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Karen Whittard says

Thank you to Netgalley, Farrago and Hamilton Crane and Heron Carvic for the opportunity to read this book for an honest review.

You can find my review under my name of Karen Whittard. Firstly as of today on Goodreads and on release day on Amazon.

Aww I just love a good Miss Seaton book. This series of books is wonderful and this book is a fantastic addition to the series.

This time we have a very Christmassy feeling with this Miss Seaton book. Which is lovely as we come up to the festive season. As you can imagine it is not a traditional Christmas book because it tells the story of a crime and detective work. But it also hold the British charm that I have come to love through the Miss Seaton books. I am from England and I love nothing more than a book set in my home country. Which doesn't seem to happen too often these days as they are usually set in America. So it's always lovely to read a Miss Seaton as you always know you are in for a home ground treat.

The village of Plummergen is getting ready for Christmas and the rehearsals for the Christmas panto are in full backstabbing swing.

Miss Seaton is extremely happy to be given a job helping in the wings of the production. Which leaves her in prime position to find out all the gossiping and dramas that unfold off and on stage.

While taking a leisurely walk in the county Miss Seaton had a typical English mishap with her umbrella and stumbles onto some Roman coins. Which is super exciting. However the dead bodies that she finds next are not so exciting.

The police as always bless them are trying to do the best that they can but they are over worked and under staffed with most of their staff being off with the flu.

It is left to Miss Seaton to aid the police as always in the quest of helping find the nasty people who did the crime.

Thanks to Miss Seaton's pretty awesome magic ability of being able to see the true soul of a person when she is drawing them. Helps the police uncover who did the crime.

Another really enjoyable Miss Seaton book. I love this series and look forward to the next book.

Happy reading everyone

DelAnne Frazee says

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Description

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My Review of "Starring Miss Seeton":

She's back and has come to liven our lives with her friends from Plummergen and their Christmas Pantomime. Not to mention the archeological find of the century. I WWII bomb that explodes and reveals a roman historical site. When a dead body is found and later linked to local bank robbery speculation runs amok. In weaves Miss Seeton and her trusty umbrella to bring order to the chaos and answers with her unusual drawings.

As usual Miss Seeton and the other characters of Plummergen and Scotland Yard are well written and work

together to bring the story to life. the Plots continue to be laid out well and flow quickly and smoothly from scene to scene. Miss Seeton travels through life in her own personal fog seemingly unaware of the chaos she often leaves in her wake. If you liked Agatha Christie's Miss Marple you are going to fall in love with Miss Seeton. My rating for "Starring Miss Seeton" is 4.5 out of 5 stars.

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Vanessa says

A lively mystery set in and around the Christmas pantomime in Plummergen; I had a great time with the characters and traditions of the village. As with most of Miss Seeton series, the mystery takes a back seat to the quiriness of the village and its inhabitants and this one, to me, was great to hunker down with during the holidays. Grab a hot chocolate and dig in!

I received an ecopy from the publisher and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Cindy says

Tiny Plummergen is putting on a Christmas pantomime to raise money for the village church, but a series of bank robberies threaten to keep some of the participants out of the game. Miss Seeton is blamelessly serving as prompter and set painter, but you know she'll wind up in the middle of it all! Very funny conclusion. Also, it was fun to read about the traditional English pantomime and the Christmas celebrations.

Susan Johnston says

Princess Fuzzypants here:

Poor Miss Seeton. She and her umbrella stumble upon an unexploded bomb that detonates and reveals an unknown cache of Roman mosaics and burial artifacts. She is shaken but not as much as the rest of the community as the hoards descend to see the treasure. When one of the visitors is found murdered, solving the murder is just one more problem with which to deal.

Most of the village is involved in the Christmas Panto. Miss Seeton prompts not only the script but the

investigation with her uncanny talents. She is quite the character- sort of a hodgepodge of the old style British mystery heroines. With tongue planted firmly in cheek, it is fun to read about the wild and whacky goings-ons. It is a lighthearted romp that requires little effort. All the reader has to do is roll along with the cast of characters.

I give it four purrs and two paws up.

