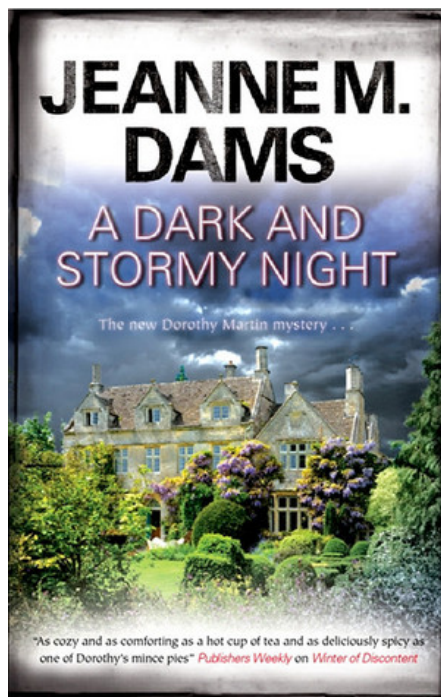




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When Dorothy Martin and her husband, retired Chief Constable Alan Nesbitt, are invited to a country house weekend, they expect nothing more explosive than the Guy Fawkes fireworks. Having read every Agatha Christie ever written, Dorothy should have known better. Rendered isolated and incommunicado by the storm, Dorothy and Alan nevertheless manage to work out what in the world has been happening at ancient Branstons Abbey.

A Dark And Stormy Night Details

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Oswego Public Library District says

With a nod to Agatha Christie, Jeanne Dams gives readers *A Dark and Stormy Night*, the tenth in her Dorothy Martin series. Dorothy and her husband are invited to a historic English Abbey to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night, however a bad storm blows through stranding the guests at the party. Trapped on the premises, Dorothy and her husband are soon investigating old skeletons, missing persons, and dead bodies. Who among the party guests is the culprit? That's up to Dorothy Martin to find out. *A Dark and Stormy Night* is a character-driven contained mystery. Jeanne Dams writes in a conversational way that creates characters that are likeable and chatty. - JM

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Jacqueline Corcoran says

Jeanne Dams authors a long-standing cozy mystery series about Dorothy Martin, an elderly American elderly sleuth who lives in England with her British ex-detective husband. In her fifteenth installment, *A Dark and Stormy Night*, Jeanne Dams employs the classic English manor setting in which a snowstorm keeps the guests all housebound while old – and then new – murders are discovered.

Though I enjoyed reading the story, I found it confusing at times, especially the connection between the two bodies in the past and the murders and mishaps in the present. The ending was somewhat predictable and I admit to figuring out “who done it,” but, in all, I enjoyed the classic "ten little Indians" set-up and the relationship between sleuth and her husband; it is refreshing to see an older couple that still have passion for each other.

I was so pleased to see that Jeanne Dams came out with this latest mystery after a long gap in her Dorothy Martin series. I am also glad to see that she has been adopted by Severn House, which specializes in mysteries that are no longer being picked up by the big six New York houses. I am looking forward to reading the next Dorothy Martin installment, which I have noticed just came out this year.

Reviewed by Jacqueline Corcoran
Author, *A Month of Sundays*, *Backlit*, and *Time Witch*

Diane says

Loved this book, what should have been a long weekend in the country in a lovely old mansion with friends turned out to be a nightmare. A major storm with high winds and nonstop downpours. The worst storm they had in years destroyed the gardens and almost all the trees. No heat no electric flooding and a destroyed bridge. No one can get in or out.

Damaskcat says

Dorothy Martin and her husband Alan Nesbitt are invited to a country house weekend at atmospheric Branston Abbey. They're looking forward to a relaxing break but the weekend coincides with a violent storm and the Abbey is damaged as well as being cut off from the surrounding countryside by floods and by a power cut which lasts for days. When Dorothy discovers a skeleton in the grounds revealed by the uprooting of a large oak tree it seems they have stepped into an Agatha Christie type mystery.

This is quite a dark cosy mystery with danger threatening from all sides and further murders and accidents reducing the suspects. I failed completely to work out who was responsible though the clues were there. I thought the plot was very well done and the claustrophobic atmosphere was well created. The author really did convey how much we rely on modern conveniences such as electricity, phones and the internet.

