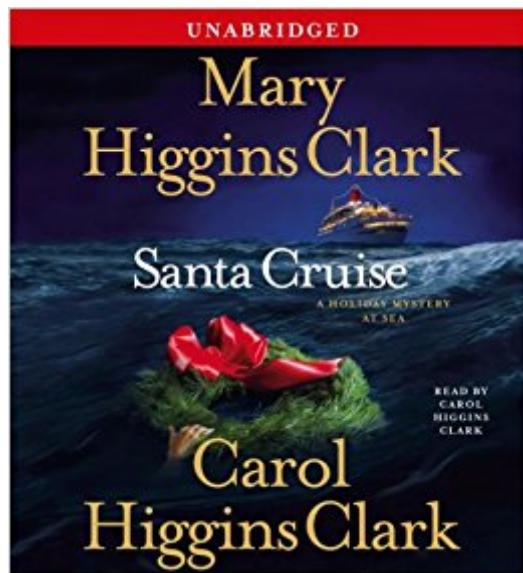


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# Santa Cruise: A Holiday Mystery At Sea



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## **Customer Reviews**

I cannot say that I have ever been this disappointed in any book that I have ever read. First off, you have Alvirah Meehan in the the story. She was in Mary Higgin's book "The Lottery Winner." It was fine to throw her in this novel due to the fact that the story is based on a rich man, Commodore Randolph Weed, buying a cruise ship that belonged to another rich man who vowed to never leave the ship. The reason why Alvirah was on the ship is due to the fact that the Commodore gave away

a few cruise to many other do-gooders as a Christmas present. Of course, Alvirah being the little detective that she is, picks up on the Commodore's nephew as hiding something, after he gives her a ticked off look about her taking his suite from him when the ship was overbooked. I would have given her a dirty look too, however, Alvirah automatically becomes suspicious of him. Why suspicious? Hmmm, too obvious for me here. This book was unbelievable and it seemed that it was just written with no effort. Another reason why I am disappointed is due to the fact that Mary Higgins writes wonderful books. Why is this book so bad? I'm not sure, but don't waste your money on it. It's boring, unrealistic, and honestly, I see no reason why the felons who were stowed away on the cruise ship didn't get away. Sure, one of the felons looked like an author whose posters were everywhere on the ship, but, people actually thought they were seeing a ghost. The only other thing Alvirah had to go on was chips scattered in Eric's suite before she took it over, and yes, a deck of cards that had odd numbers on them, not seen by the bare eye unless you hold up a microscope. Huh? Who would actually think to do that to a deck of cards. Too obvious here again.

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