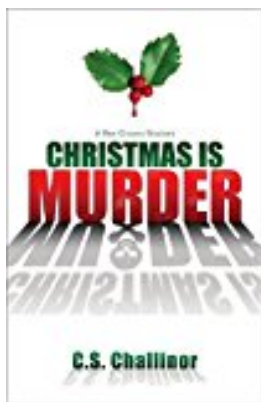


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Description:

From *Starred Review* The first installment in this new mystery series is a winner. The amateur detective is Rex Graves, a Scottish barrister, fond of Sudoku puzzles and Latin quotations. In an old-fashioned conceit, Challinor begins with a cast of characters, along with hints of possible motives for each. Although set firmly in the present, with numerous references to the Iraq War, his tale reads like a classic country-house mystery. Rex and the others are snowed in at the Swanmere Manor

hotel in East Sussex, England. Being the last to arrive (on two tennis rackets lashed to his feet à la snowshoes), Rex immediately hears of the unexpected demise of one of the other guests. Even though they are in touch with the outside world, the authorities instruct the hotel staff to keep the body in a cool room with the windows open. By the time the police arrive days later, additional bodies have piled up and motives are rampant, but Rex has identified the murderer. At times, it seems we are playing Clue or perhaps enjoying a contemporary retelling of a classic Agatha Christie tale (*And Then There Were None*, or *At Bertram's Hotel*) with a charming new sleuth. A must for cozy fans. --Judy Coon

Review "A great start to a new series that is sure to become a modern favorite traditional English cozy series."

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"*Christmas is Murder* is a most enjoyable first mystery in what promises to be a fantastic series. Challinor writes with wit and cheek, and with Rex Graves she has created a thoroughly charming sleuth." -- *Rick Miller, author of Bigger Than Jesus and host of ABC's primetime hit series "Just for Laughs"*

"Agatha Christie fans, here you go! You have been waiting for a mystery writer that can hold the torch, well we found her: C.S. Challinor." -- *Suspense Magazine*

"C.S. Challinor has crafted a delectable murder mystery set in an old English manor turned hotel. *Christmas is Murder* has all the charm and ambience of a classic Agatha Christie novel. This is mystery at its very best! Challinor is an author to watch. I'll be anxiously awaiting her next book!" -- *Nancy Mehl, author of The Ivy Towers Mystery Series*

"Challinor's debut is a pleasant modern knockoff of Christie." -- *Kirkus Reviews, July 15, 2008*

"Challinor will keep most readers guessing as she cleverly spreads suspicion and clues that point in one direction, then another." --*Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine, Jan/Feb 2009*

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