



# READING GUIDE

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## Murder At Holly House

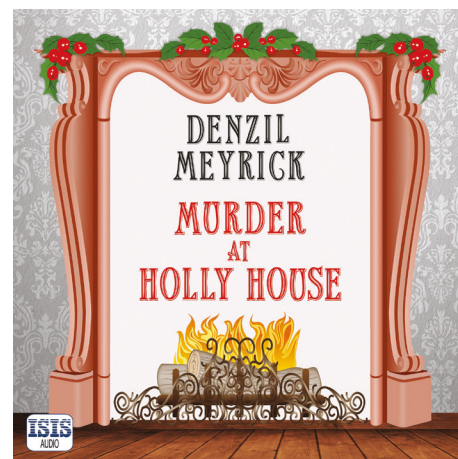
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### In short

An ingeniously plotted festive cosy murder mystery set on the 1950s.

### Synopsis

It's Christmas 1952. Blizzards come to Elderby, a remote village high on the North York Moors. Is the dead stranger found lodged up the chimney at Holly House a simple thief or something more sinister? Inspector Frank Grasby finds himself heading up the investigation. But who is friend or foe? The victim of some most unfortunate misunderstandings, Grasby needs to clear his name - but things don't go according to plan... As the village is cut off by snow, the local doctor's husband is found murdered. Grasby is on his own, but is everyone in Elderby lying? If he can't uncover the truth, the whole country will pay a dreadful price... But with a detective like Frank Grasby on the case, everything will be fine - won't it?



### Discussion points

1. How does the isolated Holly House environment shape the story's suspense?
2. Which characters did you trust - and which immediately raised suspicion?
3. How do family relationships at Holly House fuel the mystery?
4. Did you enjoy the ending?