My only complaint about the book was something which many American authors get wrong with crime novels set in the UK Barristers are not solicitors and a barrister would not carry out property conveyancing work. That said, the confusion was a minor part of the book and it didn't spoil my enjoyment of the story. This book is number ten in the Dorothy Martin series though the books can be read in any order.

Katherine says

This was a perfect little gem of an English country house mystery.

Julie Durnell says

This was my first Dorothy Martin mystery and it won't be the last! I loved this traditional English manor mystery, not overly clichéd, actually kept my interest very well. The mansion description made me want to explore right along with house party guests. Dorothy is a darling, albeit a cosseted one by her ever-loving husband, their relationship is almost too perfect! The cast of characters were portrayed so well, right down to the "servants" Mr John Bates and his wife, Rose. I plan on going back with the first Dorothy book *Body in the Transept* to get a better background on her, but this was an excellent stand-alone!

Sandra A Prickett says

I have recently read another book by this author. I find her to be intricate in details dropping slight hints about the perpetrator and then taking you on a totally new idea and thought to explore. Really puts your detective skills to use. Plan on reading more of these

Linda says

I loved Jeanne M. Dams' Dorothy Martin series, set in England, and was delighted to find this one that I missed reading at the time it was published. Dorothy is an older woman, an American, who moved to England and is now married to Alan Nesbitt, a retired British police Chief officer. The books are cozy mysteries and delightful to read.

Dorothy and Alan are invited to a restored historic ancient abbey in the country for a week-end to celebrate

Guy Fawkes Day. So the scene is set for a classic English manor house mystery with some eccentric characters. As Dorothy herself says, the week-end and abbey is straight out of an Agatha Christie. Dorothy and Alan only know one set of guests- their friends Tom and Lynn. A storm of epic proportions destroys a bridge that is the only access to the property and the week-end turns into a case of survival, especially when two dead bodies from the past turn up, someone is murdered, and others go missing.

Hapzydeco says

Setting her tale in old abbey which is isolated by a storm, Jeanne Dams weaves a satisfying mystery. Dorothy Martin and her husband retired Chief Constable Alan Nesbitt play well off each other as they lead the reader to the culprits.

Antoinette says

Expat Dorothy Martin and her husband, retired Chief Constable Alan Nesbitt, are invited to a country house for the Guy Fawkes weekend. Dorothy and the other guests are stranded by a slightly unbelievable storm, setting them up for a classic British country house mystery. A body is found among the roots of a fallen oak tree, a guest is murdered and another disappears. Isolated and unable to communicate with the outside world Dorothy and Alan must investigate.

Bev says

I started off my 2013 reading with a fun, little cozy mystery by Jeanne M. Dams. Jeanne is from Indiana, just like me. And, like me, she has read British mysteries all her life and has an affinity for all things British. As she says in her bio on her web page:

I knew it was unlikely I could ever afford to live in a lovely little seventeenth-century cottage somewhere in Kent or Sussex—but if I created a character who did just that, I could live her life vicariously, and instead of costing me a fortune, that life would actually make me some money. Such a deal! Thus was born Dorothy Martin, who is essentially my alter-ego, though she's named after my favorite cousin. She appeared first in a short story I wrote many, many years ago. It has never been published, but Dorothy waited patiently in the wings, and when the idea for her first book came into my head, there she was, ready to take center stage.

A Dark and Stormy Night is the tenth book in the Dorothy Martin series. Dorothy, an American living in England, and her husband, retired Chief Constable Alan Nesbitt, are invited to the typical country house weekend at an isolated spot in rural Kent. There will be a mixture of guests and a Guy Fawkes celebration with fireworks. It sounds like a lovely weekend get-away. But Dorothy's long acquaintance with every Agatha Christie novel ever written should have prepared her....

A violent storm cuts off their only road to outside world--as well as destroying power and telephone lines. As the house party tries to clear trees that have come down and blocked their exit, Dorothy discovers a skeleton lodged in the roots of one of the trees. Another old body will be found, one of their number will be murdered, and two others will disappear before Dorothy and Alan can discover what ancient secrets are affecting the guests of Branston Abbey.

