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In this fifth book of the Dr. Jean Montrose series, the doctor must solve the brutal murder of a young choirboy. Montrose sifts through the complexities of the case and uses her specialized medical knowledge as well as her infallible common sense to track down the killer and expose the horrifying truth about the death.

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JZ says

Meh. This series is getting a little monotonous.

Jean Montrose is beginning to look like a doormat for her husband and secretary, a woman who can't say no for her own good. Perhaps the author loves the heroine, but doesn't respect her as a person.

I keep wondering about the elder daughter's obsession with the detective, and how old are those girls that still live at home, and get these obsessive crushes on older men. Leads me to not too healthy speculations about the author. The chemist is totally unbelievable, as is the minister. The characters are just not interesting.

The true identity of the murderer was a little too obvious for me, too. I have one more to read, and I just may donate it onward.

Betsy says

Fantastic! This book will make you a mystery lover, if you're not one already. One of the best I've ever read.

Kate says

"Even before the young choir singer was found dead, rumors about illicit relationships had disrupted the peace at the beautiful Scottish church attended by Dr. Jean Montrose. The body, still warm, was discovered in a sleeping bag near the front pew, and his death looked like a plausible suicide. But Dr. Montrose's instincts told her it was murder -- especially since the pathologist failed to find an obvious cause of death. Now it was up to Perth's Detective Inspector Douglas Niven to do most of the investigating of a bachelor minister and his suspected appetites; the victim's pretty mother and her lover; his doctor father, who was under threat of a malpractice suit; the lovestruck church secretary; and the secretive, foul-tempered organist. And soon Niven had a hunch who did it, but it was Dr. Montrose who uncovered the horrifying truth behind this mysterious death. It took her medical expertise and understanding of human nature to unravel the web of deadly deceit that drove someone to cold-blooded murder.

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Another *tour de force* of characterization, and the twisted motives and deductions that the human mind can come up with. A fascinating subplot of faith and the church vs. empirical thought. A page-turner, as usual.

Linda says

Twisted rumors fly around the church. Interesting trying to sort out the rumors.
