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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Although *A Certain Justice* begins with news of a murder, the victim isn't set to die for another four weeks. Publicly respected but privately loathed, Venetia Aldridge has far more enemies than a brilliant London criminal lawyer should--and at least one of them is determined to do her in. Venetia plies her superior trade in courts that harbor "the illusion that the passions of men were susceptible to order and control," but her past and private life are exceedingly unruly. Her married lover is intent on giving her up; her daughter loathes her; her fellow barristers are determined that she not become the next head of chambers. Even the cleaning women seems to have something on her.

The outline alone of this complex novel would take pages (as would the eclectic inventory of players), but P. D. James makes us admire far more than her brilliantly developed plot. James in fact creates a crowded gallery of surprisingly decent suspects, along with one suitably vile creature--who happens to be Aldridge's last client.

A superior murder mystery, *A Certain Justice* is also a gripping anatomy of wild justice. James's characters can be overcome by hate, but she is equally concerned with love's manifestations--human, divine, destructive, and healing.

From School Library Journal

YA?Venetia Aldridge, a brilliant barrister, has "four weeks, four hours and fifty minutes left of life." By the time her murder is discovered, readers have not only met most of the suspects, but have also begun to sympathize with whomever might have done her in. Everyone in the victim's life, from her 18-year-old daughter to the retiring head of chambers, from her former lover to the cleaning woman, has cause to have wished her ill. Adam Dalgleish, James's poetry penning sleuth, and his assistants, especially Kate Miskin, investigate the many possible suspects. After much examination of the past and present, the murderer is discovered and *A Certain Justice* is meted out. As with many of the author's mysteries, psychology and motivation are as important as whodunit and the conundrum presented here is thought-provoking. Much of the action centers around the rebellious daughter and there is a suspense-filled scene in which she and her psychopathic boyfriend try to evade Dalgleish, only to have young Octavia discover that she needs to evade the boyfriend instead. YAs who enjoy James and those ready for a bit of a fright with their English mysteries will surely take to this adventure. Susan H. Woodcock, Kings Park Library, Burke, VA

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From Library Journal

Previously released in unabridged format by Random House and narrated by Michael Jayston (Audio Reviews, LJ 2/1/98), this version features Simon Prebble, the maestro of the audiobook market. In this taut, riveting mystery, Adam Dalgliesh is called in to investigate the grotesque murder of a distinguished Inner Temple trial lawyer. Well-defined and intense personalities of the main characters and knowledge of the British justice system make this latest Dalgliesh novel realistic. It showcases James's ability to portray many diverse characters and keep the listener captivated until the last word. Though either version will be a sure winner with mystery fans, the Recorded Books version is blessed with the talented Prebble.

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