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Widowed Mary Bolton, like Miss Jean Brodie, considers herself in her prime. Not satisfied with car boot sales, dances at the bowling club and reading to the elderly, she throws herself into bellringing with gusto - much to the annoyance of her neighbours.

But when the industrious Mary is found swinging from a bell rope, Jessica Brand - who only days before had threatened to strangle Mary with the very same rope - fears she will be accused. There's nothing left to do but call in private detective Agatha Raisin to untangle the web of sex, money, deceit ... and murder.

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Nadine says

Oh dear...

I love the Agatha Raisin series, but this short story was such a disappointment. As other reviews state, it's ridiculously short, just a few minutes to read. Worse than that, it has absolutely no depth to the story whatsoever and completely lacks in the character you come to expect from the series. To be honest it reads like a basic plot outline that was accidentally published.

Resh (The Book Satchel) says

I had high expectations for the book because the writing promised to be a nice, cosy read. I found the story to be too simple and was disappointed.

edward brooker says

Short Taster

Having read a good few of these books in the past I was disappointed at the shortness of this one and the lack of plot. If this was the first one of this series that I had read I would not be bothered to want to read more. The series is a LOT better and more amusing. It was free but I feel the author has done herself no favours

Lois Schmitt says

Two for the price of one--humor and a good mystery. Agatha can be endearing and obnoxious at the same time. Fun, light read.

Grace Cooper says

This wasn't even a short story, its more like 3 pages had been taken from a larger novel - one each from the introduction, middle and conclusion - and then stuck together to make this. There was no plot, no real deduction, no character building. In fact, I think my review may be longer than the actual book. I really enjoy M.C. Beaton's Agatha Raisin series, but I think I'm going to give up on her short stories. This is even worse than Christmas Crumble.

Cath Usher says

Not what i expected

I got this because I say Agatha raisin on TV. Was a blunt to the point piece of work. Will try another see what I think

Katharina says

It was a freebie so I thought I'd give Agatha Raisin another chance. Nope, still not happening. As much as I love her Hamish Macbeth novels, I really don't like Beaton's Agatha Raisin Series. Agatha Raisin would be the one to die in a Macbeth novel and everyone would be happy about it. Usually if I like an author that much I read pretty much everything they do - unless maybe it's a different genre I don't read (like Mankell) - but with MC Beaton there is only Hamish for me. Reminds me I should really reread the whole series...

Kelly says

First off, this only has 9 pages. I am a big Agatha Raisin fan and to me this was really pointless. There was no depth to the book. I am glad this was a freebie and not a bought item.

Sophie Narey (Bookreview- aholic) says

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Recommended for: fans of comedy murder mystery novels

Another brilliant Agatha Raisin book by the extremely talented M.C Beaton. I (once again) could not figure out who had done it and when I did guess I got it wrong. It is brilliantly well written and keeps you wanting to read on to find out the ending. Would recommend to readers who have read other M.C Beaton books and who enjoy 'who done it' books. A truly brilliant read. In this book Agatha Rasin is called in to investigate when widow Mary is found hanging, during the investigation she uncovers a web of deciet, murder, sex and money.

Snoozie Suzie says

Hmm. My first Agatha Raisin and I can only give it one star. It was a freebie on Kindle so that's a bonus and it was very short. It had a very lame ending indeed. Don't bother I'd say unless it's free and you have 5 minutes to wait somewhere as it will fill the time up quickly.

Lesley Kitchen says

I'm not a fan of short stories and this really is short, took me less than five minutes to read it.

Gary says

Quite possibly the worst book I have ever read.

A quick read that was not quick enough and I am not sure how it made it into publication in the first place.

I don't normally give bad reviews as I admire the efforts authors put into their work but this was a really poor book and I have read better stories written by my children when they were young.

Karen says

I've read all the Agatha Raisin books and enjoyed them but this one really was a waste of time. It took less than 5 minutes to read with not even a half decent storyline. It really wasn't worth downloading or reading and it would have been better to have included it at the end of a book rather than release it as a standalone. It certainly wouldn't put me off reading any more Agatha Raisin but I would stay clear of the freebie short stories in future!

Ria says

A very quick read of just a few minutes really but a lovely little story.

When a lady of a bullying and dictatorial nature is found hung in a belfry after annoying her neighbours and the villagers with her domineering ways and her persistent bell ringing suspicion automatically falls on the lady who challenged her to cut down bell ringing rehearsal and who threatened to kill her if she didn't but is the case as cut and dried as it seems?

Gail says

This was a VERY short book, but made me giggle. Agatha Raisin is hired to investigate the death of a village woman who had embraced the art of bell-ringing (much to the outrage of one lady in particular) and is found hanging from one of the church bells.
