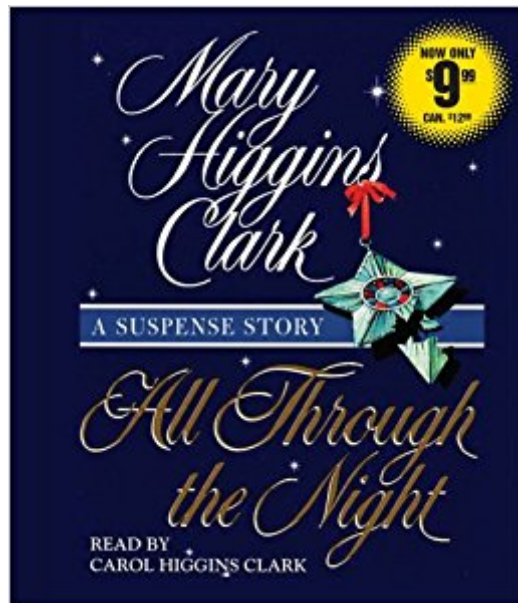


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All Through The Night: A Suspense Story



Synopsis

Two of Mary Higgins Clark's most beloved characters, Alvirah, the lottery winner turned amateur sleuth, and her husband Willy, get caught up in a Christmas mystery that calls on all of Alvirah's deductive powers, as well as Willy's world-class common sense. When the story begins, Willy is looking forward to playing Santa Clause at the after-school center his sister Cordelia has established to care for the children of working parents on New York's upper West Side, while Alvirah is busy with rehearsals for the Christmas pageant. But suddenly a pall falls upon the Christmas cheer. The center itself is threatened with being closed down, a substitute that has been promised is withdrawn, a desperate young woman appears who begs for Alvirah's help in finding the baby she abandoned seven years earlier, and -- the final blow -- the little girl who is to play the Blessed Mother in the Christmas pageant vanishes. Alvirah is soon on the trail of the truth, which must be found before Christmas, which leads to the theft of a valued chalice that is somehow at the heart of the mystery. A missing chalice. A missing child. A desperate mother. Who but Alvirah can sort it out in time for Christmas?

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Customer Reviews

"All through the Night" is a nice Christmas story with a happy ending. It is easy to read and entertaining. If you like Alvirah and Willy, go for it. If you prefer murder and breathtaking suspense, read one of Mary Higgins Clark's earlier novels.

If you are looking for guts, gore and grit, look elsewhere. This is a mystery without a dead body. It

pulls at the heart strings, and brings back my favourite Clark characters, Willy and Alvirah, who I can't get enough of. This is one of the fastest reads I have experienced, but it was heart-warming and perfect for the holiday season

This is a fantastic read. Short, but one of her best. Two sub-plots that do not hinder the other, tied together by a little girl named Star. The whole setting is easy to believe, so you can easily let yourself flow with the story. And it does flow; you will not wish to put it down. There are a couple things that are just too convenient. But I guess you would need a much longer book to fit everything in. A good read for Christmas.

It is a good Christmas story. It is also pretty cliché - bad guy, abandoned baby, good-hearted aunt, great detective, and Christmas magic. We all know the plot and ending before the end of the first chapter. Mary Higgins Clark is a great author and she did a good job, but I was hoping for something with a little more twist and suspense.

This is a story about how miracles can happen. I enjoyed the story because it was positive happenings and shows how people help other people because they want to help not because they expect something in return. A very good read. All this happens around the holidays which makes it even better to me.

I recently decided to read again every book written by MHC. She is a master writer. Keeps you guessing! It was fun to go back 20-30 years and get reacquainted with her characters again. She did not disappoint then and continues to write the best books.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Alvirah and Willy make a great team, and since I am Catholic, I enjoy anything when somebody is trying to help the Catholic church. I was so angry when the theft was committed! No one should steal anything sacred from a church! This book is best read at Christmas time. I know that next Christmas, I am very likely to read them again!

loose ends. no mention of nonna at the end. The plot was way too far fetched, even for MHC. This won't stop me from reading her though, I still love her work, her characters and most of all her constant drive to keep her writing clean, never needing to use profanity.

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