This is a fun and light read. No heavy lifting in the mystery department and lots of references to Agatha Christie can be found. The clues are all there and a sharp-eyed reader should be able to get to the bottom of the mystery about the same time that Dorothy and Alan do. I really enjoy the character of Dorothy. She may be part of the older generation, but she's definitely an independent woman and doesn't let Alan wrap her in cotton wool. Perhaps she gets into more adventures than your average senior citizen might--but it's all in good fun and her body count is still less than Jessica Fletcher's. Three stars for a nice cozy mystery.

I'd left this series alone for quite a while and I'm glad that the 2013 Book Bingo Challenge has encouraged me read this series again. I plan on reading the next two books as well to fulfill the "Read 3 Books That Are Part of a Series" square.

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Ivonne Rovira says

Author Jeanne M. Dams has written a valentine to those Golden Age house mysteries in which a motley crew is trapped in a stately home, cut off from civilization due to inclement weather, with a murderer.

American ex-pat Dorothy Martin and her English husband Alan Nesbit, retired Chief Constable of the Belleshire Constabulary, accept an invitation to Branston Abbey, a centuries' old manor house in Kent now owned by a very wealthy American couple. A cast of disparate characters have gathered for a lavish Guy Fawkes' Night, but they become trapped by a storm so terrible that the connecting bridge, as well as electricity and telephone lines, are swept away. Then the good-natured fun begins, with homages to the Golden Age detective greats in general and, in particular, to Aaron Elkins' Gideon Oliver and to Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* and V.C. Clinton-Baddeley's *My Foe Outstretch'd Beneath The Tree*. There's even a tip of the hat to P.G. Wodehouse's Jeeves. Plus, needless to say, the very title honors Lord Edward Bulwer-Lytton.

Longtime fans will love this clever novel, but newbies will find that they will enjoy *A Dark and Stormy Night* without having read any of its predecessors. But beware: Readers will find Dams' Dorothy Martin series as irresistible as the plump Mrs. Martin finds scones and clotted cream served with some hot tea.

Patyl says

My first time tackling a Dorothy Martin mystery novel and I LOVED it. The couple dynamics of Dorothy and Alan is lovely, both being witty and alert. They complement one another. The mystery itself is interesting as it takes us back in history set in England's country side chateau scenery with servant and butler scenery. Murders & plot dating from 50 years ago to modern days. Light read. Recommended.

Ellen says

5.0 out of 5 stars A Mystery lovers book., April 20, 2014

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"A Dark and Stormy Night" by Jeanne Dams.

Dorothy Martin and her husband Alan Nesbitt (ret. Chief Constable) are invited to the friends country estate Branston Abbey.

An array of friends, relatives, an au pair that know the mansion inside out and back again, an American photographer, A woman solicitor, the original owner of the estate as well as the local Vicar. The scene is set for a lovely week-end in an old British Mansion when a horrific storm threatens the very foundation of the Branston Abbey.

This is not just another mystery ...it's the very reason so many of us mystery lovers take joy in reading. This author, Jeanne Dams, knew exactly the setting and the circumstances that would have us at the edge of our seats. Interesting, exciting and intense with relationships woven in the midst. Excellently written and highly recommended.

Bonnie says

Dorothy Martin and her husband retired Chief Constable Alan Nesbitt are invited to a country house weekend at a beautifully restored old mansion. It is Guy Fawkes Day and a huge fireworks display is promised. Thirteen guests arrive at the mansion and enjoy touring the house and a dinner of consommé julienne, sole Bonne Femme, chicken in a creamy cheese sauce and perfectly cooked vegetables, followed by the salad course and orange soufflé. Their room is authentic Tudor with paneled oak walls, stone fireplace, and wide oak flooring. Everything is perfect until Dorothy awakens during the night to a roaring wind. The next morning they discover total chaos: an ancient oak tree had fallen in the old cloister destroying everything, all the mature trees had been obliterated, the river surrounding the mansion had flooded, and they were without electricity and cell phone service. They were completely cut off from everything.

The novel details the absolute destruction of the mansion and just when things are at the worst, a skeleton is discovered under a tree that had been uprooted. The action to save themselves is mesmerizing and the conclusion a surprise.
