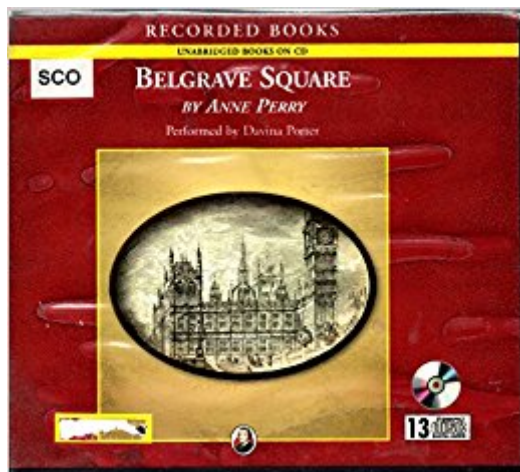


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The story takes place in Clerkenwell district of London, a shady area, by all accounts. Pitt is brought in because it involves the gentry and quickly discovers that there are a multitude of distinguished gentlemen on the murdered money lenders books. With the help of Charlotte, who slips into society to get a clear picture of those involved, Pitt is able to determine that along with being a money lender, the dead man is also a blackmailer. The ending a real shocker, that shakes the foundation of the social world and causes Superintendent Drummond to make some life choices.

This book in a series set in Victorian times following Detective Thomas Pitt. I was give book nine in

the series and liked it so much that I have been buying every book in order from one, a couple of months. Now up to 16 in the series, it follows the Pitt family so well it leaves the reader feeling as if they not only know Pitt but his wife, children, sister-in-law and aunt. etc. After reading 16 of these books in the series, I feel like I know that family..

another great story, full of twists and wonderful characters

Anne Perry worked out the plot so well that I didn't want to skip to see how it ends. Her books are so full of history and she is a genius at imagery. The ending is shocking! The only disappointment is that there wasn't one more chapter about Drummond going forward. Perhaps in the next one which is Farrier's Lane.

Another interesting mystery full of the usual twists and turns, most surprisingly at the end, as usual. More involvement of the extended family. Needs a little editing for word errors.

as advertised

I've read all 23 of the Thomas and Charlotte Pitt books, and this entry has more than any other of what we love Anne Perry for -- the beautifully drawn descriptions of high and low Victorian life; the interweaving of Charlotte's family's goings-on with the main plot; wonderfully realized secondary characters; etc. In *Belgrave Square*, we learn for the first time of the deadly secret society known as the Inner Circle, which will return to haunt Charlotte, Thomas, and their families in future books. The main police business at issue -- who blew the head off nasty userer William Weems -- is slightly over-the-top, if undeniably dramatic; but it has several rivals for the reader's attention, including the compelling romance of Micah Drummond and Eleanor Byam (very touching and believable) and the love triangle of Fanny Hilliard, Fitz Fitzpatrick, and Odelia Morden. Thomas and Charlotte themselves continue to grow in interesting ways; here, Charlotte is forced out of her happy-married-woman complacency, learning a new sympathy for the travails of others even when they are not particularly likeable people. There's even a fascinating lesson in colonial economics tucked away in all the plotting and subplotting! But the capper of the book for me is the delicious encounter between Lady Vespasia and Lily Langry at an upper-crust garden party. Every time I reread it, I'm impressed anew by Perry's ability to set a vivid scene and draw her readers into the absurd but deadly serious etiquette games of another time and place.

Outstanding as always

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