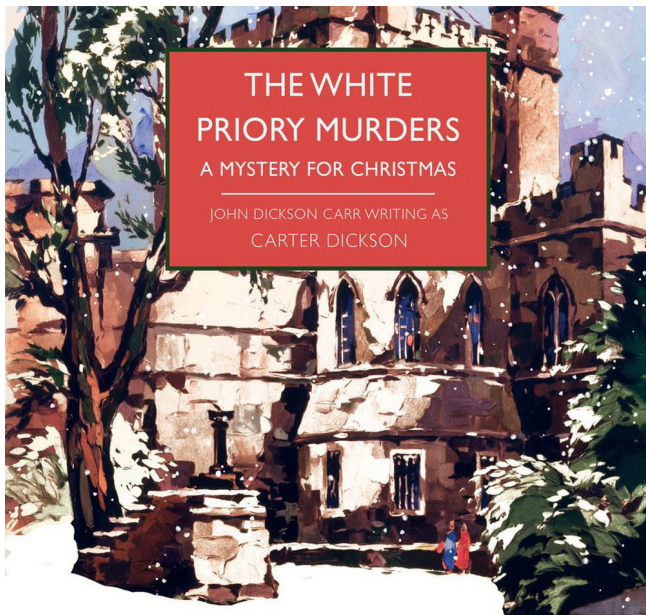




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The White Priory Murders

Carter Dickson

A wickedly fiendish locked room mystery from the undisputed master of the genre.

IN DETAIL

James Bennett, nephew of Sir Henry Merrivale (the cantankerous yet genius sleuth), has been invited to stay at White Priory for Christmas, among the retinue of the glamorous Hollywood actress Marcia Tait. Her producer, her lover, her playwright and her agent are all here along with the haughty master of the estate, Canifes and his daughter. So many suspects they become when Marcia Tait is found dead on Christmas morning in the lakeside pavilion, having been left there alone the night before and with a distinct lack of footprints in the snow to reveal any possible killer.

When Henry Merrivale arrives to piece together what appears to be an impossible crime, John Dickson Carr, writing under the pseudonym Carter Dickson, treats the reader to sensational twists, febrile tension between the closed circle of suspects and one of the most perfect solutions in the history of the genre.



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Did you enjoy *The White Priory Murders*?

The White Priory Murders was originally published in 1934. Did it feel of its time or surprisingly contemporary?

How did you find the ending? Did you manage to solve it?

Did you enjoy the larger-than-life sleuth Sir Henry Merrivale? How did he compare to other literary crime solvers?

Would you recommend *The White Priory Murders*?

RECOMMENDED LISTENS AFTER *THE WHITE PRIORY MURDERS*

Other locked room mysteries

Shiver by Allie Reynolds

The Woman In Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

Death In Captivity by Michael Gilbert

Marion Lane And The Midnight Murder by T.A. Willberg

Dangerous Crossing by Rachel Rhys