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**Photo Finish** - Ngaio Marsh 1980

Roderick Alleyn, Scotland Yard's chief superintendent, accompanies his celebrated artist-wife, Troy, to an exotic New Zealand island where Troy begins an opera star's portrait, only to assist in solving her murder *Opening Night* - Ngaio Marsh 2001

A classic Ngaio Marsh novel reissued in B-format.

[Death of a Fool](#) - Ngaio Marsh 1956

When one of the dancers in South Mardian's annual sword dance is decapitated, Scotland Yard's Inspector Alleyn must maneuver through a village populated by eccentrics, where everyone becomes a suspect.

Reprint.

*Final Curtain* - Ngaio Marsh 2012-12-15

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

**For the Sake of Elena** - Elizabeth George 2008-04-15

Elena Weaver was a surprise to anyone meeting her for the first time. In her clingy dresses and dangling earrings she exuded a sexuality at odds with the innocence projected by the unicorn posters on her walls. While her embittered mother fretted about her welfare from her home in London, in Cambridge—where Elena was a student at St. Stephen's College—her father and his second wife each had their own very different image of the girl. As for Elena, she lived a life of casual and intense physical and emotional relationships, with scores to settle and goals to achieve—until someone, lying in wait along the route she ran every morning, bludgeoned her to death. Unwilling to turn the killing over to the local police, the university calls in New Scotland Yard. Thus, Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley and his partner, Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers, enter the rarefied world of Cambridge University, where academic gowns often hide murderous intentions. For both officers, the true identity of Elena Weaver proves elusive. Each relationship the girl left behind casts new light both on Elena and on those people who appeared to know her best—from an unsavory Swedish-born Shakespearean professor to the brooding head of the Deaf Students Union. What's more, Elena's father, a Cambridge professor under consideration for a prestigious post, is a man with his own dark secrets. While his past sins make him neurotically dedicated to Elena and blind to her blacker side, present demons drive him toward betrayal.

**The Nursing-home Murder** - Ngaio Marsh 1946

*Variety and Daily Variety Television Reviews, 1993-1994* - Prouty 1996-09

This collection of essays and reviews represents the most significant and comprehensive writing on Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors*. Miola's edited work also features a comprehensive critical history, coupled with a full bibliography and photographs of major productions of the play from around the world. In the collection, there are five previously unpublished essays. The topics covered in these new essays are women in the play, the play's debt to contemporary theater, its critical and performance histories in Germany and Japan, the metrical variety of the play, and the distinctly modern perspective on the play as containing dark and disturbing elements. To compliment these new essays, the collection features significant scholarship and commentary on *The Comedy of Errors* that is published in obscure and difficulty accessible journals, newspapers, and other sources. This collection brings together these essays for the first time.

**Light Thickens** - Ngaio Marsh 2016-11-01

From the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master, this tale of death at the Dolphin Theatre has "wit, 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 traditional mystery writers." —The New York Times

*Black As He's Painted* - Ngaio Marsh 2015-05-01

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. 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

**Death in Holy Orders** - P. D. James 2007-01-09

From the award-winning master of literary crime fiction, a classic work rich in tense drama and

psychological insight. On the East Anglian seacoast, a small theological college hangs precariously on an eroding shoreline and an equally precarious future. When the body of a student is found buried in the sand, the boy's influential father demands that Scotland Yard investigate. Enter Adam Dalgliesh, a detective who loves poetry, a man who has known loss and discovery. The son of a parson, and having spent many happy boyhood summers at the school, Dalgliesh is the perfect candidate to look for the truth in this remote, rarified community of the faithful—and the frightened. And when one death leads to another, Dalgliesh finds himself steeped in a world of good and evil, of stifled passions and hidden pasts, where someone has cause not just to commit one crime but to begin an unholy order of murder. . . . Praise for *Death in Holy Orders* "Gracefully sculpted prose and [a] superbly executed mystery . . . *Death in Holy Orders* is among [James's] most remarkable and accomplished Dalgliesh novels."—The Philadelphia Inquirer "An elegant work about hope, death, and the alternately redemptive and destructive nature of love."—The Miami Herald "Absorbing . . . [James's] plotting and characterization [are] impeccable."—Orlando Sentinel "P. D. James is in top form."—The Boston Globe Open the exclusive dossier at the back of this book, featuring P. D. James' essay on penning the perfect detective novel.

