

IGNOU Books, IGNOU Result, IGNOU Solved Assignment, IGNOU

[Home](#)

[The Warren Court and American Politics](#)

[John Marshall and the Heroic Age of the Supreme Court](#)

[Out of Order: Stories from the History of the Supreme Court](#)

[I Dissent: Great Opposing Opinions in Landmark Supreme Court Cases](#)

[Justice Lewis F. Powell: A Biography](#)

[Lazy B: Growing Up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest](#)

[Of Power and Right: Hugo Black, William O. Douglas, and America's Constitutional Revolution](#)

[Simple Justice: The History of Brown v. Board of Education and Black America's Struggle for Equality](#)

[John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court](#)

[Judicious Choices: The New Politics of Supreme Court Confirmations](#)

[Hugo Black: A Biography](#)

[The Confirmation Mess: Cleaning Up The Federal Appointments Process](#)

[Making Constitutional Law: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court, 1961-1991](#)

[The Life and Times of William Howard Taft, Vol 1](#)

[Deciding to Leave: The Politics of Retirement from the United States Supreme Court](#)

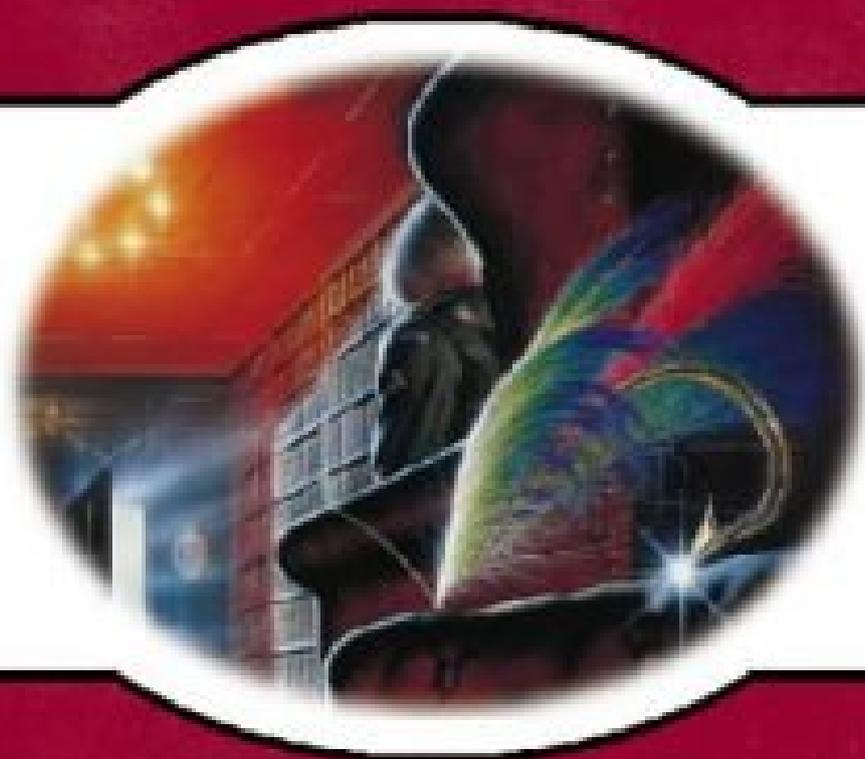
[Unexampled Courage: The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring](#)

Posted on 07 September 2017 By Ngaio Marsh

FREE BOOK ò Death and the Dancing Footman è eBook or Kindle ePUB free

FREE BOOK ò Death and the Dancing Footman ? Best Epub, Death And The Dancing Footman By Ngaio Marsh This Is Very Good And Becomes The Main Topic To Read, The Readers Are Very Takjup And Always Take Inspiration From The Contents Of The Book Death And The Dancing Footman, Essay By Ngaio Marsh Is Now On Our Website And You Can Download It By Register What Are You Waiting For Please Read And Make A Refission For You

NGAIO MARSH



DEATH AND THE DANCING FOOTMAN

'On the plane of art.'

TATLER

Ah, Ngaio Marsh What is it about you that I don't really care about whodunit I figured this one out Easily The mystery was thin and rather transparent But who cares Especially when one gets to relish in her characterizations and her way with words Descriptions like these make these cozies worth reading, even if you aren't a mystery buff A popinjay, he muttered, a stock figure of dubious gallantry And he pronounced the noise usually associated with the word Pshaw he's bone from the eyes up if you try to talk about anything that's not quite his language After a good deal of demurring, Jonathan finally rang the bell Caper answered it and accepted the news of sudden death and homicide with an aplomb which Mandrake had imagined to be at the command only of family servants in somewhat dated comedies This is a perfectly crafted mystery which sadly, suffers from its perfection the clues are so clear that anyone with a fair acquaintance of whodunits will guess the murderer, and the way the crime was carried out The most interesting thing in the book is the dancing footman, and how he becomes important to the tale Did not like the premise at the beginning seemed too controlling and manipulative of Jonathan Royal to have a weekend party where everyone started off with reasons not to like each other The plastic surgery mistake was an interesting twist As the book progressed, my likes and dislikes of the characters went back and forth The romance was nice felt the people involved no spoiler alert needed were due something nice in life And of course, snowbound people who have all sorts of quirks in their personalities makes for some sort of interesting story I do like Alleyn and Fox, and they were in short supply especially Fox although in the end, a conversation he had with Alleyn will remain my take away from this title As I read these early British mysteries, what I focus on beyond the mystery story line is how the impending Nazi transgressions that were going on in the real world at the same time the books were being written or published are mentioned or not Slight sidebar comment I recently read a book about Nancy Drew syndicate mysteries, and it was revealed that the publishing syndicate proactively tried to keep mention of WWII out of the books or else make it so generic as to not have it be known that WWII was going on This way the books would be timeless and not irrelevant in years further out In the British and New Zealand, in this case adult mysteries that I have been reading the past twelve months or so, the authors make allusions to events in Germany or Nazis or what was happening on the continent And so what interested me greatly when reading this particular title was that Alleyn had a conversation with Fox where he inquired about Fox's view of the impending war remember, the book was published in 1941 What I always find most appealing in Marsh's detective Alleyn is his depth of thought even when he is outwardly focused on police procedures Here is the passage in Chapter XVI, Section v I've never asked for your views on this war, Foxkin Fox stared at him On the war Well, no sir, you haven't My view is that it hasn't started And mine I believe that in a year's time we shall look back on these frozen weeks as on a strangely unreal period Does it seem odd to you, Fox, that we should be here, so solemnly tracking down one squalid little murderer, so laboriously using our methods to peer into two deaths, while over our

