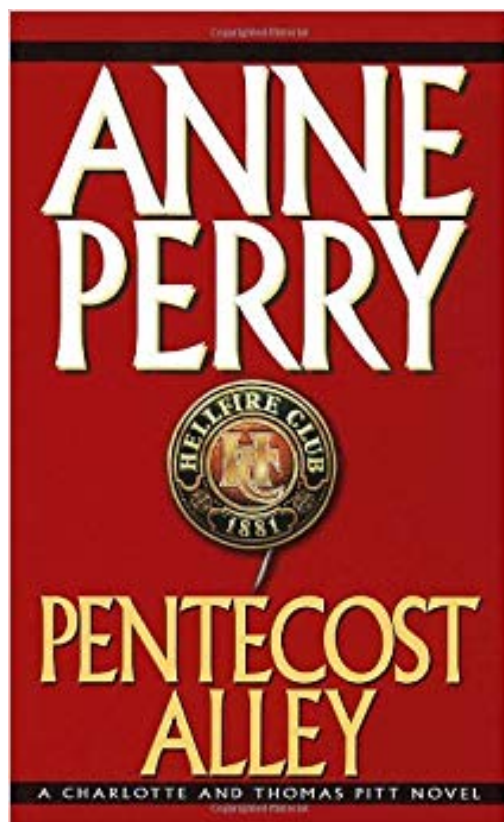


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"DIFFICULT TO PUT DOWN . . . Descriptive, evocative, and always precise . . . The mystery plot is tricky and beautifully paced." *The Virginian-Pilot
The ritual murder of a prostitute named Ada McKinley in a bedroom on decrepit Pentecost Alley would ordinarily occasion no stir in Victoria's great metropolis. But, under the victim's body, the police find a Hellfire Club badge inscribed with the name Finlay Fitzjames--a name that instantly draws Superintendent Thomas Pitt into the case. Finlay's father *immensely wealthy, powerful, and dangerous *refuses to consider the possibility that his son has been in Ada McKinley's bed. The implication is clear: Pitt is to arrest someone other than Finlay Fitzjames for Ada's demise. But Thomas Pitt is not a man to be intimidated, and with the help of his quick-witted wife, Charlotte, he stubbornly pursues his investigation *one that twists and turns like London's own ancient streets. . . . "Stands as one of her most intricately constructed plots . . . Perry packs a triple wallop into the final pages, one climax following another." *Chicago Sun-Times
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Reviews of the **Pentecost Alley (Charlotte & Thomas Pitt Novels)** by Anne Perry

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I have read several of Anne Perry's Charlotte and Thomas Pitt novels and have enjoyed them very much. One gets a good look at the upper and lower classes of London in those novels. I like the characters of Pitt, Charlotte, Emily and Aunt Vespasia and how they help and encourage each other. This one started out as a bit of a disappointment.

A prostitute is found murdered and evidence at the scene points to the son of a rich and powerful man. Pitt is called in to handle the matter with delicacy, and he does. It would seem that soon he has the whole matter wound up to everyone's satisfaction without any help from his wife Charlotte or her sister Emily. That is much different from earlier novels in which the women play a very substantial role in helping Pitt.

But then a radical twist turns everything around. Pitt's very career is in jeopardy and Charlotte and Emily gird their loins and head out to visit bordellos and the seamier sides of London in a desperate bid to aid Pitt (without his knowledge).

I must admit that at this point I could see no solution and the suspense almost drove me to turn to the back of the book to see what possible outcome there could be. I didn't but this novel is certainly a page turner.

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It is the 16th book in a series set in Victorian times following Detective Thomas Pitt. I was give book nine in the series and liked it to much that I have been buying every book in order from one, a couple of month. Now up to 16 in the series, it follows the Pitt family so well it leaves the reader feeling as if they not only know Pitt but his wife, children, sister-in-law and aunt. etc. After reading 16 of these books in the series, I feel like I know that family.

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I have read many books in the Charlotte and Thomas Pitt series and enjoy them as an easy, but usually intriguing read. This one, however, seemed to be over-long and repetitive as the characters try to unlock the mystery. Not one of Perry's best, but if you like this series, read it as part of the on-going story of Charlotte and Thomas Pitt.

Hellblade

The Anne Perry books are all enjoyable and well written. Some I prefer but that is subjective. Each reader must choose for themselves.

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This book was thoroughly engaging! When I sat down to read I could immerse myself in another place, and another place in time. Anne Perry is a skilled writer, and as she is presenting the elements of a baffling mystery, she is also painting a sensory picture of the Whitechapel area two years after the Ripper murders.

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Always love an Anne Perry book. No better way to get a taste of life in the 1800s and vivid description of the people and how they lived. I enjoyed the characters and the plot. Always keeps me reading.

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Always enjoy Anne Perry. This was a great read for me on vacation in the mountains of North Carolina. When I finish one of Annes books, I always find myself missing the characters...I want to read more and find out what they are doing now! This book kept me guessing until the end....I really enjoyed it...

But belabored with descriptions and redundant rehash of the clues. The first half of the story was really slow. And many of the women characters did really acted and spoke stupidly. Mystery full of twists and red herrings. Not up to Perry's usual standards..

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