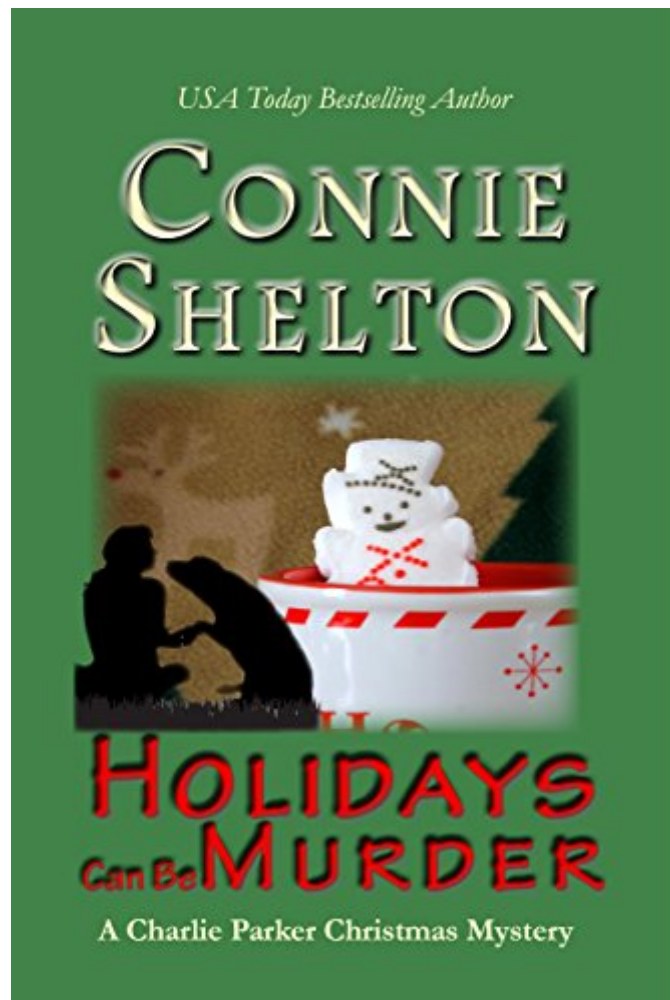




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# Holidays Can Be Murder: A Charlie Parker Christmas Mystery (Charlie Parker Mystery)



## Synopsis

From USA Today bestselling author Connie Shelton a light, charming holiday mystery novella, complete with lots of special Southwestern Christmas traditions. Bonus: two of the recipes featured in the story. It's a New Mexico Christmas. The lights are strung, the luminarias are set along the sidewalks. Treats are abundant and Charlie Parker is getting ready for her mother-in-law's holiday visit. But there is trouble in the neighborhood and when death shows up--right next door--Charlie's bright, festive plans suddenly take a turn for the dark. Get in the spirit with this holiday novella. "A Charlie Parker mystery is always a good read." --Southwest Book Views "Connie Shelton does a fantastic job of interweaving various New Mexico locales and cultures into the plot so that the state feels like the land of enchantment." Harriet Klausner, online reviewer

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## Customer Reviews

"Hold it right there, ma'am," a sharp voice commanded. A rough hand gripped my shoulder and spun me around. "Charlie?" "Kent? What's going on here?" He dropped his hand and stood firmly

blocking y way. "This is a crime scene. Neighbors of yours, I gather?" "Uh, yeah. I live right here," I said, indicating our house with a vague wave. "What kind of crime?" I knew it was a stupid question the minute it slipped out. Kent Taylor only worked one kind of case - homicide. Charlie Parker lives in a quiet neighborhood in Albuquerque. She has lived there since childhood and now enjoys the home that was once her parents' with her husband Drake and their dog Rusty. When Drake informed her that his mother would be coming for the Christmas holidays her red flags went up. She had only briefly met Catherine and had no idea as to how they would get along. Entertaining her would be just one more thing to add to her holiday activities. Then came the call from her newest neighbor Judy, asking for help with the list of decoration required by the community every year. Coming from Chicago she wasn't even sure what luminarias were. Yet another addition to the do-do-list. And on top of this, she still had to keep up with the private investigation agency she and her brother Ron owned. Christmas came and went but the day after brought the celebrations to a stop when a neighbor was found murdered. The police have their suspect but Charlie knows deep down that they are wrong and it's her job to prove it. And prove it she does. This book is a quick, easy read that takes you on a few curvy roads along the way. It kept me turning pages while giving me very little clues as to who the murderer would turn out to be. It also has me wanting read more of this author's work.

IT STARTED OUT AS A PERFECTLY NICE CHRISTMAS, BUT THAT WENT SOUTH WHEN CHARLIE & DRAKE'S NEIGHBOR'S MOTHER-IN-LAW IS MURDERED. THE 1ST QUESTION ON EVERYONE'S MIND IS, "WHO COULD HAVE DISLIKED THE WOMAN THAT MUCH?" COMPLICATION ARISE WHEN THE ANSWER IS "JUST ABOUT EVERYONE WHO EVER MET HER. THIS IS A SHORT STORY THAT FALLS BETWEEN BOOKS 6 & 7 OF THE CHARLIE PARKER MYSTERIES.

I have just read the last of the series.. I would highly recommend that if you are a mystery buff, chances are that you will be pleased with the adventure. Start with the first book just in case you get hooked and want to continue your reading...

Never saw the end coming. Great finish and a quick read. You always catch me, but I'll keep trying to figure out your endings. Thanks again.

It was a short cozy mystery that took place around Christmas. It was not as good as I was hoping

but it was okay. Most of the book was good, but the ending was cheesy.

This was a very good read This is one of the best. Hi liked the way all the characters were included and I'm love Rusty.

I loooooove this series. I am currently on book 12, and have enjoyed every one.

This is a novella attached to the Charlie Parker mystery series. As a Charlie Parker fan, and having read every novel in the series, I had to read this too. Not very fond of short stores, but if it involves Charlie and her brother and their agency, I recommend it.

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