E.P. says

A cute Christmas-time cozy mystery that is so full of vintage British charm it is often in danger of becoming twee. Retired art teacher Miss Seeton stumbles into not one but TWO mysteries, one involving Roman ruins and the other about a gang (no, wait, there are TWO gangs) of bank robbers. There's also the intrigue and backstabbing surrounding the yearly Christmas pantomime performance, and the police are understaffed due to a nasty outbreak of the flu. Luckily for everyone (even if they don't necessarily see it that way), Miss Seeton is there with her brollies and her clairvoyant art skills to catch the bad guys.

If you like cozy British detective stories, full of bluff aristocrats, feuding neighbors, and underestimated spinsters, then you're very likely to enjoy this book. The mystery and its reveal is skillfully done, and there are plenty of chuckles along the way, as well as charming scenes of local Kentish culture. Hardboiled and gritty this is not, and it's more in the realm of fantasy than realism, but it's a fun bit of lighthearted entertainment, perfect for mystery fans to curl up with on a damp December afternoon.

My thanks to NetGalley for providing a review copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

Betty says

Set with a background of Christmas Plummergen theater is doing the play of Cinderella . The rehearsals are mixed with other activities of the town. Many residents are recovering from the flu. Miss SEETON only responsibilities are to design the sets and act as a prompter. MISS SEETON wants some mistletoe and holly for crafts for her students. Nigel Cloveden tells about the haunting oak. MISS SEETON finds the tree and when she teaches for the mostly bomb exploded. It recovers a site of Roman occupation. Sir George wants no part of the traffic generate from the find. He orders that all pots, bricks, etc send directly to the museum and the site cover. The events that occur with vandals attempting to steal the treasure, the flu, and the play are extremely amusing. MISS SEETON, her twitching fingers, and her Brolly are in the middle of all the events. I recommend this for a funny relaxing book.

Disclosure: I received a free copy From Prelude for an honest review. I would like to thank them for this opportunity to read and review the book. The opinions expressed are my own.

Nancy says

The novels in this series of light mysteries are always entertaining. This particular book was a perfect holiday read; it centered around Miss Seeton's village performance of Cinderella. The planning and execution of the pantomime was an amusing element for anyone who has participated in a community fundraiser.

The mystery was quite secondary to the benefit for the Church organ fund, but with Miss Seeton's help (or interference!) that too was resolved. My favorite part of the book was the concluding chapter where our protagonist and her crime-solving cronies gather at the local "stately home" for a Christmas Eve celebration. The author really evoked all the charm of the Christmas season in a part of Great Britain that still remembers the "old ways." Many of the pagan rituals were discussed and the party included surprise visitors that showcased the holiday customs.

As with most of Miss Seeton's stories, loyal fans such as myself read these books for the characters and the fun, not for the crime, and this one was no exception.

Net galley provided me with a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Elaine Tomasso says

I would like to thank Netgalley and Farrago for a review copy of Starring Miss Seeton, the sixteenth outing for Heron Carvic's unlikely part time police officer and the eighth written by Sarah J. Mason under the pseudonym Hamilton Crane.

Chief Superintendent Delphick and Sergeant Ranger are bored and baffled. A flu bug has decimated New Scotland Yard and as last men standing they are in charge of the investigation into several armed bank robberies. With nothing to go on they are resisting the urge to call on Miss Seeton to see what her subconscious can dream up for them. In the meantime Miss Seeton is busy designing the scenery and acting as prompt in the Plummergen am-dram production of Cinderella. It's all quiet until, on a quest for holly and mistletoe she accidentally detonates a WW2 bomb and uncovers a unique Roman temple complete with silverware and a mosaic floor which someone will kill to acquire.

I love this series of books which offer an escape into an unreal world of silliness. Starring Miss Seeton is no exception as it had me engrossed and chortling the whole way through. The plotting is clever as the unworldly Miss Seeton manages to unmask two sets of bank robbers and the murderer through her "unconscious" drawings and others' interpretation of them. Throughout it all scenes from the pantomime offer more humour.

I found the descriptions of Kentish Christmas Eve customs, Hoodeners and Mummers, interesting and informative as I'd never heard of them - it sounds like good fun.

