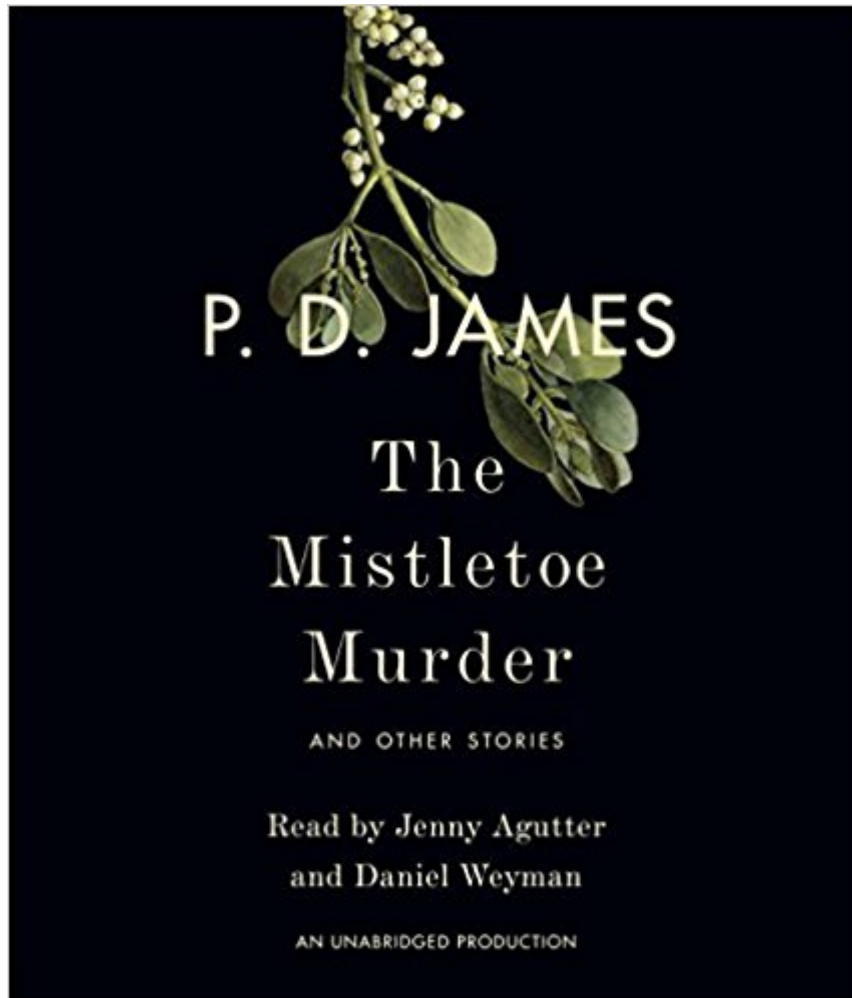




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Synopsis

Four previously uncollected stories from one of the great mystery writers of our time--swift, cunning murder mysteries (two of which feature the young Adam Dalgliesh) that together, to borrow the author's own word, add up to a delightful "entertainment." The newly appointed Sgt. Dalgliesh is drawn into a case that is "pure Agatha Christie." . . . A "pedantic, respectable, censorious" clerk's secret taste for pornography is only the first reason he finds for not coming forward as a witness to a murder . . . A best-selling crime novelist describes the crime she herself was involved in fifty years earlier . . . Dalgliesh's godfather implores him to reinvestigate a notorious murder that might ease the godfather's mind about an inheritance, but which will reveal a truth that even the supremely upstanding Adam Dalgliesh will keep to himself. Each of these stories is as playful as it is ingeniously plotted, the author's sly humor as evident as her hallmark narrative elegance and shrewd understanding of some of the most complex--not to say the most damning--aspects of human nature. A treat for P. D. James's legions of fans and anyone who enjoys the pleasures of a masterfully wrought whodunit. From the Hardcover edition.

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genre. The most talented practitioner ever. The New York Times
“The greatest contemporary writer of classic crime.” Sunday Times

P. D. JAMES was the author of twenty-one books, many of which feature her detective hero Adam Dalgliesh and have been televised or filmed. She was the recipient of many honors, including the Mystery Writers of America Grandmaster Award and the National Arts Club Medal of Honor for Literature, and in 1991 was created Baroness James of Holland Park. She died in 2014 at the age of ninety-four. From the Hardcover edition.

This little gem is an enjoyable collection of four short stories from the late P.D. James, a master (mistress?) of the genre. Three of them were set at Christmas and two featured a young Adam Dalgliesh, so was an excellent choice for a pleasurable Christmas holiday read.

PD James at her best!

I felt "cheated" by this book. It was an equivalent price to one of PD James (usually) excellent books but this only contained 4 "quite flimsy" short stories. While each had a nice twist at the end, that's the best I can say about it.

A bit different cultural to follow but still clever?

Four very different stories, extremely well told, that keep you turning the pages in suspense and wondering right up until the ending. I wasn't able to second-guess a single one.

P. D. James never disappoints me. I wondered though why they issued this for the holidays at \$18 when this has the same stories for less than half that. Just a different intro.

I have always enjoyed the writings of P.D. James, and this is the icing on top of the cake, a real surprise, and one greatly appreciated.

I am a huge fan of PD James. All the Dalgleish novels are worth a reread. This is largely due to her great ability to engender a sense of place. This doesn't happen in these short stories. Disappointing.

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