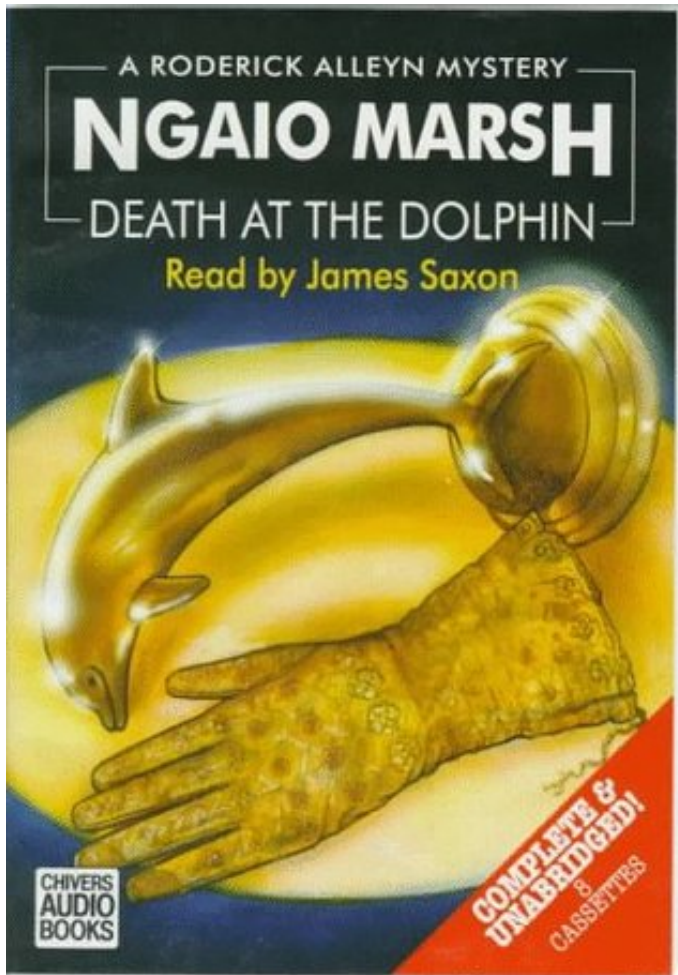


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## Description

At the newly restored Dolphin Theatre, murder takes center stage.

The once-dilapidated Dolphin Theater, now restored to its former glory, is open again—and all of London is buzzing about its new play, *The Glove*, inspired by the discovery of a genuine Shakespearean glove. But on one unfortunate evening, the Dolphin opens its doors to the harshest critic of all: death. Now Superintendent Roderick Alleyn must find out who stole the scene with a most murderous act.

## Insightful reviews

Sean Brennan: This is my first Inspector Alleyn Mystery and although there is nothing inherently wrong with the story, I feel that the style of writing especially the dialogue and characterisation lie firmly in the previous generation.

Kapi: This is one of several theatrical mysteries written by Marsh, who had worked in repertory touring company in her early years. There is some interesting Shakespeare trivia included as the plot revolves around a found artifact...a glove belonging to Shakespeare's son, Hamnet. I read it long ago and that is about the only detail I remembered so the mystery was fresh for me. The characters reappear in "Light Thickens," Marsh's last book. That one, unfortunately, is not available on Audible as yet.

Bev: Killer Dolphin by Ngaio Marsh is a mystery whose title hold a double meaning. The Dolphin refers in part to the Dolphin Theatre which has been recently restored and opens to the public with a brand new play by Peregrine Jay. It also refers to the odd murder weapon used to dispatch the nightwatchman at the theatre. One of a pair of statuettes given by the theatre's patron upon its opening--it is quite heavy and quite deadly. Murder occurs when a thief tries to make off with the recently discovered Shakespearean glove and letters which have inspired Peregrine's play *The Glove*. Someone realizes that there are unscrupulous collectors who will pay large sums without worrying too much about how the item was obtained. But who among the small cast of suspects had the opportunity? It is up to Inspector Roderick Alleyn to sort among the beautiful femme fatale, the terribly vain leading man, the sharp-tongued supporting actor, the woman scorned, the actor with a penchant for puzzles (and figuring out combinations), the house manager, and the patron who prefers to remain in the background yet was in his box on the fateful night.

Although this mystery takes a while to get to the main action--there is no murder till about half-way through--the lead up is very interesting. It gives plenty of background on the theatre itself and several of the main characters and provides several small clues and possible red herrings for later. Alleyn and Inspector Fox work well off one another as usual. The only slightly tedious bit is sitting through all the interviews. A very nice, tidy, little mystery. Ngaio Marsh really enjoys the theatre and it shows.

Pamela McLaren: Ngaio Marsh is a grasp of creating a secret and having you guessing

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throughout the book. during this time out Inspector Allyn is named to a theatre to determine the set up of a valuable glove supposedly belonging to William Shakespeare's son. every thing is going good and a play according to the glove is a hit. Trouble, however, begins brewing and whilst it's rumored that the glove's present proprietor is promoting to an American, issues move badly: in what seems to be an test at stealing the glove and its similar documents, a watchman is killed and a tender thespian is injured. The booklet did appear to drag a piece until eventually this juncture, i must admit. Its approximately midway throughout the e-book earlier than the homicide happens yet from there, the clues and deductions come quick and livid and Inspector Allyn involves the leading edge in one other winner tale via Marsh.

Kirsty Darbyshire: the one different Ngaio Marsh ebook i have learn used to be little like a criminal offense novel for the 1st part after which embarked on the research for the second one half. So I wasn't shocked at this development during this booklet notwithstanding i am advised that each one of her books do not pass like this. I loved the gradual commence thinking about what might ensue and who was once going to die on the Dolphin Theatre. in reality I most likely loved the 1st part greater than the second. Inspector Alleyn's research bought a piece tedious in elements as he carried out interview after interview with no uncovering any clues that made a lot feel to me. i did not fairly imagine the answer of the plot made a lot feel yet I loved the forged of characters and the theatrical setting. Enjoyable, yet on the finish of the day, this publication used to be not anything very special.

Andrea: again to Marsh's power with a theatrical murder. Structurally this is often an strange mystery, spanning over a yr and a half. in lots of methods it really is extra paeon to Shakespeare, to theatre, than it truly is mystery. total it really works well, and the first protagonist is a likeable type. It does not really catch me adequate to be a favourite, yet certainly considered one of Marsh's greater books.

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