



READING GUIDE

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The Christmas Egg

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A golden age mystery of international intrigue set in London at Christmas time.

IN DETAIL

In a gloomy flat off Islington High Street, Chief Inspector Brett Nightingale and Sergeant Beddoes find an old woman dead. The Princess Olga Karukhin, who fled from Russia at the time of the Revolution, has lived in terror of being discovered ever since. Olga's grandson, Ivan, appears to have run from the scene, but is later seen returning to the flat as though oblivious to the terrible crime. Taking place between 22nd and 24th December, Nightingale's enquiry takes him across London, culminating in the wrapping of the mystery on Christmas Eve.



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QUICK QUESTIONS

Did you enjoy *The Christmas Egg*?

The Christmas Egg was originally published in 1958. Did the style of writing seem dated or did you not notice?

The Christmas Egg is a part of the British Library Crime Classic series. Have you read any books in this series? If yes, how did it compare to others you've read? If not, did it make you want to read more?

Did you enjoy David Thorpe's narration of *The Christmas Egg*? Did it help the story?

Would you recommend *The Christmas Egg*?



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