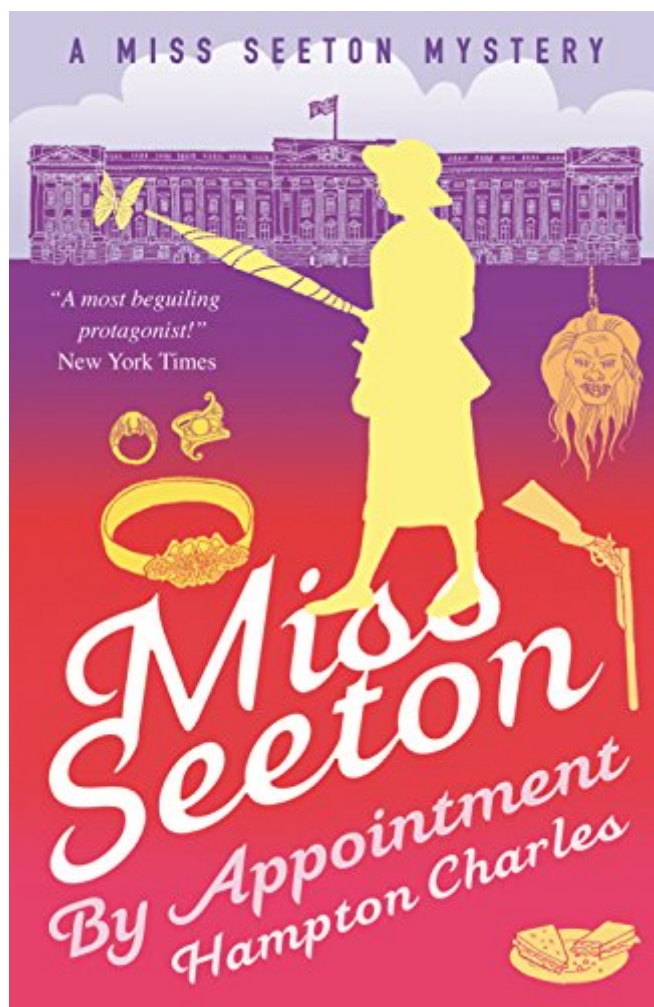


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Miss Seeton, By Appointment (A Miss Seeton Mystery Book 6)



Synopsis

Who should be hobnobbing with the great and the good at a Buckingham Palace garden party but little Miss Emily Seeton, retired teacher and artistic sleuth. It seems there may be a traitor amongst HM's faithful retainers. But while Miss Seeton is viewing shrunken heads and other royal treasures with Sir Wormelow Tump, a plan is being hatched by a titled crook to steal valuables of a different kind – a fabulous set of Lalique jewelry. So the battling broly must make the most of her royal appointment and literally – use her head – to save the day. Serene amidst every kind of skullduggery, this eccentric English spinster steps in where Scotland Yard stumbles, armed with nothing more than her sketchpad and umbrella!

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Customer Reviews

Got the first one on kindle unlimited and paid for the rest. Lots of fun, good clean old fashioned mystery with great characters. One of the books had a little lax moral tone but the rest are fine. Not great literature but I don't find myself thinking "oh you dummy, don't do that" which is the case with a lot of newer mysteries. Like "don't you realize if someone killed already they aren't going to be kind to you"! Duh!

Miss Seeton is flustered by an invitation to Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Naturally, the Queen will never be the same. Actually, the queen only makes a brief appearance in the book, but Miss Seeton is involved in affairs of state and helps her good friends, the Colvedens, protect some fabulous art treasures from a thief. It starts when the Secret Service enlist her unknowing help to investigate a member of the royal household, an art curator in the palace. But it soon grows into an investigation into jewel thieves, the art world, and a blackmailer. Nigel Colveden's latest crush is the much publicised Marigold Naseby, high fashion model, coming to stay with the Colvedens and be photographed wearing some of their famous collection of Lalique jewelry. But Marigold has a secret. Miss Seeton decides to help the girl, and chaos naturally ensues. A very funny book. I really loved the ending. Various local police officers and Scotland yard all face off against the criminal, but only Miss Seeton can really save the day.

