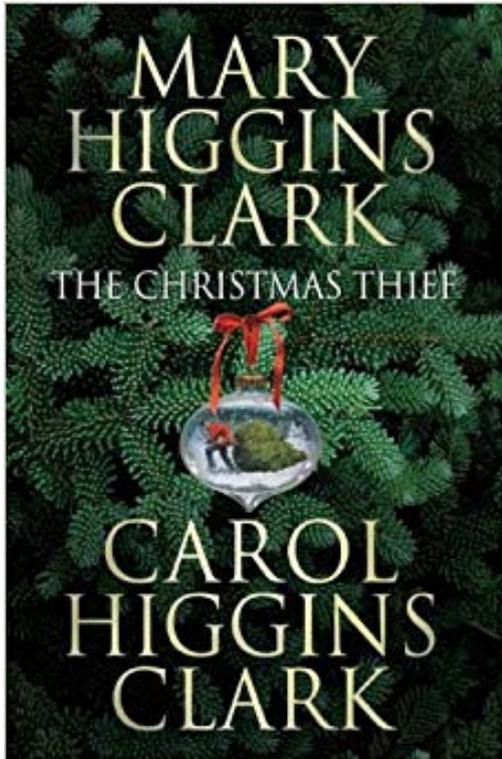


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A New York Times Bestseller

Mary Higgins Clark, America's Queen of Suspense, and her daughter, bestselling mystery writer Carol Higgins Clark, have again joined forces to create a suspenseful and humorous holiday tale. Filled with intrigue, comic characters, and holiday cheer, *The Christmas Thief* is sure to delight its readers.



Reviews of the Christmas Thief by Mary Higgins; Clark Carol Higgins Clark

Cordabor

The Christmas Thief, Mary & Carol Higgins Clark's annual Christmas fluff, is, as usual, as fast and easy read. It is, however, quite forgettable once you've done reading. Alvira Meehan, the former cleaning lady whose life was changed when she won the lottery, and her husband Willy are heading to Stowe, Vermont, for a long weekend with their friends Nora Reagan Reilly, the detective novelist, her funeral director husband, their detective daughter Reagan Reilly, and her fiancée Jack (no relation) Reilly. Alvira invites her friend Opal, a lottery winner who gave her money to a con man and lost it all. Besides skiing, they are looking forward to watching the cutting down of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. Packy, the con man who has been in jail for the last twelve years, and his two henchmen Benny and JoJo are also heading there to retrieve a flask of diamonds, his ill-gotten gains from his scam, from the giant blue spruce where he hid it before he was apprehended and sent to prison. Naturally their paths cross and, of course, Alvira, Reagan, and their families save the day.

This is a short book, which isn't bad for an evening if there are no good programs on television or a brief car trip. I was not happy that we didn't see much of the Meehans or the Reillys.

Opal is a sympathetic character, as is Milo, the "poet" who helped Packy and his gang but didn't know he was doing anything illegal. Packy is rather nasty, so it's good to see him get his comeuppance. And the tree's owners are too obsessive about the tree and its fate. That just doesn't ring true.

I'm not sorry I bought the book, and the Amazon price was right, but it's nothing that will stick with me over the long run.

Bodwyn

Another great page turner by the Higgins Clark ladies. Keeps you on the edge of your chair. I love the Reileys and Alvira and Willey. When's the next one!

Dead Samurai

As with the other Christmas novels that Mary Higgins Clark & Carol Higgins Clark have written, this was a fun heartwarming Christmas story. I love all the books that pair Alvira & Regan Reilly. I highly recommend this and all the other Christmas novels they've written together. If you are a fan of Alvira Meehan and/or Regan Reilly, I'm sure you'll want to add this book to your reading list. I recommend that you take a little time around the Holidays to relax and read this book.

kolos

This author has written novels that kept you trying to figure out things. Her great. (Although somewhat of a cliché) had always been the big twist towards the end. But this silly story, concocted for holiday sales does not have a bit of imagination, nor does it have any twists. It is all a silly story, predictable and with vacuum characters. You don't get to really know the characters, and it ends without glory. A very disappointing story. No brains, no subtleties....like the ode to the fruitfly

Dddasuk

Felt like I was a stranger invited into a family party. There were all these people who I didn't know and though references were made about them I finally just couldn't care enough to figure everyone out.

If you've read the entire series it might be o.k. just not my type of story.

Kulalas

My wife loves the author and that they are available in large print editions.

Uthergo

This is a story about a man who stole some diamonds when he was very young and hides them in a tree. He went to prison and when he got out he went to retrieve them. But the tree was supposed to become the famous tree in Rockefeller Square for Christmas. The crooks steal the tree and the story goes on from that point. Another very good book by Mary Higgins Clark.

I just thought this was great reading! I've read every Mary Higgins Clark book - sadly none of Carol's yet but I'll get to them. Have also read each of their teamwork books - thought this was just as good as any of them! It's lighter reading than Mary's "serious" mysteries - but that's the idea - just a fun Christmas-themed book. Such a fast read and it's still a mystery but not SCARY - just fun to follow along. This was set in Stowe, Vermont, primarily, at or near the Trapp Family Lodge (think von Trapp family from Sound of Music) and since I'm a fan of that film it was extra fun. If you want blood and gore from a mystery, this isn't it. If you want a quick read that has some heart-pounding moments - go for it!

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