist of world renown.” —The New York Times

In a mystery originally published in 1934, Scotland Yard's Inspector Roderick Alleyn arrives at Sir Hubert Handesley's country house party only to discover a real corpse has appeared during the guests' parlor game of "Murder." Reprint.

The Nursing-home Murder

Death and the Dancing Footman

The Dutch Shoe Mystery

A Man Lay Dead - Enter a Murderer - The Nursing Home

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Murder

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A high-society homicide is the talk of the London season . . . "Marsh's writing is a pleasure." —The Seattle Times It's debutante season in London, and that means giggles and tea-dances, white dresses and inappropriate romances . . .and much too much champagne. And, apparently, a blackmailer, which is where Inspector Roderick Alleyn comes in. The social whirl is decidedly not Alleyn's environment,

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so he brings in an assistant in the form of Lord
"Bunchy" Gospell, everybody's favorite uncle.

Bunchy is more than lovable; he's also got some
serious sleuthing skills. But before he can unmask
the blackmailer, a murder is announced. And
everyone suddenly stops giggling . . . "It's time to
start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the
other way around." —New York Magazine "[Her]
writing style and vivid characters and settings made
her a mystery novelist of world renown." —The New
York Times

A murdered body is discovered on a farm, packed in
a bale of wool--and Roderick Alleyn must find a wild,

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woolly killer.

When a member of a wealthy cult, the House of the Sacred Flame, dies "accidentally" after drinking the ritual wine during a ceremony, Inspector Roderick Alleyn must discover who dosed the wine with the fatal prussic acid. Reprint.

A Man Lay Dead

False Scent

Photo Finish

Hand In Glove

A visiting dignitary in London asks for security—and gets extra help from a clever feline—in a novel

starring “the nonpareil among criminal investigators” (The New York Times). Superintendent Alleyn’s old school chum, nicknamed the “Boomer,” has become the president of the newly emerged African nation of Ng’ombwana, newly emerged in the wake of colonialism. Old school ties being what they are, his friend—making an official visit to London—insists that Alleyn handle his security, rather than Her Majesty’s Special Branch. The Special Branch is not best pleased about this, as the Boomer is known to have some very deadly enemies, and the threats only increase when the Ng’ombwanan ambassador is killed.

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Happily for the Boomer, not only is Alleyn up to the task, but he is assisted by a rescued cat who proves extremely adept at finding clues . . . “The brilliant Ngaio Marsh ranks with Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers.” —Times Literary Supplement

A local busybody is silenced for good in this tale by “a peerless practitioner of the slightly surreal, English-village comedy-mystery” (Kirkus Reviews). In their Dorset village, neither Miss Campanula nor her friend Miss Prentice are known as lovable little old ladies. They’re waspish, gossiping snobby little old ladies, passionate only about their amateur theatrical

productions, their narrowly defined opinions about how everyone else should behave . . .and, perhaps, about the local vicar. But could one of them have been sufficiently unpleasant to provoke a murderer? For Miss Campanula has perished on her piano bench—and it's unclear whether Miss Prentice may have been the actual intended victim . . . “A goodie.” —Kirkus Reviews “It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around.” —New York Magazine “In her ironic and witty hands the mystery novel can be civilized literature.” —The New York Times

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Roderick Alleyn is back in this unique crime novel begun by Ngaio Marsh during the Second World War and now completed by Stella Duffy in a way that has delighted reviewers and critics alike.

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Vintage Murder**

Money in the Morgue: The New Inspector Alleyn

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Mystery

**Inspector Alleyn 3-Book Collection 11: Photo-Finish,
Light Thickens, Black Beech and Honeydew**

A suspicious inheritance comes to the
rescue of a cash-strapped aristocratic
family: "Entertaining and devious . . .

Plenty of red herrings." —Kirkus

Reviews The upper-crust Lamprey family
exemplifies charm, wit, and a chronic
lack of funds. Their only source of
hope is the wealthy but unpleasant Lord
Wutherwood, and the Lampreys may

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perhaps be forgiven for doing a little jig when his Lordship is killed and the resulting inheritance saves their bacon. Inspector Roderick Alleyn wouldn't dream of judging the Lampreys' joy. But he would like to figure out whether they murdered their benefactor . . . Also published under the title Death of a Peer "It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around." —New York Magazine "A mystery novelist of world

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renown.” —The New York Times

DEATH IN A WHITE TIEThe season has begun. Débutantes and chaperones are planning their gala dinners - and the blackmailer is planning strategies to stalk his next victim. But Chief Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn knows that something is up and has already planted his friend Lord Gospell at the dinner. But someone else has got there first...OVERTURE TO DEATHIt was planned as an act of charity: a new

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piano for the parish hall, and an amusing evening's entertainment to finance the gift. But all is doomed when Miss Campanula sits down to play. A chord is struck, a shot rings out, and Miss Campanula is dead. It seems to be a case of sinister infatuation for Roderick Alleyn...DEATH AT THE BARA midsummer evening - darts night at The Plume of Feathers, a traditional Devonshire public house. A distinguished painter, a celebrated

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actor, a woman graduate, a plump lady
from County Clare and a local farmer
all play their parts in a fatal
experiment which calls for the
investigative expertise of Inspector
Alleyn...

Death in Ecstasy

Enter A Murderer

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Last Ditch, Black As He's Painted,

Grave Mistake