Hampton Charles continues the tradition of Miss Seeton started by Heron Carvic in this book. Once again Miss Seeton is in fine style, brought in from the sidelines by Scotland Yard to do her part in thwarting a theft. We have a lovely damsel in distress, Wendy Smith newly created as high fashion model • Marigold Naseby • who has been crowned the new Lalique Lady and is scheduled for a lofty fashion shooting by celebrated photographer Cedric Benbow (Miss Seeton's school chum, Clive Bennett). But she is targeted by the villainous Sir Sebastian Prothero, and blackmailed into a forced theft of Lalique jewelry. We meet memorably-named characters Wormelow Tump and Ferencz Szabo AKA Frank Taylor, introduced in a previous story--although it seems to me their characters are different in this one? Also, Bob Ranger and the lovely Anne are still engaged in this book, although I believe their wedding was described in (the previous?) book, Advantage Miss Seeton. But no matter. This is a splendid story, meticulously crafted. The climactic scene where Sir Sebastian gets his well-deserved comeuppance is as exquisitely choreographed as any Busby Berkeley musical. Miss Seeton and her team are so magnificent; one almost feels sorry for the hapless villain. Oh--an added bonus. In the course of the story, Miss Seeton is invited to a Buckingham Palace garden party, where OF COURSE she has a personal meeting with Her Majesty. Great fun, and most enjoyable reading. My thanks to the publisher and NetGalley for making this book available for me to read and review. Once again, my pleasure!

Emily Seeton is a delightful, bumbling, scatterbrained Marple. However, where Miss MARPLE uses her wits and powers of deduction to solve mysteries, Emily Seeton stumbles into troublesome

situations and crimes, saving the day almost singlehandedly, using nothing more than her artistic skills combined with intuition. Most of the time she leaves chaos in her wake while impressing and bewildering Scotland Yard as well as her close friends. In this novel, she is able to gain the confidence of a young model which enables her to help foil an attempted jewel theft as well as an attempt on her life. How she does these things is both humorous and intriguing. ...By Appointment is another enjoyable and lighthearted book in the Miss Seeton series.

I was lucky to receive an ARC from the publisher in return for an honest review. The adventures of Miss Emily Seeton are wonderful! You could read the book as a stand alone but I prefer to read them in order. Somehow, Miss Seeton and a few of the other characters manage to save the day, whether she means to or not. Miss Ess is fantastic, she is smart and funny, full of energy and surprises, and she always manages to get the upper hand on the criminal at large in the most unusual ways. She is just someone that things happen to and she is always trying to do what she thinks is right, and in the meantime often causes the criminal to do themselves in. Her skills are truly unique, as she has been hired by Scotland Yard as an artist, she is really retained as a clairvoyant. Her observations tip the police off while her seemingly clumsy accidents finish the job. The sweet older woman has earned the respect of several different officers with her increasing track record and ability to keep a cool head when faced with danger. This book is so much fun and she even gets to meet the Queen by accident.

The good thing about this series is that each book has enough explanations of prior events to make it comfortably stand-alone. But, oh, what you are missing in the richness and depth of characters oft revisited if you are not enjoying the stories in order! For some reason the numbering of the series got switched about some time back so if you are reading in order, this comes AFTER "Advantage Miss Seeton" and BEFORE "Miss Seeton at the Helm." This particular plot is top-notch with clever twists and an insight into the villain as he plots his dastardly deeds, interweaving an invitation to Buckingham Palace for Miss Seeton and the Colvedons with a jewel heist at the Colvedon's house. Many old friends make appearances and we meet new friends as well, visiting Carnaby Street (if you are not old enough to remember The Beatles, check them out on Youtube and consider this book to be time travel) and contrasting fashions of the '60s-70s with proper Court dress. Just the necessary break from the rigors of 21st Century life!

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