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With the help of some unsavory associates, Mrs. Pargeter investigates the bizarre death of the recently widowed Joyce Dover, tracing Joyce's supposedly dead husband from South America, to England, to Corfu.

## Mrs. Pargeter's Package Details

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### Vic Lauterbach says

Simon Brett is always entertaining and this series is no exception. I prefer his 'normal' novels (like the Feathering series) to his parodies (like the Blotto and Twinks series) because in the latter he gets carried away with silliness. Too much of that doesn't mix well with detection (when I want silliness at its best, I just reread a Wodehouse novel). In this one, he serves up a clever plot and characters who get the job done even if they aren't all memorable. Mrs. Pargeter falls into this category. She's not a great character, but she's likable and effective. Best of all, she's no Miss Marple clone, but a forceful lady who makes the most of her late husband's criminal associates. With decent supporting characters and an interesting case, this is a solid amateur sleuth outing. The only weakness is an ending that's a bit too neat. I may not read this entire series, but I can recommend this one to anyone who likes the genre.

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### cg says

I enjoy the books I have read by Simon Brett. A little Miss Marple type with a little humor. I am sure I will continue to look for other titles from this author.

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### Rob Smith says

I found this book not written well but with a very good mystery. This is another Simon Brett I haven't cared for. Judging by the reviews, I'm missing something. I find the main character uneven. Inconsistent dialogue, internal and external. It's rare for me to read a book and find the main character hard to understand.

Not connecting to the main character had the rest of the book hard to connect to. I wasn't nutty about any of the characters. I found all of them to be very loose or stereotyped. This made the rest of the book tough to get through. Brett certainly wrote a lot about the main, supporting and minor characters, but I found all of that writing to be empty.

The plotting is well done and, as written above, a very good mystery included. The writing putting it all together is just not strong enough to me to make the whole work.

This would have been an outstanding book in different hands. Though, in view of other reviewers, I am in a minority.

Bottom line: I don't recommend this book. 4 out of 10 points.

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### Elizabeth says

All of the wit of a classic Mrs. Pargeter mystery was in full swing - but this plot left me a little unsatisfied. I think I will take a break before heading to book #4 and hope that the author returns to the excellent mysteries

of "A Nice Class of Corpse" and "Mrs., Presumed Dead".

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### **Orinoco Womble (tidy bag and all) says**

A better read than the first two Pargeter novels. The characters are more credible, and I've lowered my expectations of Brett as a novelist and taken it for what it is--a mild divertissement. Many of the characters in this installment are so two-dimensional they don't even have names (such as the Blonde Secretaries); Mr Brett enjoys dealing with The British Stereotype. The plot is a bit better woven, though the reader of course is streets ahead of Mrs P. this time.

Mrs P's Cofu holiday starts out looking like it might be dire: a depressed travelling companion, a horrendous package holiday peopled with cardboard cutouts, and a taverna that doesn't bill you till the end of your stay (when you won't quibble, just so you can get back home). Excitement begins when she sleeps far too deeply and wakes up sans roomie--or rather, with only the roomie's inanimate corpse. Of course Mrs P. takes it upon herself to clear up the mystery, with the help of a couple of her husband's old friends who "would give their lives for her if necessary." (Yeah, yeah. Mr Brett does enjoy stretching the point about "honour among thieves" ...apparently he doesn't know that even a dead don is...dead and gone.) Entertaining, and the resolution of the mystery if not credible is at least acceptable, but again the "get me out of this" denouement is classic patched-on "finish it quickly" Brett. It's an okay read, if you don't expect Dorothy Sayers or even Dick Francis quality.

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### **Richard says**

This series has really grown on me. I can't claim that they're great mysteries or insightful novels, but they are a lot of fun and I greatly enjoy spending a few hours in Mrs Pargeter's company.

(Brett does a great job reading his novels on audiobook, so if you're into those I especially recommend this series.)

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### **Imjussayin says**

Mrs Pargeter's Package: Mrs Pargeter Series Book 3

Mrs Melitta Pargeter is the widow of the late Mr Pargeter, who left her well off. Mrs P is not upper class, but she is respectable. Mrs P also inherited his little black book [LBB]. Mr Pargeter kept his business below the radar. Whenever Mrs Pargeter has an inquiry, she uses the LBB to contact the best ~~criminals~~ people with the relevant expertise for help.

