

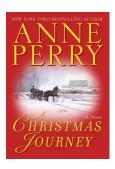
The Twelve Clues of Christmas by Rhys Bowen

While serving as an assistant to the hostess of a large Christmas house party in Tiddleton-under-Lovey, Georgie gets the attention of her retired detective grandfather after dead bodies begin showing up.



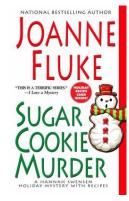
Hercule Poirot's Christmas by Agatha Christie

Christmas Eve, and the Lee family's reunion is shattered by a deafening crash of furniture and a high-pitched wailing scream. Upstairs, the tyrannical Simeon Lee lies dead in a pool of blood, his throat slashed. When Hercule Poirot offers to assist, he finds an atmosphere not of mourning but of mutual suspicion. It seems everyone had their own reason to hate the old man.



The Christmas Mysteries by Anne Perry

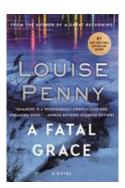
This Victorian mystery series combines murder with the holidays in a variety of evocative settings -- from the mansions of London's West End to the coast of Wales to New York City -- and stars a panoply of different protagonists. Mixing rich detail, complex characters, and a strong sense of place, each is an atmospheric standalone that charms and puzzles.



Sugar Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke

During the Christmas party at Lake Eden's community center, Hannah Swensen stumbles upon a murder when Martin Dubinski's new wife, a former Las Vegas showgirl, is found dead with Hannah's mother's silver cake knife buried in her cleavage.

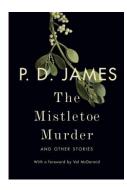
See also: Candy Cane Murder, Plum Pudding Murder, Christmas Caramel Murder, Gingerbread Cookie Murder, Christmas Cake Murder, and more.



A Fatal Grace by Louise Penny

Sent to tiny Three Pines, a village south of Montreal, to investigate the death of CC de Poitiers, an extremely unpopular woman apparently cooked alive in an electrical accident during a local curling match, Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec finds that no one liked the victim and that nearly everyone in town had both a motive and opportunity to kill her.

See also: How the Light Gets In

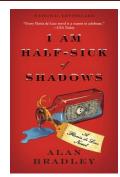


The Mistletoe Murder: And Other Stories by P.D. James

Four previously uncollected stories by the late Mystery Writers of America Grandmaster Award-winning author include two featuring her popular detective hero, Adam Dalgliesh, in his early years.



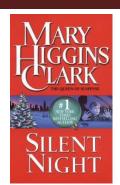
Holiday Mysteries



I am Half Sick of Shadows by **Alan Bradley**

After the whole village of Bishop's Lacey descends on Flavia de Luce's family's estate during a raging blizzard to watch the filming of a movie, a person ends up dead, strangled by a length of film, and the 11-year-old budding chemist must find the killer.

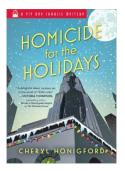
See also: Thrice the **Brinded Cat Hath Mew'd by Alan Bradley**



Silent Night by Mary Higgins Clark

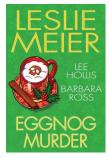
When Catherine Dornan's husband. Tom. is diagnosed with leukemia, she and their two young sons travel with him to New York during the holiday season for a lifesaving operation. On Christmas Eve, hoping to lift the boys' spirits, Catherine takes them to see Rockefeller Center's famous Christmas tree; while there, seven-year-old Brian notices a woman taking his mother's wallet. A St. Christopher medal tucked inside the wallet saved his grandfather's life in World War II. and Brian believes with all his heart that it will protect his father now. Impulsively, Brian follows the thief into the subway, and the most dangerous adventure of his young life begins...

See also: He Sees You When You're Sleeping, Dashing Through the Snow, Santa Cruise, and The Christmas



Homicide for the Holidays by **Cheryl Honigford**

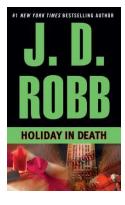
A hidden key that opens a drawer locked for the past eight years, a mysterious envelope filled with cash, and a threatening note... none of this is what rising radio star Vivian Witchell expects to find in her late father's office. But when Vivian stumbles into trouble. she hardly knows how to steer herself back to safety.



Eggnog Murder by Leslie Meier

With the fireplace crackling, the tree twinkling, and the carols humming, few things in life are as picture perfect as Christmas in Maine—until murder dampens the holiday spirit. It must be something in the eggnog . . .

See also: Christmas Cookie Murder, Mistletoe Murder, Christmas Card Murder, Christmas Carol Murder, and Gingerbread Cookie Murder



Holiday in Death by J.D. Robb

No one likes to be alone during the holidays. For New York's most posh dating service, Personally Yours, it is the season to bring lonely hearts together. But Lieutenant Eve Dallas, on the trail of a ritualistic serial killer who likes to dress up as Santa Claus, has made a disturbing discovery: all of the victims have been traced to Personally Yours. As the murders continue, Eve enters into an elite world of people searching for their one true love. A world where the power of love leads men and women into the ultimate act of betrayal...



Murder for Christmas by Francis Duncan

Mordecai Tremaine, former tobacconist, has been invited to spend Christmas in the sleepy village of Sherbroome at the country retreat of one Benedict Grame. Arriving on Christmas Eve, he finds that the revelries are in full flow - but so too are tensions amongst the assortment of guests.

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