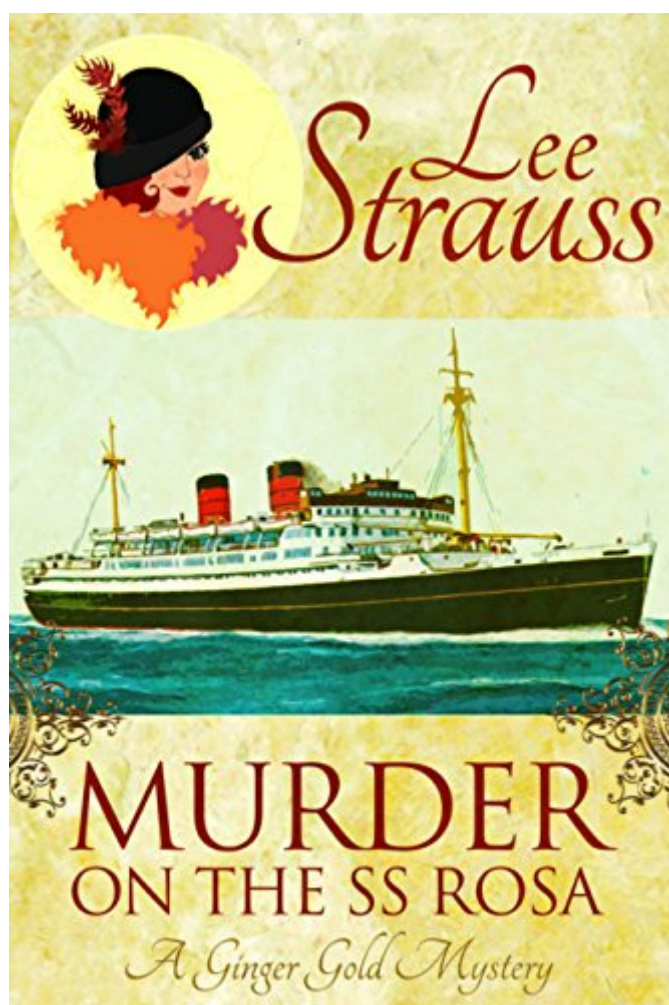


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# Murder On The SS Rosa: A Cozy Historical Mystery - A Novella (A Ginger Gold Mystery Book 1)



## Synopsis

Praise for Murder on the SS Rosa: "New to me and loved it!" "One of the most enjoyable mysteries to come out in months!" "A fantastic period cozy mystery made to keep you guessing!" It's 1923 and young war widow fashionista Ginger Gold makes a cross-Atlantic journey with her companion Haley Higgins to London England to settle her father's estate. When the ship's captain is found dead, Ginger is only too happy to lend her assistance to the handsome Chief Inspector Basil Reed. The SS Rosa delivers a convincing array of suspects - the wife, the mistress, a jealous crew mate. To Ginger's dismay, her name has been added to the list! With a little help from Ginger's dog Boss, Ginger and Haley navigate the clues (those wartime operative skills come in handy.) They must solve the case and clear Ginger's name before they dock--and oh, whatever shall she wear! "A fascinating introduction to a character that will rival Miss Fisher in the cozy genre set in the period between world wars."

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## Customer Reviews

A new inexpensive historical mystery series is always welcome on my Kindle so I downloaded this and pre-ordered its sequel on the same day. At 99 cents each I don't regret the purchase, but after

reading this first story, I can't say I'm jumping up and down for joy at the great bargain I've found. The time period is post WWI. It's 1923 and rich Anglo-American widow Ginger Gold is traveling by ship (the SS Rosa to be exact) to England to settle her late father's estate. She is accompanied by friend Haley Higgins, who had served as Ginger's father's nurse before he died and is now on her way to England to study medicine. Ginger is a pretty fashion-plate who served as some kind of operative during the War but we don't learn much about that. The reader is just expected to presume she's not really just a pretty-faced rich woman and does know what she's doing. (Rich, I guess, because of her father's business dealings, but I didn't catch a lot about that either.) Anyhoo, as the two women (and Ginger's dog Boss) travel across the Pond, murder strikes. The ship's captain, a married womanizer, is found dead (in a very strange place on board). Ginger takes it upon herself to investigate, to the annoyance of fellow passenger Chief Inspector Basil Reed, who proclaims himself to be the official investigator. This seems to be a budding Miss Fisher/Inspector Jack Robinson-type relationship similar to that in the Australian TV series based on Kerry Greenwood's books. We shall see how it's handled in future books, but for now it's just a shadow of the Miss Fisher stories. I was not overly impressed by this first entry in the series. The characters are too broadly sketched and the mystery is fairly uncomplicated. All red herrings are rather blatant. The whole book reads a bit like a rough draft. The writing is OK but nothing special. That said, I have not cancelled my pre-order for the second book of the Ginger Gold series. Everyone deserves a second chance, right? And I'm out less than a buck if it turns out that second chance wasn't deserved. ETA on 6/17/2017: I see that the price of this has increased threefold since my purchase. That's enough to bring my star rating down, but I'll leave it as is, with a caveat to possible buyers that it's now overpriced.

Once I started reading *Murder on the SS Rosa*, it was hard to put down. I could hardly wait to move on to the second in the series, and the third, and . . . oops, I have to wait until October for the fourth. If you start now, you can be ready for the fourth about the time it appears. Ginger Gold is a delightful heroine and the interaction between her and Inspector Reed keep the reader wondering who will solve the mystery first and if anything romantic will happen. The series is very well written being fun and easy to read while holding the reader's interest until the last.

This was such an easy book to read and so full of suspense. I especially liked the fact that the story went from beginning to end without going back and forth in time. It was a nice diversion to imagine the different period of time and the clothing. The characters were well defined and consistent

throughout. I recommend you read this book. You will enjoy it.

My only complaint was the length of the book. Nice because there was no sense of extra words just for filler. Not so nice for a fast reader it was just to fast of a read at full price. Story was fun, setting well used and loved the full characters of the book/novella, which should have been my first hint. A total recommend

Ginger Gold, her dog, Boss and her best friend, Haley are traveling to London by ocean liner. The Captain is found in a bit of a pickle. Who did the murder? The wife, the mistress, the first officer, the chef, or was it Ginger herself? Begin this series and find out!

A delightfully light read in the tradition of the classic British cozy mystery. Full of the fashion and mores of the 1920's, this book will fill a pleasant afternoon. Just the book to take you away from the humdrum of modern daily life.

Good read for a summer day. I love how the history, fashions and the manners of the day are woven into the story. The characters are fascinating and even though it is a murder mystery it manages to be wholesome..

Delightful mystery set on a luxury ship following WW1. The 2 female sleuths are delightfully different. Mrs. Gold is all about current fashion and intrigue, while her companion, Miss Higgins, is studious and practical. I will look for more books in the series.

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