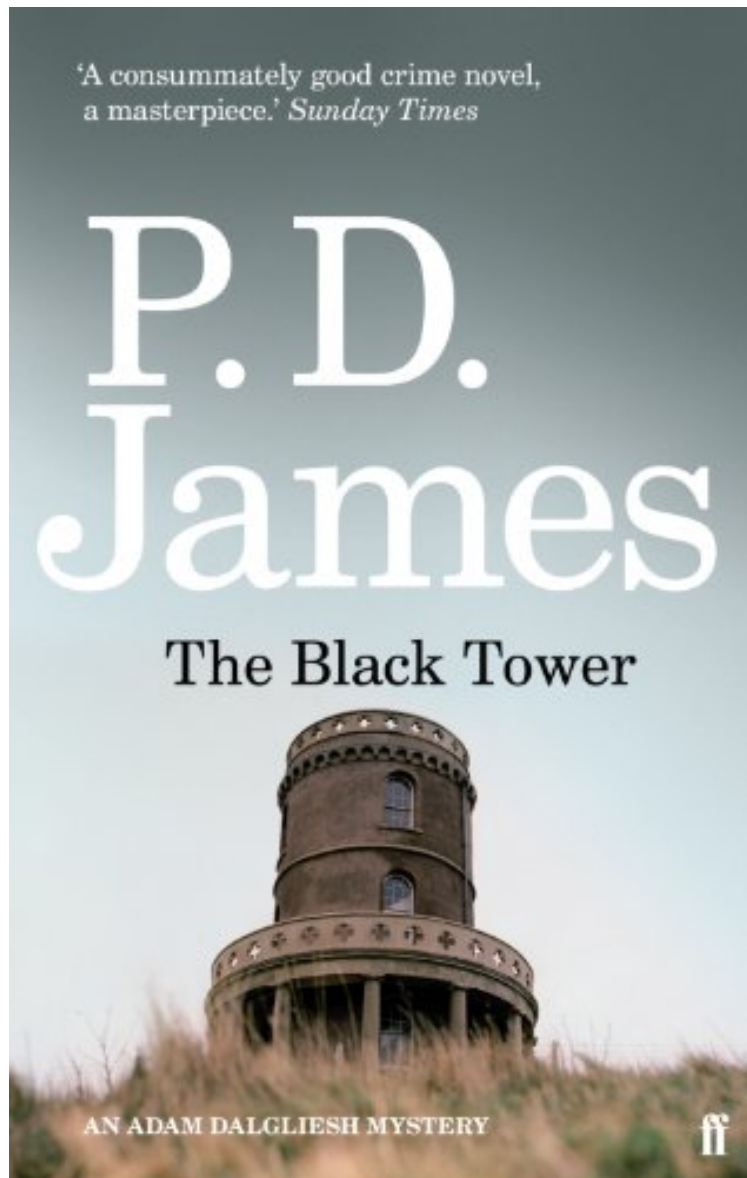


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**Von P. D. James : The Black Tower (Inspector Adam Dalgliesh)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Black Tower (Inspector Adam Dalgliesh):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Gothic Feel to a Modern Mystery with Psychological OvertonesVon Donald MitchellThe Black Tower is a mystery novel that successfully explores despair. Adam Dalgliesh finds himself recovering from a debilitating atypical

mononucleosis that had been inaccurately diagnosed as being fatal. While thought he was about to die, Dalgliesh takes a look at his life as detective . . . and decides there has to be something more. Determined to resign from the force, his intention is interrupted by a request to visit for help from an old family friend, Father Baddeley. Wondering what sort of evil Father Baddeley cannot handle on his own, Dalgliesh is shocked to find that his friend had died of natural causes shortly after Dalgliesh sent a note accepting the invitation. Baddeley's will leaves his money to Toynton Grange, a facility specializing in the progressively disabled, which really needs the money . . . and his books to Adam. Dalgliesh is surprised to find that the father's desk has been forced and that the latest part of his journal has disappeared. Adam decides to look around for some hint as to what the problem might have been that caused Father Baddeley to consult him. Dalgliesh's instincts are aroused when he discovers that a patient, Victor Holroyd, had also died . . . but under strange circumstances just before Father Baddeley did. Dalgliesh decides to use the excuse of packing up his books to hang around and see what he can learn. His black mood is continued by his interactions with the austere staff at Toynton Grange and the disabled people. Although Adam puts a brave face on his contacts with these disabled people, even they know that he's terribly disgusted by their deformities. Having spent more time there, Dalgliesh learns a depressing story about the Victorian folly, the Black Tower, that exists near the grange. As all of this bleakness serves to further depress Dalgliesh, he finds himself unable to understand what Father Baddeley was concerned about. Meanwhile, other unexpected deaths occur. Dalgliesh seems even more at a loss than ever . . . until a clear spot opens up in his depression . . . and he's able to start thinking like a police investigator again. That leads to an exciting, memorable finish to the novel . . . one of P.D. James' best. My main complaint about this novel is that Baroness James stretches the bleakness a little too far and a little too long for my taste. She got the mood across so well . . . that I found myself getting depressed reading the book. The mystery itself isn't terribly mysterious, but it's adequate to carry the rest of the story. The mystery is well told, though, because the reader is given lots of insights into what's really going on to serve as a contrast to Dalgliesh's haze. Otherwise, this would have been a most boring and unrewarding novel.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Suspense maybe rather than mystery. Von Elsie Wilson Another James puzzler with twists in the telling as well as the tale. Like that of "Unsuitable Job for a Woman" this book's plot is not a simple and straightforward murder mystery. In fact, for a good portion of the book one wonders if in fact there is a mystery, let alone a murder, except that, this being a James' Dalgleish there must be. Dalgleish has been in hospital for suspected leukemia ~ thank goodness a misdiagnosis! ~ and, asked, plans to visit his father's old curate in Dorset during his convalescence. Father Michael Badderly is priest in residence at Toynton Grange, a small (and getting smaller) home for terminally ill patients. There are a number of varyingly sinister characters living in and around the Grange, and it is in the interplay of these people that the story unfolds. Suffice it to say that, by the end, Dalgleish's intuition is proven again, he rescinds his decision to leave the Force, and the evil ~ if not the foolish ~ are punished.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. James delves into the creepy--and succeeds Von Ein Kunde "The Black Tower" is arguably the creepiest of P. D. James's works! In addition to having the highest number of murder victims, the novel has a claustrophobic setting--an isolated nursing home on the Dorset coast--that lends itself well to a level of suspense bordering on terror. H. R. F. Keating has cited "The Black Tower" as one of the 100 greatest mystery novels of all time. (James's "A Taste for Death" is also on the list.) Interestingly enough, although the element of mystery builds throughout "The Black Tower," its resolution is not as satisfying as in some other works by P. D. James. The reason may be that the motive for the multiple murders does not seem to be as well integrated into the heart of the novel when compared to "Shroud for a Nightingale" and "Original Sin," to name novels that both preceded and followed "The Black Tower." Still, the remarkable characters and, yes, the element of creepiness make "The Black Tower" a terrific read. The setting is atmospheric and plays a large role in generating the tension that pervades the novel. Bonus: Fans of both detective series in the P. D. James canon will be gratified by the teasing references to Cordelia Gray in this Dalgliesh novel.

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