The usual cast of characters is out in force with Mel Forby and Thrudd Banner, Fleet Street journalists, taking the main supporting roles rather than The Nuts, whom I detest, so a welcome change of focus to the police investigations and protection of Miss Ess rather than the usual ludicrous gossip.

Starring Miss Seeton can be read as a stand alone but to get the best from it, which lies in the characters and their interactions, it would be better to start at the beginning and make your way through the series.

If you are looking for escapist fiction and a little bit of nonsense I heartily recommend Starring Miss Seeton as a good read.

Elissa says

As always I had a thoroughly good time with Miss Emily Dorothea Seeton as her uncannily psychic drawings and "battling brolly" figuratively slew the criminals mid-misdeed. I eagerly await each re-released title as they pop up on Netgalley and love having the opportunity to share my views as I review (I seem to be in a language-mangling mood today--subtle influence of MissEss' inimitable style, no doubt). In deference to the ever increasing complications of the more modern age, we are presented with not one but three gently interlinking crimes which are troubling local and metropolitan police. Some are actually carried forward by reference from previous volumes, but if you've never read any others in the series you will nonetheless have no trouble settling right in and enjoying the escapades surrounding a Christmas pantomime and other quaint and treasured Kent customs. Happy Holidays!

Karen says

If you enjoy British comedy and mysteries with quirky characters, you'll probably will enjoy this series! Another episode in the life of Miss Seeton, set around Christmas time in the English village of Plummergen, where the pantomime of the season is Cinderella. Funny characters and situations lighten up the mystery. It helps to be a bit patient, and just enjoy the conversations and details of scenes described. Recommend!

(An e-book was provided by NetGalley and the publisher in exchange for my honest review.)

Annette says

This is a Christmas story about the annual Christmas pantomime in the village of Plummergen, Kent, England.

Lady Colveden is the director and she has wonderful plans for this year's entertainment. She has asked that Miss Seeton do the art and set decorations. Miss Seeton is also going to be the prompter if an actor forgets a cue.

Nearly the entire village is involved in this production. But the people who are not directly participating are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to buy tickets and see the show.

But, life goes on and as Miss Seeton is walking through the woods to gather some holly branches and mistletoe for her school classes, she trips and a bomb goes off. Yes, an actual World War II bomb.

The bomb exposes a Roman burial site filled with wonderful archeaological treasures. There are people who believe this will provide finds that make careers. When a dead body is found near the dig, finding the murderer becomes more important than making any career.

At the same time all this is going on, there are bank robbers using shotguns and robbing banks all around the country. The police and Scotland Yard are fighting an uphill battle trying to stop the robberies.

Miss Seeton and her innate talent for seeing what others do not see, will eventually help solve many

problems.

This book includes a great deal of British Christmas traditions. Though the story is set in the 1960's some of the traditions date back to the Victorian Era. For people who are not familiar with these traditions it is not only interesting but very entertaining.

Miss Seeton's amazing talent for drawing pictures which expose souls and criminal activities does not play as large a part of the plot as I expected. But, Miss Seeton, her “brolly” and her wonderful and kind personality are in evidence. She is a natural avenging angel and all criminals who are nearby should be afraid.

I enjoyed this book and an atmosphere that is filled with holiday spirit, community spirit and a generally good sense of fun.

All the characters are here, the citizens of the village of Plummergen, the police, the newspaper reporters and of course our heroine, Miss Seeton. Each one plays an important part, whether in the pantomime or just in life in general.

Because I have read so many of the Miss Seeton books, the characters seem like old friends. But, even though this is part of a series, it can work as a stand alone read. If the reader can set aside their sense of reality, things work beautifully.

I received this book from the publisher through NetGalley. I am voluntarily providing this review. All opinions are my own.

Eileen Hall says

It's Christmas and it's pantomime season in Plummergen village, but instead of Father Christmas prowling round the village, we get death.

Another wonderful Miss Seeton story!

She gets better in every book I've read!

Very highly recommended.

I was given a digital copy of this book by the publisher Farrago via Netgalley in return for an honest unbiased review.
