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Nancy Atherton's twenty-first cozy mystery in the beloved, Nationally Bestselling Aunt Dimity series.

While exploring the attic in her cottage near the small English village of Finch, Lori Shepherd makes an extraordinary discovery: a gleaming gold and garnet bracelet that had once belonged to Aunt Dimity. When Lori shows the garnet bracelet to Aunt Dimity, it awakens poignant memories of a doomed romance in Aunt Dimity's youth. Regretfully, Aunt Dimity asks Lori to do what she could not: return the bracelet to her unsuccessful suitor—setting Lori off on an adventure through London—and through history—to put a piece of Aunt Dimity's past to rest.

In the meantime, a new family has moved to Finch. The villagers are thrilled because their new neighbors are avid metal detectorists. Metal detectors soon become all the rage in Finch and the villagers unearth a lot of rubbish (some of it quite embarrassing) before one of them stumbles upon a trinket that could hold the key to the origin of Aunt Dimity's bracelet.

Is the bracelet a priceless and protected national treasure? Was Aunt Dimity's lovesick suitor a common thief? If so, how will Lori break the news to Aunt Dimity? And what will she do with the bracelet? As Lori searches for answers, she discovers an unexpected link between the buried treasure in the village and the treasure buried in Aunt Dimity's heart.

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Lorraine says

This is great. I believe that I enjoyed Aunt Amity and the Buried Treasure by Nancy Atherton the most of all the ones in this series that I have read! The villagers keep on being the villagers. A new couple moves to Finch, and, of course, this interests the villagers tremendously. Even Lori gets out with her 8 month old daughter, Bess, to take a peek at the new members of Finch. The author has two story lines in this book one relating to part of Aunt Dimity's life which I found particularly fascinating. I do enjoy learning new bits of information, and that I did with this addition to the Aunt Dimity series. I thank Ms. Atherton on a job well done!!

Sarah Coller says

This was my first Aunt Dimity book and I'm already in love with the characters, premise, and setting of the series. It's not often that you find a happily married mother as a heroine; that, and the fact that they're set in England, is what really attracted me in the first place.

This particular mystery was fun as my husband and I having a growing interest in archaeology having watched the first 15 seasons of Time Team on YouTube. Also set in England, the team is always finding neat artifacts like those involved in this story.

I love reading cozy mysteries but find it difficult to find clean ones. I picked this one up at our local library, taking a chance that it would be ok. I was pleasantly surprised as, for the most part, there wasn't much in it that was objectionable. After reading reviews on the series as a whole, it sounds like most are not murder mysteries and that most readers are finding them to be clean. I've got books one and two on reserve at a local library and will give them a go, too.

Frances Dowell says

DNF. I loved so much about this book in its early pages. The writing is lovely, the narrator is funny, the English village folk are a delight. But alas, Aunt Dimity is not for me, solely based on the device of ... I'm not sure if I'm allowed to say. But I will say it, after I say "possible spoiler alert ahead." I'm not exactly sure if this is a spoiler or not, but I do want to be careful, so you've been warned.

It appears that there is a magic journal, in which the ghost of Aunt Dimity communicates with Lori, the book's narrator. Lori asks the journal a question and the journal replies. I'm assuming this happens in every Aunt Dimity book.

This may not be a problem for you. If it's not, and if you like cozy English village fiction/mysteries, then by all means pick up this book and give it a try! Lots to love here. But I personally can't get past that device, and so, much to my sorrow, had to put the book down.

Julie says

Aunt Dimity and the Buried Treasure by Nancy Atherton is a 2016 Viking Books publication. I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Lori is back with another charming Finch village mystery, but this one is just a little more sentimental for Aunt Dimity, and turns into a very interesting treasure hunt and adventure for Lori.

Lori is digging around in her attic when she makes a curious discovery of an old and very expensive bracelet, that definitely does not belong to her, which has her consulting Aunt Dimity. As it turns out, the piece of jewelry could be priceless, and was a gift to Aunt Dimity from a special friend, whose heart was broken when she did not return his romantic feelings, causing them to fall out of touch.

Although Aunt Dimity doesn't usually make this sort of request, she asks Lori to find her long lost friend and return the bracelet to him as well as explain how sorry she is for breaking his heart all those years ago. This means Lori must travel to London, a task she is not looking forward to. However, once she begins her search, the hunt becomes exhilarating and she soon finds the history, facts, and methods surrounding archeology fascinating.

In the meantime, Finch has some new neighbors who happen to be detectorist, and has the whole village taking up the hobby, which happens to unearth a few very interesting items, one of which could taint Aunt Dimity's memories of her long lost friend. Can Lori find her Aunt's friend and find out the truth about how he came to own such an interesting piece of jewelry?

This series was my first introduction into the 'cozy' genre as we think of it today. I was gifted an 'Aunt Dimity' book for Christmas one year by a relative who meant well, but obviously didn't know what direction my taste ran, which is more on the dark side. However, I felt obligated to read the book and discovered how delightful these characters are and was surprised by how much I enjoyed it. Thus began a new respect for this genre, which has become a favorite over the years. So, 'Aunt Dimity' holds a special place in my heart.

Having said that, I was thrilled to receive an ARC copy of this novel and eagerly lost myself in Lori's adventure and enjoyed getting reacquainted with Finch village. This novel has all the hilarious screwball antics of the villagers, which had me laughing out loud once or twice, but I also found this story to be a little more on the poignant side this time around.

The mystery is also a little different, but was interesting. Any buried treasure found, by rights, belongs to the crown, so harboring such artifacts would be considered illegal, something that could complicate matters for Lori.

