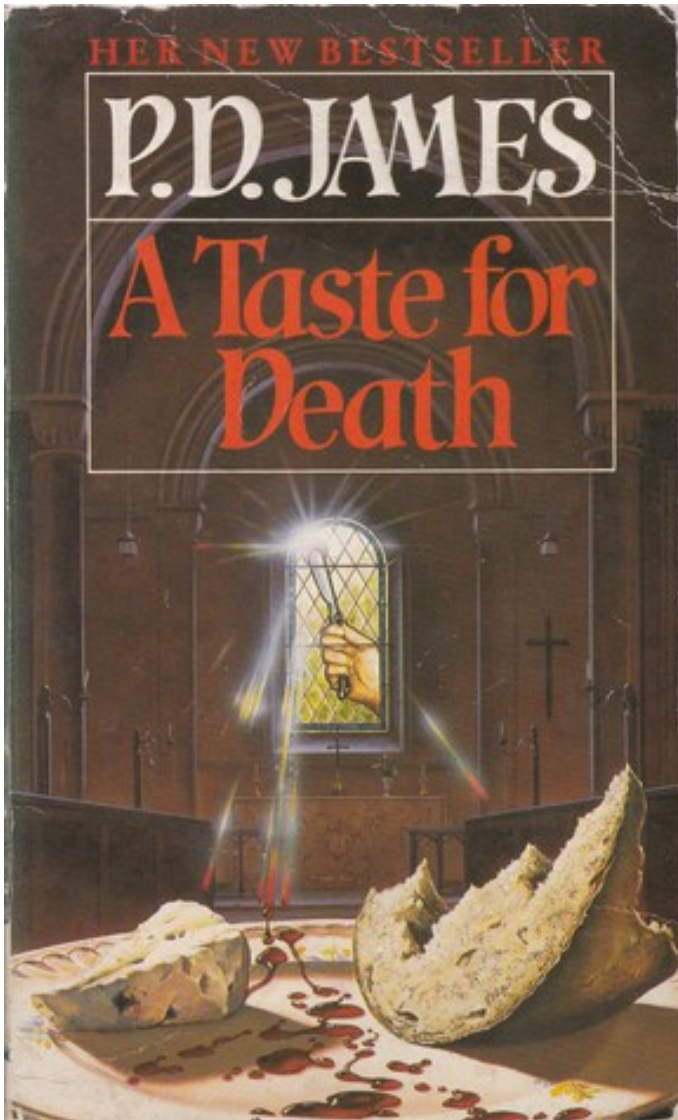


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**P.D. James**

**A Taste For Death (Adam Dalgliesh #7)**



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## Description

When the quiet Little Vestry of St. Matthew's Church becomes the blood-soaked scene of a double murder, Scotland Yard Commander Adam Dalgliesh faces an intriguing conundrum: How did an upper-crust Minister come to lie, slit throat to slit throat, next to a neighborhood derelict of the lowest order? Challenged with the investigation of a crime that appears to have endless motives, Dalgliesh explores the sinister web spun around a half-burnt diary and a violet-eyed widow who is pregnant and full of malice--all the while hoping to fill the gap of logic that joined these two disparate men in bright red death. . . .

## Insightful reviews

Dave: I don't know how I missed PD James's books in my earlier mystery reading--a preference for amateur detectives, I guess. This is an excellent police procedural, if not perfect. The characters are much more real and well-rounded than Agatha Christie, say, and part of the interest is how their personalities and choices serve the same purpose as red herrings did in earlier mysteries. Still, more real doesn't mean completely real, and she sacrifices some of the reality--particularly of the minor or weak characters--for the sake of taking the story where she wants it to go. But I will read more.

Helen: A writer's writer, P.D. James has a flair for description that makes me swoon. I felt like all her characters were whole people, with complexities and pasts as yet unplumbed. Her mystery was sufficiently confusing; her villain sufficiently disturbing. One thing I noticed is that James has a quirk of saying "denuded." She doesn't rely on it, but does say it with greater frequency than most authors. I found several other little tics like that, none of which were grating, but most of which would be obvious to the attentive reader. This would have been five stars, but James's tendency to ramble (or perhaps my own inattention) sometimes caused me to lose the thread of the tale

Jesslee: This was my first P. D. James novel, and I was pleasantly surprised by what was beyond what I had expected from a "genre" fiction. There was a marvelous balance of grave suspense and clear and wonderfully austere writing style. The characters were developed in layers and with depth, and their portrayals were incisive and yet poignant and emotionally affecting. I also loved the relatively slow, drawn-out, and deliberate pace of the book - for a detective novel, it was refreshing that I did not feel slave-driven by the author to zoom past everything to find out the answers.

