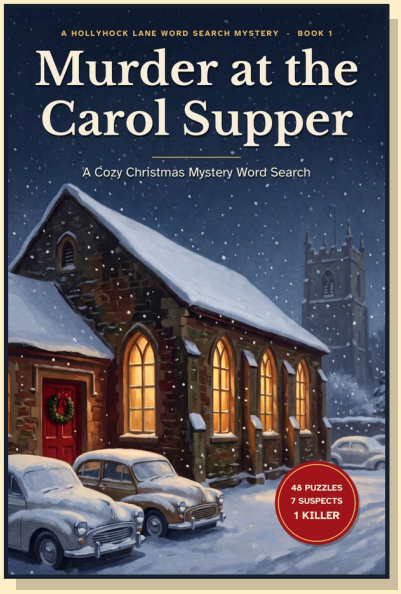
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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

How to Solve

Every chapter is one spread: the story on the left, the puzzle on the right.

1. **Read the chapter.** Edith notices small things. So should you.
2. **Find the evidence.** Circle each word from the list in the grid. In Part One, words run across, down, and diagonally down to the right. In Part Two they can also run backwards and upwards. In Part Three they can run in any of the eight directions. Spaces, hyphens and apostrophes are left out of the grid: DOCTOR'S CAR is hidden as DOCTORSCAR. The time at the top of each story is when Edith is thinking it through.
3. **Spot the missing item.** One thing on every list is not in the grid at all. Write it in the Missing Item blanks. The story always mentions it, so keep an eye out.
4. **Read the hidden clue.** When every word is circled, read the letters you did not circle, row by row from the top left. They spell a clue. Write it in the blanks.
5. **Fill in Edith's Notebook.** One letter of each clue sits in a box. Copy it into the numbered box in Edith's Notebook at the back. When the notebook is full, it tells you something important.
6. **Cross off the suspects.** When a clue clears someone, cross them off the board at the foot of the story page.

Stuck? Each puzzle has three hints at the back, from a gentle nudge to a strong one. The full grid solutions follow the hints.

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CHAPTER 1 · 8:05 P.M.

Carols at the Village Hall



It had snowed since noon, and by eight o'clock the wind had drifted it deep across Hollyhock Lane, and the carol supper at the village hall had become a party nobody could leave. Edith Pennywhistle, the village librarian for forty-one years, had counted the guests the way she once counted overdue books.

Then the lights came on after "Silent Night", and Nell Briggs went into the cloakroom to fetch the mince pies. Her scream stopped every conversation in the room.

Mr Albert Crane lay among the wet coats. The gold chain across his waistcoat hung loose. His pocket watch was gone.

"He must have slipped," said Major Hollis, a little too quickly.

Edith said nothing. Caught in the wool of Mr Crane's scarf was something small that glinted in the lamplight, and it told her more than the Major ever would.

SUSPECTS Cross off anyone the clues rule out.

- ☐ **Major Hollis** — retired Army major
- ☐ **Nell Briggs** — baker and hall caretaker
- ☐ **Violet Ashby** — postmistress
- ☐ **Dorothy Finch** — choir leader
- ☐ **Dr Ambrose Lee** — village doctor
- **VICTIM** **Albert Crane** — owner of the hall
- ☐ **Reverend Pike** — the vicar
- ☐ **Percy Crane** — Crane's nephew and heir

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CHAPTER 1 · PUZZLE 1 EASY

The Cloakroom

One thing on this list is not in the grid. Edith noticed it too.

O L N E M L E D I T H
V I L L A G E H A L L
E B S W J G L F O G O
R R N D O U L L N U O
D A O D R O H I I E S
U R W C H I L G N S E
E I S M O A F H T T C
B A T F L A I T V S H
O N O E L P T S E A A
O S R T I E I S G D I
K H M T S C R E A M N

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- ☐ COATS
- ☐ DRIFTED
- ☐ EDITH
- ☐ GLINT
- ☐ GUESTS
- ☐ LIBRARIAN
- ☐ LIGHTS
- ☐ LOOSE CHAIN
- ☐ MAJOR HOLLIS
- ☐ OVERDUE BOOK
- ☐ POCKET WATCH
- ☐ SCREAM
- ☐ SNOWSTORM
- ☐ VILLAGE HALL
- ☐ WOOL

HIDDEN CLUE Leftover letters, row by row:

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Answer: Puzzle 1, The Cloakroom

1. The Cloakroom



Missing: POCKET WATCH · Notebook: P in box 18
Clue: NELL FOUND HIM AT FIVE PAST EIGHT

In the book, every answer grid shows the missing item, the letter for Edith's Notebook and the hidden clue. Three hints for every puzzle are at the back, too.

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