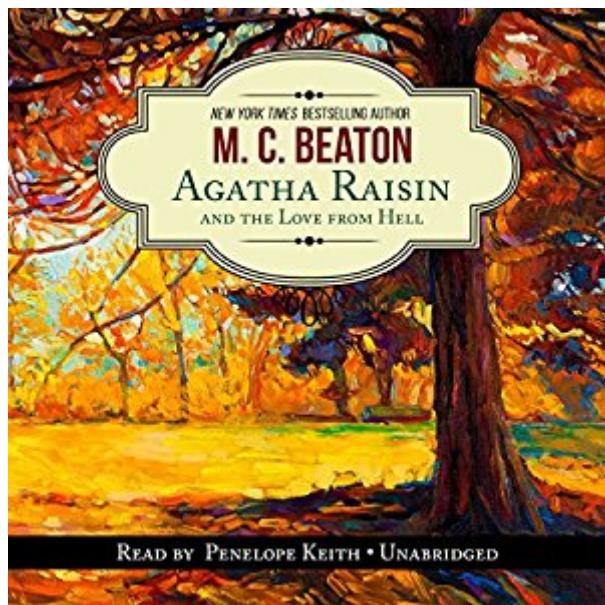


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# Agatha Raisin And The Love From Hell: An Agatha Raisin Mystery, Book 11



## **Synopsis**

Recently married to James Lacey, Agatha quickly finds out that it's not all "happy ever after" - before long the newlyweds are living in separate cottages and accusing each other of infidelity. After a fight down the local pub James vanishes completely, leaving a bloodstain as the only clue to his fate. Naturally, Agatha is Prime Suspect. Determined to clear her name and find her husband, Agatha begins her investigation - and promptly finds a murdered mistress....

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## **Customer Reviews**

I started reading these books because of the cliffhanger at the end of the lovely Agatha raisin series on ACORN TV. I had to find out what happened next. And now I am thoroughly addicted . I don't even care about who did it. I enjoy the author's detailed descriptions of the various characters, their interactions with each other, their inner musings about each other (once in a while we switch POV and get an outside look at Agatha) . I feel as though I am in the backseat traveling around with Agatha and Cheap Charles (or whoever is the companion of the moment; like Dr. Who, Agatha has a companion of the moment or COTM ) . Agatha fascinates me. She can be so clueless , yet bold and feisty. Tough on the outside but buttery soft on the inside. Something I do find tiny bit disturbing is the way agism is written into the character interactions. Agatha is often called "old" and "frumpy" ...but I try to keep in mind that we are in her POV most of the time and the poor woman is very short on self esteem but full of courage and bravado. M.C. Beaton has Agatha spout a some conservative opinions like criticism of the NHS or the concept of global warming but these ideas are just so

"Agatha". She doesn't do much introspective thinking but Agatha is, well, adorable, and I would love to have her for a friend. She is written in a very real way. I laughed when she unexpectedly had to spend the night at a hotel and brought no change of clothes . So she washed out her panties (as one would) but they didn't dry completely and she had to wear them damp (one might...).!!This title (Agatha Raisin and the Love from Hell) is my favourite so far. I like the balance between Agatha and Charles and James.Charles seems to be drawing closer to Agatha, while she is clueless as usual. The countryside is vividly described and there is even an antiques auction (where is Lovejoy when you need him). Sometimes I wonder how Agatha would be depicted in the "Lost in A Good Book" (Jasper Fforde) alternate book universe .These books are light...no Vera Stanhope here....but they are still picturesque, fun, modern...with a depth to them that has to do with Agatha's unconventional musings. And, these books will probably make you laugh.Before I go : kudos to Dame Penelope Keith . She does all the audible narration and she is fantastic. If you choose the kindle version for only \$3.99 extra you can get the audible narration by the wonderful Dame Penelope Keith. What a deal.

I continue to be surprised at how many different types of stories M.C. Beaton can tell. This turned into a very interesting story of a psychopath or what we now call a sociopath. Very well done. I continue to love the story of Agatha, bless her heart, one of these days she is going to learn to love herself then someone else will love her. Vanity is not self love of course. It is self loathing hoping that others won't notice. The same tiresome tings about her personality that some people seem to dislike I find endearing. As I say about her always, she is just so human. The mysteries are always different, always good. Agatha always fun.

This are fun and quick to read...the main character is quirky, to say the least, but her mood swings are rather fast and overly dramatic on a constant basis, like riding an emotional roller coaster, which can be wearing. In real life she would have had a very difficult time running a PR firm and keeping her clients. The actual mystery/storyline isn't bad and usually fun to work out. Agatha just needs to calm down.

I loved this one. Agatha finally gets what she thinks will make her happy, but finds out she's dead wrong about that. James is the husband from hell, and possibly someone has sent him there. It's up to Agatha and Charles to track down the truth.

I love this book and how MC Beaton has woven the story line together. Well done!

I just love this character. Better than the new tv show.

This entry opens with our Agatha newly married at long last to her handsome neighbor James Lacey. Agatha's fans will not be surprised that James's explosive temper and fault-finding only increase after the marriage, and that Agatha's low self-esteem will only allow her to take so much verbal abuse before she explodes in defense and starts breaking dishes. Of course, some Carsley villagers overhear their rows, and see Agatha shriek at James when she finds him canoodling sexy new villager Melissa Sheppard in the pub. So Agatha is the natural suspect when James disappears suddenly and Melissa is found murdered shortly thereafter. Lightweight baronet Sir Charles Fraith returns here, and is unexpectedly attentive and thoughtful (could he actually be growing up?), and helps Agatha investigate. Greed and madness prevail in the solution. Of course, the main point is not the mystery (although it's a rattling good plot, and could stand alone without the added delight of Agatha's personal misadventures). Regular readers will want to know that James is NOT dead, but was suffering from a brain tumor (is this supposed to excuse his swinish behavior?), which is miraculously cured when he stumbles into a French monastery. Even the brain tumor isn't enough for me to develop any affection for the chilly James, who over the past books in the series has developed into just another sexy jerk. Personally, I'm delighted Agatha may get out of this disastrous marriage, and I'm eager to see if younger man Charles develops enough as a mensch to qualify as a legitimate future love interest for my favorite affection-starved heroine. As with each previous entry, I simply could not wait for the next installment in Agatha's adventures! Keep 'em coming fast, dear Ms. Beaton!

Another Agatha Raisin Mystery with many subtle hints of humor will keep you searching for the murderer. Not only are the characters sinister, but there is another mystery, Agatha's husband of only a few weeks is Missing in Action. I think a better title for this novel should be , To Hell with marriage.

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