



MIDNIGHT INK

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

Christmas is Murder: A Rex Graves Mystery

- 1) How does modern-day sleuth Rex Graves stack up with the Hercule Poirots, Lord Peter Wimseys and Sherlock Holmes of the past?
- 2) Mince pies, mistletoe, holly... How many Christmas items are actual clues in the novel?
- 3) Can the spirit of Christmas transcend the theme of murder in short stories and novels? How is this achieved in *Christmas is Murder*?
- 4) Rex Graves is a man of principle but essentially male. Do you think his principles will win out over his attraction for Helen D'Arcy? (Find out in *Murder in the Raw*, #2 in the series.)
- 5) How far was Clifford, the odd-job man, instrumental in helping Rex Graves solve the mystery?
- 6) In your opinion, will the relationship of the two couples--Anthony and Patrick, Charley and Yvette--be stronger for their ordeal at Swanmere Manor?
- 7) To what effect are swans symbolic in this novel?
- 8) Do politics have a place in cozy mysteries?
- 9) Which character do you most identify with?
- 10) Do you believe the eccentric Dahlia Smithings set Rex up to solve the murder?