The Plot: Mrs Pargeter and her friend Joyce, who has been recently widowed, take a package holiday to Corfu. Mrs P carries a package for Joyce. One night they are out enjoying themselves, well as much as the depressed Joyce can, the next morning Joyce is dead. The authorities say it is suicide Mrs P says it is murder!

Melitta Pargeter is a refreshing and amusing older sleuth. Her character is evident in her exploits, the dear lady enjoys swimming in her bikini in this one. We meet more 'characters' from the late Mr P's business

career, and Brett has captured the spirit of Corfu (for the time)

The storylines have improved as I expected they would with time.

It is a well-written book with a different type of 'Holmes and Watson'. It is a quick and easy cosy read.

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### Book Rating

Sexual Content: U

Language: U

Violent: U

Would I read the next one ~~or reread~~?: Yes

My rating system (\* = star)

0\* Could not finish this book (waste of time)

1\* Finished the book but didn't like it.

2\* Finished the book it was okay.

3\* A good read worth your time.

4\* An excellent read often with a novel concept or unusual plot.

5\* A magnificent read. A prominent example of the genre.

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### Cathy says

Listened to in an audio format. Read by the author with wonderful different voices. A lovely British whodunit that I enjoyed while doing the Saturday housework. Now if I can just find the others in this series on audio.

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### Carol says

I liked the characters in this book - Mrs Pargeter a feisty 60 year old lady who solves the mystery of her friend's death and even the reason behind it. And all the quirky characters from her husband's checkered past. The story reminded me a little of Miss Marple stories.

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### Christine Cody says

In #3 of this very entertaining series, Mrs. Pargeter heads to Greece for a relaxing fortnight with her newly widowed friend. Soon she is deeply embroiled in investigating a murder, with no help from the local authorities. In fact, she seems to encounter a wall of silence from all directions as she tries to determine the truth. But thanks to the great loyalty the late Mr. Pargeter inspired among his colleagues, Melita soon gets all the assistance she needs -- in Greece, back in London, and traveling between the two. Simon Brett is a wonder. In his three mystery series, he has created five lovable, but very realistic, amateur detectives. I never tire of reading any of them.

### Clare says

I just love Simon Brett novels. This was entertaining, well-written and a decent mystery to boot. I enjoyed the descriptions of Greece as well.

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### Lucy Takeda says

I would actually rate this 3.5. It's a rather cozy amble through crime, with a widow in her 60's whose husband had interesting business associates. A friend asks Mrs. P. to join her on a package tour of Corfu. The friend ends up dead. The police officer in charge insists it was a suicide. However, Mrs.P. is certain her luggage was searched, and there is a mysterious bottle the friend had her carry. A fairly enjoyable light read.

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### Mary says

I really enjoyed this book. I didn't expect it to because the only other Mrs. Pargeter's series book I had Read, I did not like. But this one was quite an interesting plot.

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### Rachelle Ayala says

I listened to the audiobook, but it was hard to follow the mystery, so while it was interesting with local color and Mrs. Pargeter's friend HRH, I didn't really even know what was in the package!

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### Bill says

I've read books from other series by Simon Brett; 3 of the Fethering books and one of the Charles Paris books. I enjoyed both series so have been looking to try the Mrs. Pargeter mysteries and have just finished the third book in the series, Mrs. Pargeter's Package. Overall, I preferred the other series but I still liked this book. It was cozy, light and entertaining.

Melita Pargeter is a 60ish widow. Her husband was a successful businessman, some of his methods may have been less than legal. But he also had many friends and it seems that they feel an obligation to support Melita due to their working with her hubbie.

Melita is taking a trip to Corfu, the Greek Island, with a friend, Joyce, who is trying to get over the death of her husband. There is a mystery here. Joyce is looking for something in Corfu and she ends up dead. The local police officer says it was suicide but after looking the situation over, Melita feels that it was murder. With the help of Larry Lambeth, a fellow pretty good at forgery, Melita searches for clues to Joyce's death. Back in London, detective Truffler Mason and wheeler dealer Hamish Ramon Henriques (HRH), help Mrs. Pargeter look into deaths and other clues that might help.

It wasn't a complex story but it moved along nicely and it kept me interested. Call it light and fluffy and a fun read. (3 stars)

