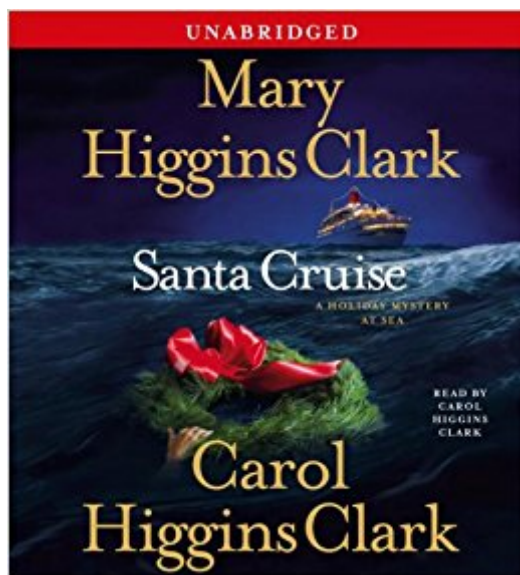


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Santa Cruise: A Holiday Mystery At Sea



Synopsis

IN THE BESTSELLING TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS THIEF . . . A HOLIDAY MYSTERY AT SEA America's Queen of Suspense -- Mary Higgins Clark -- joins forces with her daughter Carol -- bestselling author of the Regan Reilly mysteries -- in this fast-paced novel set on a special holiday cruise that sets sail from Miami the day after Christmas. Alvirah Meehan, the lottery winner turned amateur sleuth; recently "hitched" private detective Regan Reilly; and their husbands Willy and Jack, are guests on the Royal Mermaid's maiden voyage, the Santa Cruise. The cruise is Commodore Randolph Weed's gift to a select group of people who in the last year made the world a better place. What he doesn't know is that his ne'er-do-well nephew, Eric, has smuggled two escaping criminals on board. As the Royal Mermaid sails through troubled waters, Alvirah and Regan uncover clues that lead them to the dangerous men who were not on the original guest list! Filled with suspense and humor, Santa Cruise is a holiday mystery you won't want to miss. Join the Clarks as they bring this unpredictable voyage to a hair-raising and heartwarming conclusion and ring in the New Year.

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Customer Reviews

At the start of the lighthearted fourth yuletide mystery from the bestselling mother-daughter Clarks (after 2004's *The Christmas Thief*), Randolph Weed, "self-styled commodore," launches his newly refurbished boat, the Royal Mermaid, from Miami with a "Santa Cruise" to raise money for charity and reward 400 "Do-Gooders of the Year." Meanwhile, Weed's greedy nephew, Eric Manchester, has made a secret \$2 million deal with escaped felons Bull's-Eye Tony Pinto and Barron Highbridge

to keep them hidden aboard the Royal Mermaid until it reaches Fishbowl Island, where they can make trouble out of federal jurisdiction. Fortunately, there are plenty of Do-Gooders to foil the bad guys, notably the mystery mavens of the Oklahoma Readers and Writers group and sleuthing philanthropist Alvirah Meehan. Full of mystery-lite cheer but lacking in style and substance, this collaboration is never quite buoyant enough to really deck the halls for fans of the Clarks' superior solo efforts. (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you want substance in your crime fiction, look elsewhere; if you want intrigue that keeps you guessing, keep looking; but if you want a frothy, holiday-themed whodunit starring the affable PI Regan Reilly, her D.A. husband, and mystery-writing mother--all aboard a luxury liner's three-day maiden cruise--then this is your ticket. The Clarks, mother and daughter, stick to formula, but they deliver predictable entertainment for the easily entertained. Expect their latest effort to please the target audience. Mary Frances Wilkens Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Christmas holiday is over & thus begins the Santa Cruise. OK first of all I love all Mary Higgins Clark & Carol Higgins Clark's books that I've read. Second, I love to cruise. Third, who doesn't love Christmas. Fourth, who doesn't love a free cruise? Once on board the action begins. There were so many twists & turns in this book, it kept you thinking but it was easy to follow. Some books have too many characters & I don't like that. And what a surprise ending, at least it was for me. Hope you enjoy this book as much as I did, got to go, need to buy another book. Happy Reading.

From the very beginning the author solved the mystery. The reading material was ok but not interesting, there was nothing to solved... Really it was not a mystery novel.

It was a quaint little mystery. It had a pretty slow start, but got better. I wish there was a little more mystery to this than are they gonna catch [criminal]? I'll read again, but it will be a long while.

Enjoyed it !

It was like a seventh grader wrote this book. The plot was not only predictable, but ridiculous. I have always enjoyed Mary Higgins Clark books. I cannot believe she wrote this one.

A good ice cream of a story when you're just wanting something light and airy to take your mind off life's stupidities for awhile.

Mary Higgins Clark always has a story they move at a fast pace. It always has surprises. I have several of her books now I like to read on kindle. Anyone needing a good mystery and not too violent, I suggest her books. .

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