[Dead Water](#) - Ngaio Marsh 2015-02-15

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 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 Reviews "The nonpareil among criminal investigators." —The New York Times

*Catalog of Adult Books in the Los Angeles County Public Library* - Los Angeles County Public Library 1959

[The Daughter of Time](#) - Josephine Tey 1995-11-29

A hospitalized English policeman reconstructs historical evidence concerning Richard III's role in the murder of Edward IV's two sons.

[When In Rome](#) - Ngaio Marsh 1999-09-15

Vacationing in Rome, Inspector Roderick Alleyn investigates when a member of his tour group is mysteriously murdered

**Mystery Women, Volume Three (Revised)** - Colleen Barnett 2010-12-31

Like other fictional characters, female sleuths may live in the past or the future. They may represent current times with some level of reality or shape their settings to suit an agenda. There are audiences for both realism and escapism in the mystery novel. It is interesting, however, to compare the fictional world of the mystery sleuth with the world in which readers live. Of course, mystery readers do not share one simplistic world. They live in urban, suburban, and rural areas, as do the female heroines in the books they read. They may choose a book because it has a familiar background or because it takes them to places they long to visit. Readers may be rich or poor; young or old; conservative or liberal. So are the heroines. What incredible choices there are today in mystery series! This three-volume encyclopedia of women characters in the mystery novel is like a gigantic menu. Like a menu, the descriptions of the items that are provided are subjective. Volume 3 of *Mystery Women* as currently updated adds an additional 42 sleuths to the 500 plus who were covered in the initial Volume 3. These are more recently discovered sleuths who were introduced during the period from January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1999. This more than doubles the number of sleuths introduced in the 1980s (298 of whom were covered in Volume 2) and easily exceeded the 347 series (and some outstanding individuals) described in Volume 1, which covered a 130-year period from 1860-1979. It also includes updates on those individuals covered in the first edition; changes in status, short reviews of books published since the first edition through December 31, 2008.

**The Collected Short Fiction of Ngaio Marsh** - Ngaio Marsh 1992

A collection of short mystery stories by New Zealand's premier mystery writer. Also included are the author's essays about her major character, Detective-Inspector Roderick Alleyn.

**Murder Most Poetic** - Mary S. Weinkauff 1996

Dr. Weinkauff provides a complete overview of Ngaio Marsh's crime novels, from her beginnings in 1934 to her final book, "Light Thickens," published posthumously in 1982.

**Killer Dolphin** - Ngaio Marsh 2015-02-15

"Miss Marsh works her characteristic storyteller's magic with the elements of theater and suspense."

—Kirkus Reviews The impresario Peregrine Jay has fulfilled a long-cherished dream: Thanks to a very generous gift, he now owns the Dolphin Theatre, and has restored it to its former glory. To celebrate the reopening, a no-expenses-spared production of *The Glove*, a new play about the discovery of a true Shakespearean accessory, is performed. London's chattering classes are abuzz with gossip about the theatre, rumors about Peregrine, critiques of the play. But when murder takes center stage, everyone gets very quiet, and only Inspector Alleyn can persuade them to start chattering again—this time, with a purpose. "Rich backstage atmosphere." —The New York Times Also published under the title *Death at the Dolphin*

[Bowker's Guide to Characters in Fiction 2007](#) - 2008-02

*Money in the Morgue: The New Inspector Alleyn Mystery* - Ngaio Marsh 2018-03-08

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.

**Enter A Murderer** - Ngaio Marsh 1998-12-15

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 to the prop box. Reprint.

*Scales of Justice* - Ngaio Marsh 1999-01-15

The quiet village of Swevenings seems a paradise, until the savagely beaten body of a local lord is found near a stream, and the playground of British aristocrats is soiled by murder and intrigue, but Inspector Roderick Alleyn of Scotland Yard may be able to restore the peace. Reprint.

