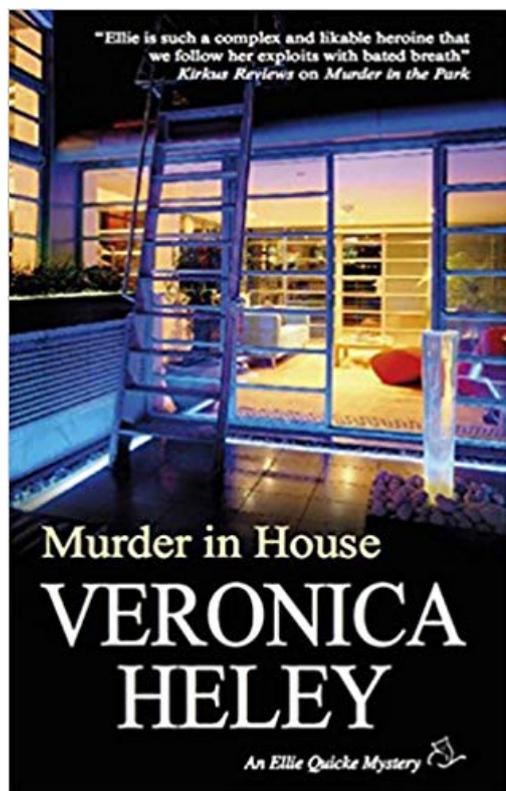


## Murder in House (Ellie Quicke Mysteries) by Veronica Heley



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Ellie Quicke is back - Ellie and her new husband Thomas are called to deal with student Ursula, who has staged a sit-in at church. Ursula challenges Ellie to solve three mysteries: a broken engagement, a disappearance and a death. As she investigates, Ellie suspects there is more to these events than anyone is admitting. Soon she finds her own friends and family targeted, as a powerful group hunts her down . . .



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**Steelraven**

Ellie Quicke life changed in the last book, MURDER IN THE PARK which I have not read. I like the way this tale is changing and looking forward to following Ellie 's new life. Ellie is now married to Father Thomas and they are living in the Victorian mansion. Ellie has promised Diana to turned over

her home for her to live. Thomas is called to a church to remove a young girl, Ursula from the vestry. She tells of a possible murder, a missing person, and a broken engagement. Ellie becomes involved as Ursula asked Ellie to return her to ring to her ex-fiance. There are twists and turns this book takes will keep you involved. I highly recommend this book and series.

### **Malaris**

It is a pity a writer such as Heley is not better known and yet her ability to draw her characters would cause so much embarrassment within families that she would have to hide from those wishing to know who the model for Diana is. It is good thinking that there is no photo of Heley. I know Heley's public expects a murder and Ellie is there to unravel the mystery but the domestic scenes of Ellie were the most enjoyable and not the unravelling of the solution to the murder case which is very competently done, .

### **JoJolar**

I love this series and I am so glad my mother is not around to read it! The cozy's detective and main character is an attractive, plumpish, rich, middle-aged widow with the daughter from hell. (My mother would be calling me to read passages of Diana's behavior.) It's a fun murder mystery with an emphasis on London real estate and housing rehab with the requisite church vicar romance. Heley puts in subtle religious insights with a light hand appreciated by this agnostic.

### **Umor**

One of my favorite mystery authors comes through again. Ellie Quick has come a long way from the downtrodden widow of the first book.

### **Magis**

I always enjoy the Elle Quicke series by Veronica Heley. There have been some big changes in Elle's life since the last book but she is settling in well. A young girl stages a sit in at a church and Thomas engages Elle's help to remove the girl and talk to her. Ursula, the young girl, has a story of murder that was classified as a accident and is very concerned about her missing friend Mia. Elle becomes involved in checking into Ursula's story. What she finds is quite disturbing. I always have thought of this series as British cozies which they are but this book certainly had a harder and frightening edge to it.

The books show the family and friendships of Elle in their daily lives. Elle is a very caring protagonist but has a truly dreadful daughter. The series is a relaxing series and enjoyable. This is a strong book in the series which I feel should be read in order due to the development of the characters except her daughter Diana who hasn't changed at all.

### **Shak**

Ellie Quicke, now married to Father Thomas, has had enough: enough of her architect cousin Roy's fecklessness in business, enough of his wife's helplessness, enough of having to solve everyone's problems -- and especially enough of her bullying, unscrupulous daughter Diana's disreputable antics. Because of this, Ellie almost doesn't investigate a college student's unnerving feeling that one friend's accidental death was really murder and that the other friend's disappearance was ominous. Almost.

In "Murder in House," Ellie soon uncovers the peculiarities surrounding Lloyd's death and Mia Prior's vanishing. Could the abstemious Lloyd really have gotten so drunk that he went over a high-

rise terrace railing? Lloyd's pastor and his friend, Ursula Belton, certainly doesn't believe it. And what about Mia's disappearance without a trace? Shy Mia would never have run off with a strange man, as her stepbrothers maintain.

Veronica Heley makes "Murder in House," the tenth entry in the Ellie Quicke series, the best I've read yet. Suspenseful enough to keep me reading way too late into the night, I truly savored the brilliant ending. Like a chain smoker who lights one cigarette off the previous one, I had to immediately download the next novel, Murder by Mistake, as soon as I'd finished this one. Now that's high praise, indeed!

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