I greatly admire writers like P. D. James and Raymond Chandler for bringing serious class and literary value while staying perfectly within the boundary of popular fiction. Overall thoroughly enjoyed and highly recommended.

Lobstergirl: A just-retired, blue-blooded executive minister and a tramp have their throats lower in a church in James's good plotted, properly paced mystery. I am an important fan of James, and of her attractive Dalgliesh in particular. She permits Dalgliesh and his subordinate, Constable Kate Miskin, to be thoughtful, well-rounded characters, deserving of our admiration. approximately every person else within the booklet (along with approximately every person else

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in each P.D. James book) is available in for extraordinarily harsh treatment. James is a deeply misanthropic writer. (I'm now not partial to the misanthropy.) the higher periods are cold and condescending; the reduce classes, specially the women, are sour, or bitter, or have given up on happiness. The proles, and the elderly, are continuously cruelly sketched: She was, he guessed, in her past due thirties, and was once uncompromisingly simple in a fashion it struck him few girls these days were. A small sharp nostril used to be imbedded among pudgy cheeks on which the threads of damaged veins have been emphasised instead of disguised via a skinny crust of make-up. She had a primly censorious mouth above a touch receding chin already displaying the 1st slackness of a dewlap. Her hair, which regarded as though it were inexpertly permed, was once pulled again on the aspects yet frizzed over the excessive brow really within the poodle-like model of an Edwardian. (Evelyn Matlock, p. 93) Her pores and skin was once cleft with deep strains working from the jaw to the excessive jutting cheekbones. It used to be as though hands have been positioned opposed to the frail pores and skin and compelled it upwards, in order that he observed with a surprise of premonitory attractiveness the shine of the cranium underneath the skin. The scrolls of the ears flat opposed to the edges of the cranium have been so huge that they gave the impression of irregular excrescences. (Ursula Berowne, p. 96) The flesh looked as if it would have slipped from the bones in order that the beaked nostril cleft the outside sharp as a knife facet whereas the jowls hung in slack, mottled pouches just like the flesh of a plucked fowl. The flaming Massingham hair was once bleached and pale now to the color and texture of straw. He thought: He seems to be as archaic as a Rowlandson drawing. previous age makes caricatures people all. No ask yourself we dread it. (Lord Dungannon, p. 168) A mouth isn't in basic terms a mouth, yet "a wet concentration of emotion." a personality she does not like simply cannot win. "His tone was once nearly studiously polite, yet neither sardonic nor provocatively obsequious." Really? you are going to carry that opposed to him? In the weirdest, such a lot misogynistic category, this could most likely be the winner: She had the tired glance which Sarah had visible at the face of a chum who had lately given birth, bright-eyed, yet bloated and by some means diminished, as though advantage had long past out of her. (Evelyn Matlock, p. 393)

Ilinca: I do choose up new James novels from time to time, yet consistently with an analogous misgivings. it's kind of like now not giving up on traveling your alcoholic brother, notwithstanding you recognize he is probably going to begin sober and be under the influence of alcohol and unreliable by the point the stopover at attracts to a close. I do like P.D. James relatively a bit, yet i like Agatha Christie. P.D. James is a more robust writer; Christie is a better plotter. With James's mysteries, even the easiest ones, you by no means know, and will by no means trust, the place the plot is going: there may perhaps regularly be a brand new aspect additional correct ahead of the top that perfectly twists the trail of the story. With Christie's top mysteries, clues are faithfully laid on the reader's feet, cumulatively and with little trickery. \*\*\* minor spoilers forward \*\*\* A style for loss of life is a smart example: it truly is good written, captivating, then a brand new witness steps in as regards to the end. New strains of inquiry open up all of the time. So there is not any portion of suspense - and also you form of wish that during a secret novel, right?

Kay: This was once the second one e-book i would learn within the Adam Dalgleish series. I approximately accomplished studying it a number of months in the past and, admittedly, struggled via it a lot that i began all of it over again. This time, I obtained via it. However, i

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discovered that I stored wasting time of the entire characters and needed to maintain referring again within the ebook to determine how every one used to be with regards to the other. The first tale concerned the discovering of 2 lifeless humans in a church sacristy by way of an older girl parishioner and a tender boy she had befriended. The deceased have been recently-resigned British political determine and a road bum. Dalgleish and his sidekicks cross directly to examine the complicated scene to find even if it was once murder, suicide, and the numerous those who could have been involved. I would not suggest this actual tale to new readers of P.D. James. Reserve it for a time whilst you will have wolfed up different tales of hers.

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