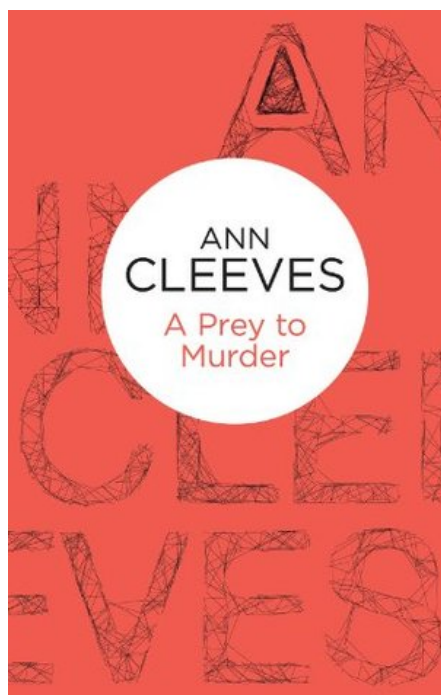




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From the author of Shetland and Vera

'The huge and powerful hawk dominated the scene. Its talons pierced the woman's flesh and the beak pointed towards her eyes . . .'

The sight is a particularly horrible shock for George Palmer-Jones, ornithologist and amateur detective. An old friend of Eleanor Masefield, a beautiful and charming widow, he is staying with his wife, Molly, at Eleanor's family run hotel . . .

On the other hand, Molly Palmer-Jones feels that Eleanor was more of a black than a merry widow – a ruthless manipulator of all those caught in her far-reaching web. Is Molly a little jealous, or is she right? And will she be in time to prevent another death?

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English retired couple own a PI business get involved in the murder a a unpleasant woman.

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Another in the George and Molly Palmer-Jones collection.

George is called to a hotel by the owner, a friend, who was worried about Peregrine Falcon eggs on the property. Eleanor Masfield's husband had been a bird follower who had taken an interest in the Peregrine nesting site, but he was deceased. Although Eleanor had not previously shown any interest in the birds she now told George that she was worried that someone was going to steal the eggs. She had seen a strange blue car near the path that led to the nest.

Eleanor was getting on in years but still beautiful and George had always had a bit of a thing for her. Molly sensibly was not bothered by this interest in another woman. The two were given a room in the elegant hotel, once a large mansion, and as soon as possible George asked Eleanor about her concern. Oddly, she abruptly said she'd tell him the following day, as she had work to do for a fundraising faire to be held on the hotel's grounds.

Eleanor's whole family was involved in the faire, and a busy time it was. Thus when Eleanor's body was discovered in an area used by a falconer who had displayed his birds there, George and Molly had still not gleaned any details about Eleanor's concern. Now, of course, George, although an avid birder himself, widened his investigation from the peregrines to the murder.

As with other George and Molly novels, we find that George is not entirely at the center but rather somewhat at the side of the investigation. Official police are on the scene and we follow their activities as well as those of the Palmer-Jones pair.

Enjoyable and character-driven, with a plot complicated enough to make one think.

Tony Sannicandro says

More like 1 1/2 stars. This was a tough book to read. I love the other books by the author and this was one of her first. But then not all the Lennon and McCartney songs were great either.

Lilith says

Scontato e mal scritto. Inutile e lungo.

Lynne Tull says

I am really taken with this author. I didn't even mind that she was trying to educate me about bird-watching and raptors. It was such a part of a good story that I didn't even notice. Her books are hard to find. If you can find any be sure and read them.

Lee says

An in between short murder mystery by one of my favorite authors! Have to admit it is one of her early works and as usual I didn't guess the murderer. All about wild birds of prey that are nationally protected and the criminals that steal the birds or their eggs. Entertaining.

Andy Plonka says

This harkens back to the golden age mysteries where there are lots of clues and lots of suspects. Also a nod to women's lib.

Susan Swansburg says

solid, traditional British mystery. I much prefer her recent work

Jack says

Murder mystery with the dark side of bird watching explored.

Deanne says

Found this difficult to get into, mainly due to a lack of interest in the characters.

Julie Durovchic says

Good mystery. Lots of details and good character insight. I am a big Fan of her Vera and Shetland series and glad I checked out her earlier works.
