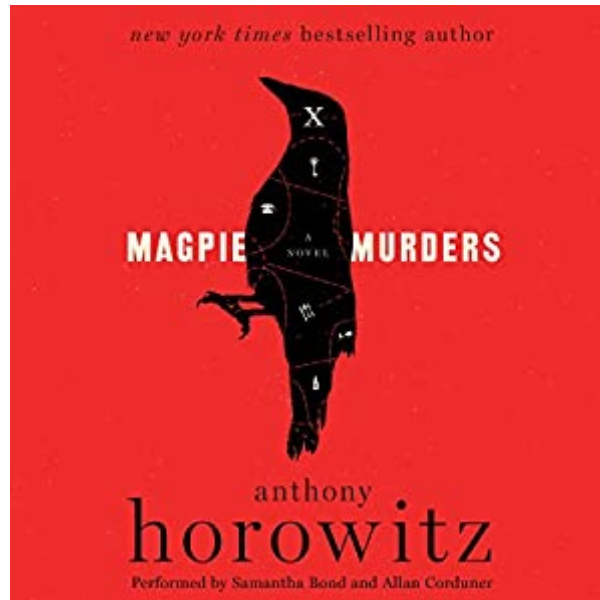




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Magpie Murders: A Novel



Synopsis

From the New York Times best-selling author of *Moriarty* and *Trigger Mortis*, this fiendishly brilliant, riveting thriller weaves a classic whodunit worthy of Agatha Christie into a chilling, ingeniously original modern-day mystery. When editor Susan Ryeland is given the manuscript of Alan Conway's latest novel, she has no reason to think it will be much different from any of his others. After working with the best-selling crime writer for years, she's intimately familiar with his detective, Atticus Pünd, who solves mysteries disturbing sleepy English villages. An homage to queens of classic British crime such as Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers, Alan's traditional formula has proved hugely successful. So successful that Susan must continue to put up with his troubling behavior if she wants to keep her job. Conway's latest tale has Atticus Pünd investigating a murder at Pye Hall, a local manor house. Yes, there are dead bodies and a host of intriguing suspects, but the more Susan reads, the more she's convinced that there is another story hidden in the manuscript: one of real-life jealousy, greed, ruthless ambition, and murder. Masterful, clever, and relentlessly suspenseful, *Magpie Murders* is a deviously dark take on vintage English crime fiction in which the listener becomes the detective.

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Customer Reviews

This was a really fantastic book. Murder mystery meet hyper reality fiction. I both read and listened to this book... audiobooks are how I survive my daily commute! I couldn't get into the audiobook until I had actually read several chapters. The first few chapters can be a bit confusing. Horowitz creates

two fantastically charged books, one within another. Because of this, it may come off a bit confusing at the beginning. Trust it, the flow improves, the story develops, and then BAM! Everything changes! Give this book a go through at least four chapters and you should be hooked. Dialogue, character development, descriptive vocabulary are all pretty solid, and Horowitz does a fantastic job keeping to the traditional whodunit novel. If you don't like whodunits, don't read this. However, don't think this is just a typical run of the mill whodunit.

Love Horowitz's tv scripts for Foyle's War, etc. I really expected to like this book. I was disappointed. I found the protagonist unsympathetic and the plot very unlikely. After a few chapters the tone became very dark and I set it aside (that is, I moved it off my device and onto my "cloud"). I may revisit it at some point...

probably need to give it more of a chance? but bored out of my skull. pedantic intro yet author compares his author within the book to literary giants, earning a huge eye roll. if someone tells me it gets better, i'll pick it back up; but it feels very uninspired so far.

Interesting take off on Hercule Poirot and classic locked room mysteries-blended with a modern day mystery. I thought it dragged at parts, perhaps I've gotten too use to modern fast paced thrillers. Oh well, still enjoyable.

A little tough to rate. I really could not put the book down, but the main character is as thick as a brick. Figured out "whodunit" about midway through, but the writing made me want to keep reading.

I love this book, it's very clever and compelling. I had it on a list and forgot why I wanted to read it and so I had no clear expectations when I started the book. It just took a few pages for me to be completely enthralled. I love how clever the book is, having a book within the book. Well worth buying, since library wait lists for this novel are way too long.

Clever idea - whodunnit within a whodunnit. The main character's motivation seems a bit suspect given that she's never gone all Nancy Drew before, but that said Magpie Murders was entertaining.

If you are a fan of murder mysteries in the vein of Agatha Christie you'll enjoy Magpie Murders. It's a book within a book and fun to read with the various red-herrings and picturesque settings and

colorful people. There is nothing dark and blood curdling which makes for a cozy read. Wish there were more with this protagonist (in both the story and the book within the book)

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