**A Man Lay Dead** - Ngaio Marsh 2011-11-16

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 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

**Died in the Wool** - Ngaio Marsh 2012-12-15

The inspector digs into a cold case on a New Zealand sheep farm in this "well-sustained crime story" from the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master (Kirkus Reviews). Flossie Rubrick, a highly opinionated and influential member of the New Zealand Parliament, was last seen heading off to one of the storage sheds on her sheep farm. Three weeks later, she turned up dead and packed in a bale of her own wool. What happened on the night of her long-ago disappearance? In the country on counterespionage duty, Inspector Roderick Alleyn is happy to lend a hand. "The doyenne of traditional mystery writers." —The New York Times

**Death and the Dancing Footman** - Ngaio Marsh 1998-03-15

When murder crashes the snowbound house party of a mischievous millionaire, the brilliant Inspector Roderick Alleyn probes the guests for clues to the cold-blooded killer's identity. Reprint.

**The Roderick Alleyn Mysteries Volume 1** - Ngaio Marsh 2021-12-14

The first three Inspector Roderick Alleyn novels from "a peerless practitioner of the slightly surreal, English-village comedy-mystery" (Kirkus Reviews). This volume includes three books in the classic detective

series from the Mystery Writers of America Grand Master: A Man Lay Dead: During a country-house party between the two world wars, servants bustle, gin flows, and the host, Sir Hubert Handesley, has invented a new and especially exciting version of that beloved parlor entertainment, The Murder Game . . . Enter a Murderer: A policeman in the audience sees an all-too-real death scene on a London stage in a mystery “good enough to satisfy the most critical reader of detective stories” (The New York Times). The Nursing Home Murder: A Member of Parliament has unexpectedly died on a visit the hospital, and any number of people could be suspects, including a sour surgeon, a besotted nurse, a resentful wife, and a cabinet full of political rivals . . . “It’s time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead of the other way around.” —New York Magazine

**A Man Lay Dead** - Ngaio Marsh 1997-10-15

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.

*Death in a White Tie* - Ngaio Marsh 2012-12-15

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, 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

**New York Magazine** - 1995-04-03

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

*Off With His Head (The Ngaio Marsh Collection)* - Ngaio Marsh 2009-10-29

Pagan revelry and morris dancing in the middle of a very cold winter set the scene for one of Ngaio Marsh’s most fascinating murder mysteries.

*Death in Ecstasy* - Ngaio Marsh 1997-10-15

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.

*Surfeit of Lampreys* - Ngaio Marsh 2012-12-15

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 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 renown.” —The New York Times

**Books Out Loud** - 2007

*BP 250* - R. Reginald 1996

An Annotated Bibliography of the First 300 Publications of the Borgo Press, 1975-1998

**Colour Scheme** - Ngaio Marsh 2012-12-15

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 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

*Vintage Murder* - Ngaio Marsh 1999-10-15

Inspector Roderick Alleyn finds his vacation cut short when a famous producer ends up killed by a wine bottle, leading Alleyn to investigate the actors of a theater company, as well as the dead man's wife. Reprint.

*Death on the Air: and other stories* - Ngaio Marsh 2012-12-20

The only collection of Ngaio Marsh short stories, first published in 1995 to celebrate her centenary, now with two additional stories.

**Overture To Death** - Ngaio Marsh 1998-03-15

When wealthy spinster Idris Campanula turns up dead at Chipping's troubled charity production, Inspector Roderick Alleyn realizes she may not have been the intended victim and sets the stage for a repeat performance. Reprint.

*False Scent* - Ngaio Marsh 2015-02-15

This tale of an actress’s dramatic demise, and a police 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 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 Grave Mistake* - Ngaio Marsh 2016-11-01

A fancy hotel plays host to homicide in a “jubilant” novel by “a peerless practitioner of the slightly surreal, English-village comedy-mystery” (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). Sybil Foster lives the sort of little English village that is home mostly to the very rich and the servants who make their lives delightful. But Sybil Foster’s life is not delightful, even if she does have an extremely talented gardener. Exhausted from her various family stresses—a daughter, for instance, who wants to marry a man without a title!—Sybil takes herself off to a local hotel that specializes in soothing shattered nerves. When she’s killed, Inspector Alleyn has a real puzzler on his hands: Yes, she was silly, snobbish, and irritating. But if that were enough motive for murder, half of England would be six feet under . . . “In her ironic and witty hands the mystery novel can be civilized literature.” —The New York Times “The brilliant Ngaio Marsh ranks with Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers.” —Times Literary Supplement