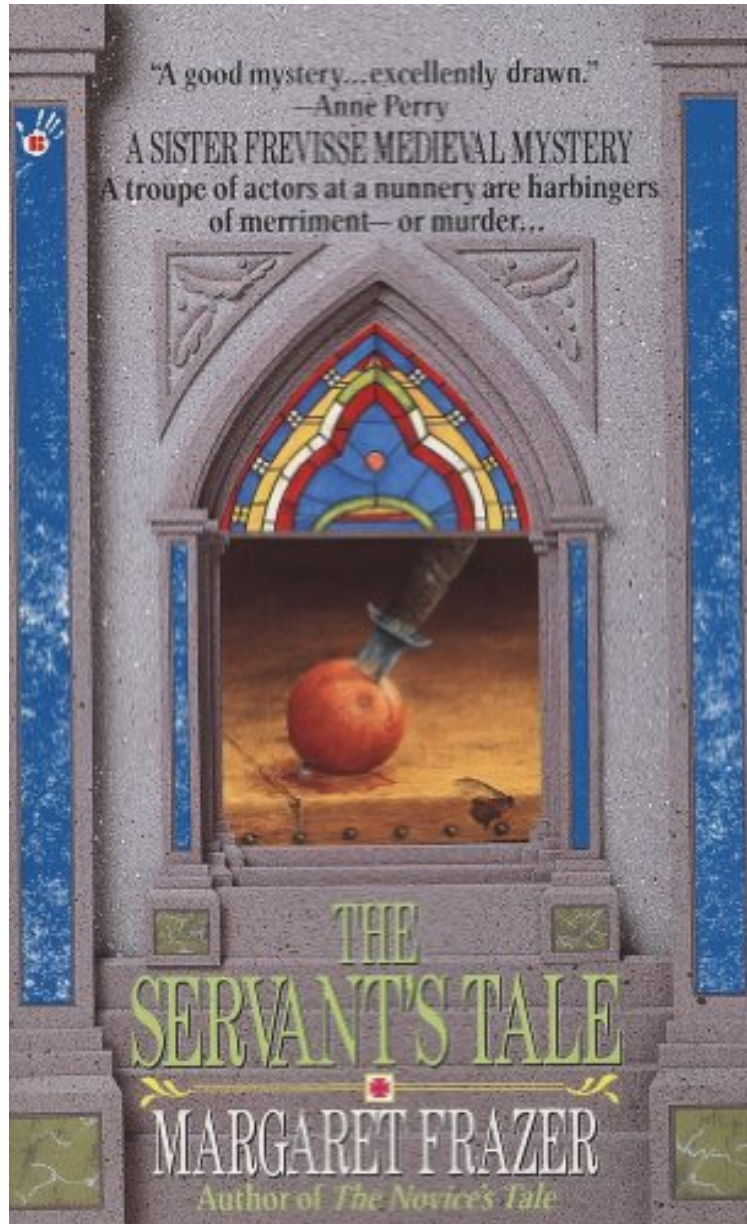


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Von Margaret Frazer : The Servant's Tale (A Dame Frevisse Mystery) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Servant's Tale (A Dame Frevisse Mystery):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

Traveling Actors meet murder and prejudice in the cloister. Von Ein Kunde Margaret Frazer has done her research well as she guides us through the medieval landscape of traveling Players, the ordeal of patronage and prejudice, murder and mayhem in village and cloister. The reader is there in 15th century England, cold, fearful, hungry, but soon warmed, and well fed through the kindness and Benedictine ethics of the Sisters. The 20th century does not intrude here except in the discovery that people are universally the same: good, silly, corrupt, flawed no matter what time frame in which they might have lived. Murder is murder, but here, with a lively twist. The incisive, wise Sister Frevisse carefully asserts her strength, protecting the players. Why? She collects the facts overcoming all impediments and finally, is amazed, herself, when the truth of the murders is revealed. Terrific read, excellent research into the period and in the realistic portrait she paints of wandering theatre troupes. A book with authentic historical information combined with a page turning mystery. Read it and you will be eager to consume the rest of her work too!

Kurzbeschreibung THE PLAY'S THE THING, TO CATCH THE CONSCIENCE OF A KILLER... The Christmas season brings strange guests to the medieval nunnery of St. Frideswide's when a troupe of penniless players comes knocking at the gate. They bear with them the badly mangled body of a villager, swearing they found the drunken fool lying in a ditch. But Meg, the victim's wife and a scullery maid of the cloister, thinks there are far fouler deeds afoot. As the players rehearse for the nativity, ancient scandals lick at their heels and dark desperation haunts Meg's steps as she finds cruel feudal laws threatening to strip away the lands that would support both her and her sons in the wake of her husband's death. Dame Frevisse must thrust herself between these violent feuds, awakening dreams of her youth that she had believed long buried. Her very faith may be threatened, but Frevisse knows she must unravel a path to true salvation... before false raptures of lust bring ruination upon them all. NOMINATED FOR THE 1994 EDGAR AWARD PRAISE FOR THE SERVANT'S TALE "Period detail, adroit characterizations, and lively dialogue add to the pleasure of this labyrinthine tale." -Publishers Weekly "This mystery is so rich with place and time that they become characters in the story. Dame Frevisse is a stalwart, appealing sleuth and the cold, dark priory and the squalor of Medieval England are fascinating backdrops." -New Orleans Times-Picayune "The writing is seamless... The atmosphere of the book is cold and blustery, danger afield. A well-steeped sense of history prevails... They make this novel more than a mystery, but a wonderful historical dark tapestry. We are transported back to the 14th century. One of the 10 best mystery novels of 1993." -Minneapolis Star Tribune "I look forward to more murders at St. Frideswide." -The Mystery "Frazer never falters in this magnificent historical... This is a perfect mystery: It's flawless." -Drood of Mystery PRAISE FOR THE SISTER FREVISSE MEDIEVAL MYSTERY SERIES "Exciting writing, colorful characters, and historical accuracy." -St. Paul Pioneer Press "Tale[s] of mystery, intrigue, jealousy and ambition, well drawn, well paced, and a pleasure to read." -Historical Novels "The series gets better and better as it goes along." -Grounds for Mystery