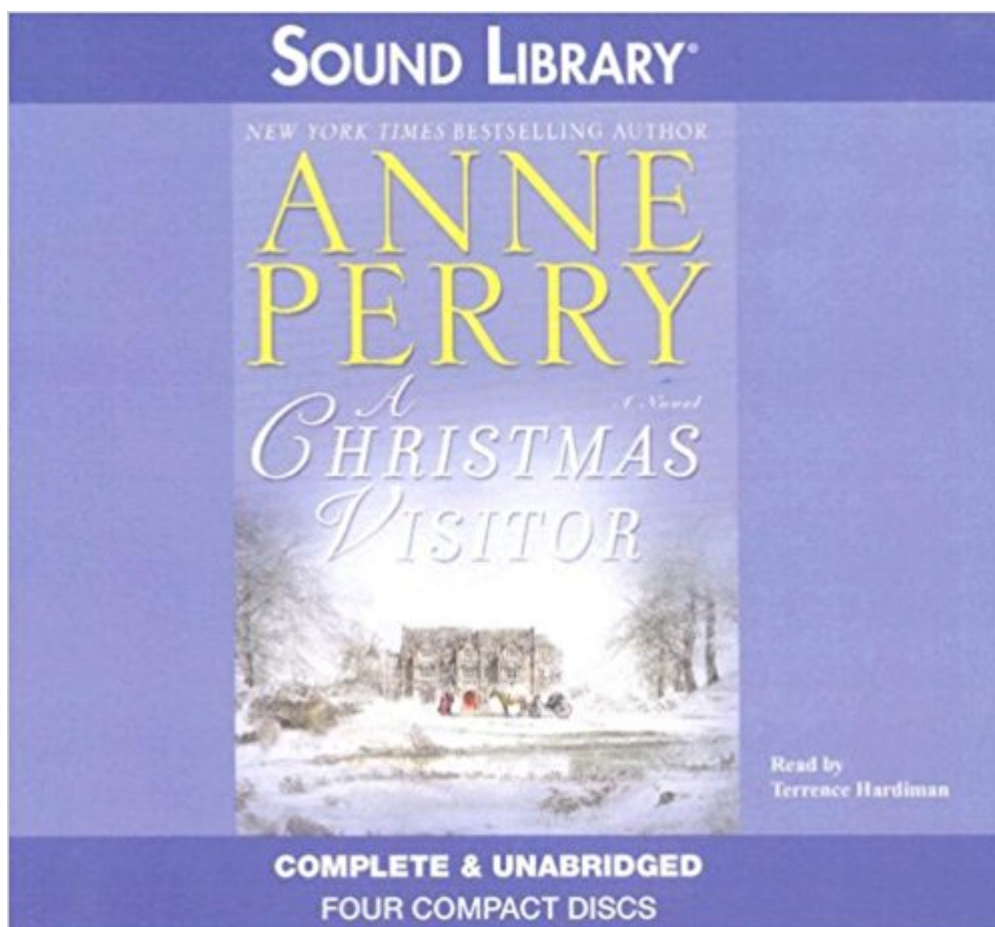


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# A Christmas Visitor (Christmas Novellas)



## Synopsis

On the heels of the success of *A Christmas Journey* comes this festive mystery. The joyful tranquility of a snowbound estate in the Lake District of England is overturned in a moment by a shocking murder. Renowned mathematician and inventor Henry Rathbone--long known to readers of Perry's bestselling Victorian series featuring William Monk--must put his analytical and creative capacities to the test as he assumes the role of an amateur investigator. In this delightful Christmas tale, he rescues the holiday with a grace that would impress William Monk himself.

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"One of the best books to brighten the joyous season."

Renowned for her acclaimed Victorian novels as well as a stunning new series set in World War I, Anne Perry consistently dazzles us with stories rife with emotion, intrigue, and psychological depth. She recently expanded her talents with the delightfully rendered novella, *A Christmas Journey*, which USA Today called "one of the best books to brighten the joyous season." Now she has given readers another gift—a yuletide offering full of holiday magic . . . and murder. The Dreghorn family is gathering for an anticipated reunion in the Lake District of England. The blissful tranquility of the snowbound estate, however, is soon shattered by what appears to be an accidental death. The victim's distraught wife, Antonia, summons her godfather, distinguished mathematician and inventor Henry Rathbone—a "one of the most beloved characters from Perry's bestselling William Monk series.

But questions about the tragic event turn into whispers of murder, sending shock waves among members of the Dreghorn clan, who haven't seen each other in ten years. Now Rathbone must put his analytical and creative capacities to the test as he assumes the role of an amateur investigator. But while searching for clues and mulling over potential motives, he cannot help but wonder: Will another poor soul meet the same untimely end "and be silenced like the night? In this Christmas novella, featuring a colorful, somewhat eccentric cast of characters and an irresistible plot as twisty as a ribbon, Rathbone rescues the holiday with a grace that would impress William Monk himself.

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I love all of the Anne Perry mysteries but her holiday stories are a true gift to her readers. The Thomas & Charlotte Pitt Series and the William Monk Series are incredible! The Christmas Stories are shorter and give you details of many of the characters in her two major mystery series. Definitely worth the read. I have the hardcover and the Kindle version for all. Thank you, Ms. Perry! Please keep them coming. Sincerely, Sherry Owen

I have now read eight of Anne Perry's Christmas mysteries, and *A Christmas Visitor* is one of my favorites. The plot deals with the death of a well-respected judge named Judah Dreghorn who, for some reason, went on a long cross-country walk late one night in December and apparently slipped on an icy rock when crossing a stream, hit his head, and drowned. But the real story was much more complicated. It involved disputed ownership of the Dreghorn family estate, a man who claimed to have been wrongly imprisoned by the judge, and a Christmas reunion of the surviving Dreghorns--Judah's widow and son Antonia and Joshua, his two brothers Benjamin and Ephraim, another brother's widow Naomi, and Antonia's godfather Henry Rathbone. I was most interested in finding out why Judah went where he did on the night of his death, but an even more important plotline is the issue of a possibly forged deed to the Dreghorn home. I had hoped for a different ending to the story, but what happened was necessary for the author to make her point about the importance of honor and doing the right thing even if it involves great personal sacrifice. This is a very worthwhile little book, ideal for Christmas reading and Christmas giving.

This is the first Christmas book written by Anne Perry that I have read. I love her William Monk series and I found this Christmas book to be of the same caliber. I loved the way she wove in Christmas themes and principles with a suspenseful story. I enjoyed this book so much that I ordered another one of her Christmas books.

I read this book in one day; I just couldn't put it down for very long. It is a wonderful family tale about the importance of close family ties and the blessing they are in times of adversity. Really not a Christmas story per se, but a feel good story none the less and I will send a few copies to friends this year. It is a good read.

Once again and Anne Perry surprises, amazes , and enchants her readers with her sharp wit and the most amazing outcomes in her books.

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Wonderful, as always but quite different.

Christmas and a mystery, does it get better than this? I love Anne Perry's books and at Christmas time love to re-read her Christmas Stories.

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