

# Homicide for the Holidays



## **Six Geese A-Slaying** by Donna Andrews

With their home being used as the marshalling point for the annual Caerphilly Christmas parade, Meg Langslow, her husband Michael, and Chief Burke find the festivities interrupted by murder when the local curmudgeon playing Santa turns up dead.

## **Hark the Herald Angel Screamed** by Mignon Ballard

It's Christmastime in Stone's Throw, SC, but amid all the cheer, a murderer casts a not-so-jolly pall on the holiday season. Augusta Goodnight, guardian angel, comes to the aid of her friends when a mysterious stranger plummets to his death from the balcony of an abandoned mansion.

## **Kissing Christmas Goodbye** by M.C. Beaton

Bored with the routine cases coming her way, Agatha Raisin finally gets an intriguing case after the poisoning death of a wealthy widow, Mrs. Tamworthy, who had sent Agatha a letter warning that she believed that someone in her family intended to kill her.

## **Santa Clawed** by Rita Mae Brown

Harry and her husband, Fair, have gone to fetch a Christmas tree when they find the tree they've chosen grimly decorated with a dead body. Can Harry, the sleuthing cats Mrs. Murphy and Pewter, and corgi Tee Tucker save the season from a killjoy who's decided to gift the festive little town of Crozet with murder?

## **Holly and Homicide** by Leslie Caine

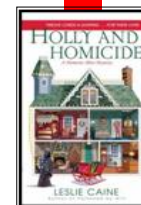
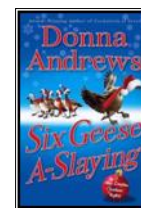
It's Christmastime in sleepy Snowcap, Colorado, and the town is up in arms. The venerable Goodwin Estate has been sold to enterprising out-of-towners and is getting a major makeover just in time for the holidays.

## **The Chocolate Snowman Murder** by Joanna Carl

Lee McKinney Woodyard, who runs an upscale chocolate store in a Michigan tourist town, finds herself coordinating the local holiday art festival. When the guest juror ends up dead, Lee and her husband do some amateur sleuthing.

## **Dashing Through the Snow** by Mary Higgins Clark & Carol Higgins Clark

In Branscombe, N.H. for the Christmas Festival of Joy, novelist Nora Regan Reilly and her PI daughter, Regan Reilly, and their close friends Alvirah and Will Meehan, track down a missing employee of Conklin's Market who is connected with a \$160 million lottery and the winnings.



**A Catered Christmas** by Iris Crawford

Caterers Bernadette and Libby Simmons are coping with their busiest time of the year when they are recruited for a cooking show contest that pits celebrity chefs against each other, resulting in murder.

**Sweet Revenge** by Diane Mott Davidson

Catering a holiday breakfast for the local library staff, Goldy Schultz is shocked to see a supposedly dead woman who is believed to be Goldy's ex-husband's killer, an encounter that precedes the murder of a high-end map dealer.

**Visions of Sugar Plums** by Janet Evanovich

It's just before Christmas, when a tall, long-haired blond in boots and jeans materializes in Stephanie's kitchen. Really--the door and windows are locked. He says his name is Diesel, and he needs Stephanie's help to find someone. She's looking for someone herself, a toy maker named Sandy Claws who has skipped his court appearance.

**Plum Pudding Murder** by Joanna Fluke

When Larry Jaeger, the owner of the Crazy Elf Christmas Tree Lot, is murdered, baker Hannah Swensen must sift through a wealth of suspects before a murderous Scrooge strikes again.

**'Twas the Bite Before Christmas** by Lee Kelley

Ex-cop and Maine kennel owner Jack Field finds his peace interrupted by the murder of a young housemaid at the Bright mansion just before the Christmas holidays, a case that brings him face to face with poisonous eggnog, a kidnapped puppy, a vengeful Russian mob boss, and other perils

**Decked With Folly** by Kate Kingsbury

It's the holiday season and the Pennyfoot staff is brimming with anticipation. But when a former employee is found dead, the proprietor, Cecily, starts feeling more jinxed than jolly.

**Christmas Mourning** by Margaret Maron

After a beautiful young cheerleader dies in a car crash that was not an accident, Judge Deborah Knott and sheriff's deputy Dwight Bryant must uncover what really happened before more death further clouds the Christmas season in North Carolina's Colleton County.

**Murder is a Girl's Best Friend** by Amanda Matetsky

New York City, 1954. Paige Turner is a staff writer for a pulp mystery magazine and endures endless ribbing by the all-male co-workers. It's only a few days before Christmas when her late husband Bob's Army buddy, Terry, comes to town to ask Paige to find his sister's murderer, which the police labeled as a burglary gone bad.

**Bowled Over** by Kasey Michaels

Mystery author Maggie Kelly and the dashing Viscount Saint Just embark on their latest adventure when his proposal of marriage leads them to visit her family at Christmas, only to find her father accused of murdering his bowling buddy, who had been having an affair with Maggie's mom.

**A Rumpole Christmas** by John Mortimer

A Rumpole Christmas is a witty and compulsively readable collection of five holiday stories--never before published in book form--depicting the Old Bailey Hack at his lovable best.

**A Christmas Odyssey** by Anne Perry

Searching for a friend's troubled son during the holiday season, mathematician Henry Rathbone enlists the aid of clinic worker Squeaky and young doctor Crow before discovering that the youth has become involved with a tragic prostitute and is working for a major drug dealer.

