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Another very satisfying read, so I am feeling lucky Next visit to my library I will grab a couple of these books and see what happens Two in a row now that I have really enjoyed I don't know if Tory, the artist wife of Alleyn plays a large role in many or all of these books, but this book again starts out featuring her as happened in Tied up in Tinsel She has just finished up exhibits of her work and the social obligations that go with that activity, her husband is away from home working in America again, and she decides on a whim to take a river cruise instead of boarding the train back to London It was a small posting just taped up in window that drew her attention with a single berth cabin on offer after a last minute cancellation At the time, of course, she was unaware the person had been murdered. She buys the trip and feels elated that she will get away for a bit of a break, and as the advertisement promised take a step out of time Things look interesting as she meets the others booked on the cruise with some of the people interesting than others Soon she learns enough about these people to confirm my own rule to never go on a cruise I admit to being anti social The title comes from comment Tory makes as they cruise down the river and she appreciates the scenery so beautifully painted by Constable When she says, Oh, look The place is swarming with Constables Everywhere you look A perfect clutch of them She perceived the quiet shock that seemed to hit her fellow passengers and sensed there was actual fear among some. Tory soon has enough alarms to check in with the local police and makes several visits to keep them up to date on threats and strange behavior Her discomfort eventually becomes prudent and justifiable when she sees the murdered body of a fellow passenger. The presentation of this mystery is unique and interesting, maintaining the suspense throughout We have Alleyn opening the telling of the details of this case at a conference of police alternating with the action where his wife is a critical participant. The greatest mystery why was the body moved in such a bizarre way remains unsolved Unforgivable. This is one of my favorite books in an excellent series I enjoy the way Marsh keeps both Troy and Roderick in the story though they are separated for much of the novel I also like the frame of Alleyn teaching this to policemen in a class I think creating a murder during a houseboat vacation is very clever it's a twist on the usual isolated country house And all of the characters are well drawn and quite interesting In addition, the mystery is genuinely mysterious, as are most of Marsh's stories. A home run and highly recommended NB Nadia May narrates the audio book She's usually excellent, but she pronounces his name incorrectly It's Allen, not Al line or Al lane Just plain Allen, as he explains in several of the books. I can always rely on a Ngaio Marsh novel Her writing is just so spot on, light but not frivolous, entertaining and smart I love Alleyn Troy's relationship.

# NGAIO MARSH



## CLUTCH OF CONSTABLES

'A good Marsh...which puts it  
in the "must" category.'

THE SUN

I wasn't expecting much from this as I hated the only other Ngaio Marsh book I've read

Death at the Dolphin , and chose to read it only so that I could get rid of it and clear a space on my shelves That backfired though, because I found it pretty compelling It was good enough that I think I ll have to borrow my sister s Ngaio Marsh collection. Constables refers to paintings by the very real painter John Constable Agatha Alleyn, aka Troy, gets a last minute berth on a river cruise in England while her husband is touring the States Various odd things are going on, which Roderick is writing to her husband when one of the passengers goes missing, and she fears this woman has been murdered. This is my first time reading anything by Kiwi writer Ngaio Marsh and since it is the 25th book featuring Mrs Alleyn, I didn t realize at first that she is normally an amateur sleuth who loves crimes because her husband happens to be a Chief Inspector Yes, a New Zealander writing books set in England. .Free Pdf ? Clutch of Constables ? Five Days Out Of Time That Was How The Ad Had Described The Zodiac Cruise On The Weirdly Misted English River The Passengers Were The Usual, Unusual Lot A Couple Of Unpleasantly Hygienic Americans, An Aloof Ethiopian Doctor, A Snooping Cleric With A Wall Eye, An Artist Running Away From Her Success But They Were Not All What They Seemed For Inspector Alleyn Knew That One Of Them Was The Faceless Jampot The Ruthless Killer Who Could Take On Any Personality, Whose Thumb Was A Deadly Weapon The Problem Was, Which One Alleyn Had Five Days To Trap Him, Or The Other Passengers Would Pay With Their Lives And One Of Those Passengers Was Alleyn S Wife 1 A five day river cruise and the passengers, excluding Agatha Troy Alleyn of course and I m right that her name is an homage to Mrs Christie, correct are our suspects Perfect, and different, setting 2 Troy I m going to be honest I didn t understand Alleyn s attraction to her Yes, she s a famous painter, and I appreciate that, but that isn t what Roderick loves about her, and I guess that in their two courting books, I just never got it And I still am not sure I do She s a good, upright person and all that, but I don t find her..I don t know, particularly LIKEABLE Take Lady Alleyn, for example Smart as a whip, but also absolutely adorable Troy isn t that And probably shouldn t be Alleyn is a bit no nonsense to accept that from his bride I just wish I liked her And even after spending this entire book with her, I wasn t crazy about her I know it s crazy to expect her to do any than she does. report suspicious behavior to Alleyn she s not a police officer and shouldn t behave like one, but I guess I wasn t crazy about the fact that she allowed her big, strong husband to remove her from the boat. even though I suppose it makes sense I WANT to like her I do I m trying 3 The title This whole thing makes sense if you know that Constable is the name of a famous British artist I didn t know that until nearly the end It spoils nothing to tell you that before you read it 4 Dr Natouche This is the first instance in which our Dame deals with the race issue This book was first published in 1968, and I think she acquits herself quite well, but be your own judge Overall, quite a good entry in the series a bit interesting in that Alleyn is recounting the story before an audience and that is interspersed with the actual action I believe it s the first time Marsh has employed that method. in Clutch of Constables by Ngaio Marsh, the greatest painter in England, Agatha

Troy Alleyn, has been at a show of her artwork in Northumberland when she spots a sign at a travel agency that a single cabin on the river cruiser M.V Zodiac is suddenly available So on impulse, she takes the berth, transporting her into a big adventure With her husband, Chief Superintendent Roderick Alleyn, traveling in America on Scotland Yard business, Troy sets off to get to know her fellow passengers and conveys her experiences to Rory in letters With eight passengers on the Zodiac, Troy finds that the lonely and desperate Hazel Rickaby Carrick spends all her time writing in her diary lepidopterist Kaley Bard is a charming bit of a rogue trying to seduce Troy, the American brother and sister Mr and Miss Hewson are obsessed with antiquing, the Australian vicar Lazenby is missing one eye and doesn't seem to act like a religious man, the British Mr Pollack is full of racist hatred, and the half British, half Ethiopian Dr Natoush carries himself as a noble gentleman. Read the rest of this review and other fun, geeky articles at Fangirl Nation Maybe even 4.5 One aspect of this entry in the Alleyn series that I particularly enjoyed was the involvement of Troy Her presence was especially fun as the case involved the discovery of a possible unknown painting by Constable. Another unusual aspect was the way the story was told in alternating points of view Troy as she experienced the events and Alleyn at some future time recounting the case to a class at the police college.

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