In the end, this story turned out to be a bittersweet tale, and a treasured installment in this series. I loved touching base with Lori and her busy family and, of course, learning more about Aunt Dimity's past.

This is a solid addition to this long running series, but one new fans can enjoy as well as loyal ones.

Elisabeth Ensor says

Adorable book! Loved how the plot got more detailed as you read- you can't help but love Lori and her adventures with aunt Dimity! Great summer read

Betty says

My library surprised me with notification that an e-copy was available. I enjoyed a visit with Aunt Dimity and Lori, her family and the Village of Finch. Newcomers bring a metal detector to the village. It is now a major topic and activity of the village. Lori discovers a bracelet hidden behind a chest in the attic while searching for an item. Lori is startled by Aunt Dimity's response to the information. Aunt Dimity tells Lori of an individual she believes she hurt shortly after World War Two. She asked Lori to find the man and let him know that he helped her recover her life after the war. The twists and turns the story takes will relax you. The ending is pleasing. I highly recommend this book.

Julia says

Comfort reads for me, because I know everything will always work out. Also a good look at small village life in England.

Paige says

I sat down this morning with this sweet book and could not stop till I finished it. Although I did not want to leave this delightful village of Finch . I have read this entire series and this is the best one in a while. I recently reread Aunt Dimity's Death because it had been about 15 years since I read it and I enjoyed it so much. It takes place in a very small village in the Cotswolds- which is a beautiful spot . The characters are so human , engaging yet rather quirky . I would love to visit this place and have a chat with Aunt Dimity.

Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says

This was a cute little cozy mystery that had a touch of paranormal with Aunt Dimity speaking from beyond the grave!

Sheila says

3.5 stars...Sometimes the characters in a long running series get a little boring, and was true for me of Lori Shepherd, the luckiest girl ever. She has the perfect husband home and kids, and was getting a bit smug

about it. I almost didn't read this one because I was getting tired of reading how wonderful she is. Am very glad I did, as this one was very enjoyable. This series typifies "cozy mystery" in every way, with a little twist of the supernatural for fun and plot points. Atherton also makes use of the WW II theme (isn't everyone these days?), but in a very non obtrusive and interesting way. New characters are introduced, and I hope we see more of them in future books, as I am now back on the Aunt Dimity bandwagon.

Marcia says

Missed last summer's installment of the Aunt Dimity series and caught up while on vacation. I really like this gentle series that takes the reader away to the little village of Finch with its quirky residents and the gossip, oh, my, the gossip.

Heather says

This was the most recent in the series. I liked reading of exploring London, but this offering seemed rather predictable to me. I might try reading these in German - seems doable.

Nancy Ellis says

These books are such a delight to read! They're very lighthearted and relaxing, as well as being thoroughly enjoyable. I love following the characters, especially Lori's growing family, and am always amazed at the number of adventures they have in the tiny village of Finch in the Cotswolds. :) The latest excitement is caused by two new residents, who introduce the hobby of metal detecting to the ever curious and snoopy villagers. This leads Lori to discover in her attic an antique bracelet, which turns out to actually be an Anglo-Saxon armlet. In the usual convoluted by romantic way, the treasure involves the ever-present spirit of Aunt Dimity, and Lori becomes involved in a search for an old love. As always, total entertainment and enjoyable reading!

Mary Ann says

Aunt Dimity and her Past Lori is happily married to Bill and they have twin sons and a baby daughter. They are settled in the cottage, her father-in-law, William, is living in Ivy Cottage with his new wife and they are all as happy as can be in the village of Finch. For the village, moving day is an exciting day, someone new is moving in and everyone wants a good view of the new neighbors and their household items. Trouble starts when they notice that there are boxes labeled "Museum" and they order/ask Lori to go in and get to the bottom of those boxes. She makes friends with the new people and when she learns that the movers broke the blender, she offers one of the blenders she has in her attic from when she and Bill got married. When she goes to the attic to find a blender to give the new neighbors as a housewarming gift, she finds an armlet and goes to the study to talk with Dimity. She learns that it was a gift from a young man that she knew after the war and their time together ended badly and she asks Lori to find the man, she only knew as Badger, and explain to him why she was not able to commit to him.

I really enjoyed the story and enjoyed hearing it with my children as we drove in the car running errands and taking care of things. I enjoyed the progression of life for Lori and her family and all that is happening in the village. I like how people change and grow and allow for fixing things others did when they were younger. I also enjoyed Lori's search for the truth behind the gift. I loved the involvement of men and women who served in the wars and how their lives progressed after the war and the way they don't consider themselves heroes for what they did during the war.

Doward Wilson says

Lori and Bill are the proud parents of an almost eight month old daughter and nine year old twin boys. They live in the delightful small town of Finch in rural England. The funny, lovable and wacky residents of Finch pride themselves on their friendships and the depth of their knowledge about each other. When a retired husband and wife move in, almost the entire village is on hand to discreetly check the couple out as their moving van unloads. When several boxes are unloaded with Museum marked on them, the village grapevine is up and running. Lori and her daughter are pressed into immediate duty to find out what those boxes mean. Having learned that the newcomers are both retired teachers and that the husband is an avid user of metal detectors, Lori persuades him to give the village a demonstration. With everyone in the village taking turns to use the equipment, secrets and treasures are found. Lori is also investigating a close held family secret of her Aunt Dimity's. This is a delightful series that will enchant you with the characters and all their human faults and take you on a mystery adventure that will keep you turning the page. This is the twenty-first book in the series and it is just as entertaining and refreshing as every other book is. The characters continue to grow and expand, while the mysteries just get better and better.