heads are stretched legions of guns It s as if we stood on the edge of a cracking landslide, swatting flies It s our job And will continue to be so But to hang someone now My god, Fox, it s almost funny I see what you mean It s nothing Only one of those cold moments We ll get on with our cosy little murder Just a moment in the book, but it stopped me cold and provided some insight into Marsh s mind at this time It also made me wonder if this is where the genre term cozy mystery originated or if it had previously been used to describe this particular mystery type that was being propagated by The Detection Club of Agatha Christie and her friends I need to do research on this. Published in 1942, this is the eleventh of the series featuring Roderick Alleyn Although this was published during wartime, and the war is mentioned, this feels as though it were written during the very early months of the conflict, with mentions of various characters looking to enlist and comments of surgeons being needed as time goes on. That said, wartime or not, country house parties are obviously still going on and host, Jonathan Royal, is planning one with a difference In fact, he decides to throw a house party, where all the guests are enemies and then see what happens So there is a lady whose face was ruined by plastic surgery, along with the surgeon who destroyed her looks, two brothers, one of whom is engaged to a young woman who was previously engaged to the other, two women who run competing beauty salons and a famous playwright, and friend of the host, who is meant to act as the audience, although he also has a secret that he wishes to keep hidden Alongside these issues, are other complications of love and jealousy and interlocking relationships such as the fact the two brothers are the sons of the victim of disastrous plastic surgery. As you can imagine, a house party filled with so much intrigue and emotion, is not likely to go well As the weather changes, and the guests are snowed in, the arguments brew and the hatred becomes, literally, murderous Alleyn, meanwhile, is staying at the house of a rector, who appeared in an earlier novel, Overture to Death, and finds himself unwillingly called in to investigate events This is a good addition to the series, with an interesting concept So often, in Golden Age detective novels, we read of house parties which go wrong, but never usually because they are designed to do so An enjoyable read, good setting and good cast of suspects make this very readable.

New Post

Justice James Iredell

Dark Bargain: Slavery, Profits, and the Struggle for the Constitution

Race and the Supreme Court: Defining Equality

Justice for All: Earl Warren and the Nation He Made

Supreme Court Decisions

The Supreme Court in United States History: Volume Two, 1821-1855

John Jay: Founding Father

My Own Words

Fair Labor Lawyer: The Remarkable Life of New Deal Attorney and Supreme Court

Advocate Bessie Margolin

The Supreme Court in United States History: Volume Three: 1856-1918

Salmon P. Chase: A Biography

The Warren Court In Historical And Political Perspective

Newsworthy: The Supreme Court Battle over Privacy and Press Freedom

American Original: The Life and Constitution of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

The Warren Court and American Politics

Recent Post

The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court

The Brethren: Inside the Supreme Court

My Beloved World

Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey

Justice Brennan: Liberal Champion

Scorpions: The Battles and Triumphs of FDR's Great Supreme Court Justices

Supreme Power: Franklin Roosevelt vs. the Supreme Court

Louis D. Brandeis

The Partisan: The Life of William Rehnquist

A People's History of the Supreme Court: The Men and Women Whose Cases and Decisions Have Shaped Our Constitution

The Great Dissent: How Oliver Wendell Holmes Changed His Mind--and Changed the History of Free Speech in America

Five Chiefs: A Supreme Court Memoir

The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court: A C-SPAN Book, Featuring the Justices in their Own Words

Gideon's Trumpet: How One Man, a Poor Prisoner, Took His Case to the Supreme Court-And Changed the Law of the United States

The Day Freedom Died: The Colfax Massacre, the Supreme Court and the Betrayal of Reconstruction

What Kind of Nation: Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, and the Epic Struggle to Create a United States

David Hackett Souter: Traditional Republican on the Rehnquist Court

The Man Who Once Was Whizzer White: A Portrait Of Justice Byron R White

The Forgotten Memoir of John Knox: A Year in the Life of a Supreme Court Clerk in FDR's Washington

FDR and Chief Justice Hughes: The President, the Supreme Court, and the Epic Battle Over the New Deal

The Majesty of the Law: Reflections of a Supreme Court Justice

The Rehnquist Choice: The Untold Story of the Nixon Appointment That Redefined the Supreme Court

The Memoirs of Chief Justice Earl Warren

Sonia Sotomayor: The True American Dream

The Supreme Court in United States History: Volume One: 1789-1821

Justice James Iredell