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It is with some trepidation that Meredith Mitchell returns to the Cotswolds: the Bamford district holds memories that, to put it generously, are bittersweet, and Christmas is a difficult time to find oneself a stranger in a new area. Yet she receives a kindly welcome, in particular from her old acquaintance Chief Inspector Markby and from her new neighbour Harriet Needham, a striking redhead with whom Meredith immediately feels a certain kinship.

But Meredith has barely got to know her neighbour when Harriet is involved in a shocking - and fatal - accident at the Boxing Day Hunt. Witnesses to the death are plentiful, for the incident occurred in Bamford's crowded market square, and many are adamant it's a case of murder. Chief Inspector Markby is inclined to agree, although he suspects the guilty party is not the most obvious one. Before long Meredith Mitchell begins, reluctantly, to think he might be right ...

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Kathryn Bullen says

A good yarn...bit predictable as I did guess the perpetrator well before the end of the story but the characters are solid enough and the relationship between the detective and the narrator holds the reader's attention. An interesting introduction to this author from my local book club!

Eugene says

Recently discovered this series, and am diving in to sample the first few. This second book builds on the first, as we see Meredith Mitchell shift her Foreign Office career from overseas postings to London, while living near Oxford. And of course, she continues her relationship with Inspector Alan Markby, while getting involved in one of his cases. A little slow getting going, but a satisfactory mystery and denouement, I'll check out the 3rd next, before I take a break.

Jenn Estepp says

I really enjoyed this - enough so that I am thinking of tracking down the rest of them (pretty out of print in the U.S.). Or maybe just hoping hard that someone like Open Road will re-issue them as e-books.

Carmen says

this couple is a modern day couple. They both work, she is afraid of commitment, and they solve murders. A new redo on the English village murder mystery. Meredith has some awesome insights which help Inspector Markby solve crimes. In this one, a woman is drugged and then falls off her horse at a Boxing Day fox hunt and dies. They soon discover that she was drugged and in discovering who her murderer is, also solve one cold case and two new cases.

Lesley says

A Christmas tradition for me is to pick up a Holiday murder mystery. I particularly enjoyed this one . . . taking place in a remote part of England in a place called Pooks Common. Good mystery, intriguing characters and what I liked that I thought was different is this simmering undercurrent of an attraction between the two main characters. A fun added element.

Cat. says

A 'cozy' mystery with a bit of a bite: all very correct Britishness, except the heroine isn't quite the old-fashioned type you'd expect. The faint romantic whiff makes the story interesting, but I found the main mystery a little ... obvious. I don't know. I liked the characters for the most part, and I'd love to see if Bamford is all that. I guess the story is just slightly dated.

Anna says

I started reading this series in random order and was very annoyed by the dynamic between Meredith and Alan. By the time you get into the later the novels the parameters and distance in their dealings with each other have been established and it was very hard for me to get into them as a couple. That said, now I am going back and trying to read the series in order, it makes perfect sense. Why am I telling you this? Because A Season for Murder is fine little mystery, but if you like this series, it is an important point in the development of Meredith and Alan's relationship and explains her hesitation to get involved and his desire for a more established life together. Not that you need to get involved in their romantic entanglement to enjoy Ann Granger's mysteries, but it does help if you're not irritated with the two main characters throughout.

Susanne Beyer says

Loved the edition and the cover more than the story in the end.

J.L. Rallios says

Very well written mystery with great atmosphere, clever plot, and a satisfying conclusion. I liked a lot of the characters, especially Markby, but I didn't like chip-on-my-shoulder Mitchell, the main character. That, along with the fact that it started out pretty slow-going, was why I couldn't give it a five star rating -- and neither am I much motivated to continue with the series at this point because I got to like the main character to some degree. But I would recommend it for all its many good points as listed above.

Rina says

this is a cozy mystery involving Meredith Mitchell (from the diplomatic service) and Alan Markby (a police chief inspector). takes place in the Cotswolds area of England. an easy read and good story of love, horses and murder.

Connie Howell says

Meredith Mitchell returns to the Cotswolds and is re-acquainted with Chief Inspector Markby. They are somewhat awkward friends but Meredith had previously helped him with a case. She rents a cottage opposite Harriet Needham and they soon become friends but Harriet has a fatal accident, falling from a horse but is it

really an accident or is she murdered?

Carol says

Ok story. An Alan Markby story. Meredith Mitchell is a embassy worker not happy to be back in England. She's staying in her aunt's house in a town of 6 people on the edge of no where. The only good thing is she is near Alan or is it a good thing. She starts fitting in and making friends then the murders start. Who dunit??

Carol/Bonadie says

Meredith Mitchell and D.I. Alan Marksby investigate the death of Meredith's neighbor, a horsewoman who falls off her horse after ingesting tranquilizers. I have an inherent dislike of the cozy setup, but have stuck with this because of the relationship between Mitchell and Marksby. I get the feeling that this will be dragged out a bit; not sure how much longer I'll last with this series.

Dick Harding says

This book was recommended to me and I enjoyed it very much. What is it about British mystery writers? It is rare I don't enjoy reading them. I liked the 2 protagonists. Very human and you can't help but smile. This is the first book I have read by Ann Granger and I look forward to reading more.

Damaskcat says

This is the second book in this low key and well written crime series featuring Chief Inspector Alan Markby and diplomat Meredith Mitchell. In this book Meredith returns to Bamford when she has finished her spell abroad as consul. She hopes to be able to commute from there to London every day.

During her first few days in her rented cottage she meets a neighbour - Harriet Needham and likes her. Unfortunately before Meredith can get to know her she is involved in a fatal accident at a Boxing Day Hunt. But was it an accident or perhaps something more sinister? Both Meredith and Alan believe it to have been murder and both set out to investigate in their own ways.

This is an interesting mystery with plenty of clues and plenty of red herrings. I certainly didn't work out who was responsible though the clues are there. It is interesting how the author is developing the relationship between the two main characters and I think this is a series which needs to be read in order so that the reader can follow this development.
