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Killer Dolphin was lighthearted than Light Thickens, the other book featuring Peregrine Jay, and also highly enjoyable. In the first couple of chapters, improbable events unfold in an absurd, comic, almost Wodehousian way. Later in the book, the interviewing of the suspects is suspenseful and intriguing, as facts intermittently come to light. Police Superintendent Alleyn has a bigger and interesting role. The parts I found the least enjoyable in both books were the petty intrigues among the leading actors. I never felt like I knew the characters well enough to care about their silly disputes. These books are possibly interesting to theatre fans than to mystery fans, although I thought it was uniquely satisfying to encounter a combination of the two realms.

Ngaio Marsh . @DOWNLOAD BOOK Ø Death at the Dolphin <sup>1</sup> At The Newly Restored Dolphin Theatre, Murder Takes Center Stage. The Once Dilapidated Dolphin Theater, Now Restored To Its Former Glory, Is Open Again And All Of London Is Buzzing About Its New Play, The Glove, Inspired By The Discovery Of A Genuine Shakespearean Glove But On One Unfortunate Evening, The Dolphin Opens Its Doors To The Harshest Critic Of All Death Now Inspector Roderick Alleyn Must Find Out Who Stole The Scene With A Most Murderous Act. Peregrine Jay has discovered the old Dolphin Theater that was glorious in its heyday but is now a ruined wreck after having lain disused for years and then suffered bombing damage in the Blitz 25 years earlier in Ngaio Marsh's 1967 novel *Death at the Dolphin*. Excited to get to visit the old theater, Peregrine gets a key from the estate agent and goes inside to explore. Enchanted and by the theater, Peregrine doesn't pay close enough attention and falls through a trap door on the stage that opens to a well of fetid, stinking water that has collected since the bomb. Just as he feels that he cannot hold on any longer and will drown in the slimy mess, a man comes in and pulls him out, getting his chauffeur to undress Peregrine and cover him with a heavy rug from the car. The man keeps apologizing and accepting the blame for Peregrine's accident, taking him to an elaborate, elegant house, where the valet runs a bath for Peregrine and gives him a brand new set of high quality clothing. Read the rest of this review and other fun, geeky articles at Fangirl Nation. I liked the theater setting, but thought the crime solving element was both too simple and too small a part of the novel. A derelict theater restored to its former glory, a gifted young playwright, a company of outlandish actors, and eccentric tycoon, a glove that belonged to Hamnet Shakespeare, and Superintendent Alleyn and Inspector Fox. How often do you end up spending several hours in an airport terminal that has a used bookstore I would have been remiss if I had not taken the chance to reread some classics like this one.

*Killer Dolphin* by Ngaio Marsh is a mystery whose title holds a double meaning. The Dolphin refers in part to the Dolphin Theatre which has been recently restored and opens to the public with a brand new play by Peregrine Jay. It also refers to the

odd murder weapon used to dispatch the nightwatchman at the theatre One of a pair of statuettes given by the theatre's patron upon its opening it is quite heavy and quite deadly Murder occurs when a thief tries to make off with the recently discovered Shakespearean glove and letters which have inspired Peregrine's play The Glove Someone realizes that there are unscrupulous collectors who will pay large sums without worrying too much about how the item was obtained But who among the small cast of suspects had the opportunity It is up to Inspector Roderick Alleyn to sort among the beautiful femme fatale, the terribly vain leading man, the sharp tongued supporting actor, the woman scorned, the actor with a penchant for puzzles and figuring out combinations, the house manager, and the patron who prefers to remain in the background yet was in his box on the fateful night. Although this mystery takes a while to get to the main action there is no murder till about half way through the lead up is very interesting It gives plenty of background on the theatre itself and several of the main characters and provides several small clues and possible red herrings for later Alleyn and Inspector Fox work well off one another as usual The only slightly tedious bit is sitting through all the interviews A very nice, tidy, little mystery Ngaio Marsh really enjoys the theatre and it shows. 3 stars I have to admit I'm a bit disappointed in this one Ngaio Marsh is always being compared to Agatha Christie and so I had high expectations Maybe I just picked the wrong book to introduce myself to this author, I don't know The first half is really sloooooow The pace did pick up a bit once a body turned up and I really liked Inspector Alleyn and his assistant, Mr Fox So I'd still probably pick up this author again.

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*"It's time to start comparing Christie to Marsh instead  
of the other way around." —New York magazine*

Exceedingly well written The words and sentences sing in clever word usage Worth reading for that alone The characters are intensely and sharply drawn and all so interesting I wanted far of them on the page Really fun read, if murder doesn t distract you from having fun reading

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