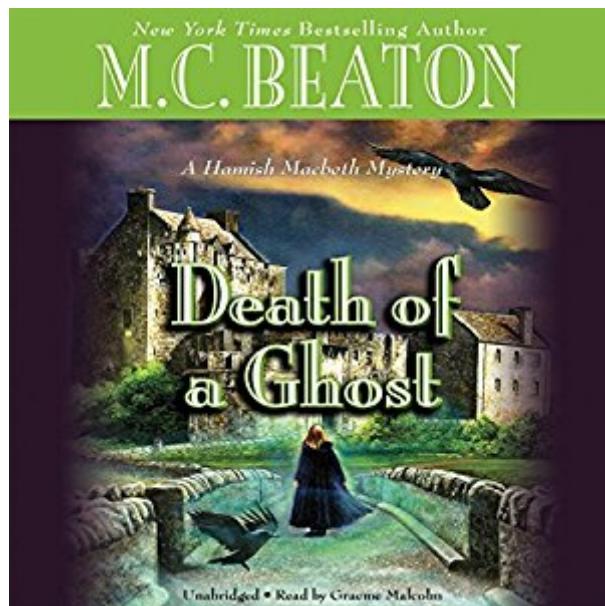


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# Death Of A Ghost: A Hamish Macbeth Mystery, Book 32



## Synopsis

Sergeant Hamish Macbeth - Scotland's most quick-witted but unambitious policeman - returns in M. C. Beaton's new mystery in her New York Times best-selling series *Death of a Ghost When Police*. Sergeant Hamish Macbeth hears reports of a haunted castle near Drim, he assumes the eerie noises and lights reported by the villagers are just local teenagers going there to smoke pot or, worse, inject themselves with drugs. Still, Hamish decides that he and his policeman, Charlie "Clumsy" Carson, will spend the night at the ruined castle to get to the bottom of the rumors once and for all. There's no sign of any ghost...but then Charlie disappears through the floor. It turns out he's fallen into the cellar. And what Hamish and Charlie find there is worse than a ghost: a dead body propped against the wall. Waiting for help to arrive, Hamish and Charlie leave the castle just for a moment - to eat bacon baps - but when they return, the body is nowhere to be seen. It's clear something strange - and deadly - is going on at the castle, and Hamish must get to the bottom of it before the "ghost" can strike again.

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## Customer Reviews

M.C. Beaton continues to surprise me. This book has several "surprise endings" and the final one is a real big surprise. I had hopes that the horrible Blair would finally be fired or killed but no such luck. I do wish the police force was not always portrayed as being so dishonest and incompetent plus being a bunch of drunks but heck maybe that is the way they really are. I find the comparison in my own mind between the terribly flawed Hamish MacBeth and the similarly flawed Agatha Raisin from

that series to continue to be very interesting.

When you purchase a Beaton book you don't have to worry, it will be edited well, and a bang up story is sure to ensue. I like the romances as well as her Hamish Macbeth series. And I am kind of on a short leash for book buying, so I don't worry when I buy a Beaton book. When I get through these I shall probably start any new series she has started. Her writing is delightful and I thank her for many a night of sweet reading! Classics, Heyer, Beaton, Le Veque and a very few other authors are always worth whatever the price is; you will get your moneys worth and a bang up tale to boot!

Much like the others. Only interesting character is Charlie. Even Hamish has become predictable. A really muddled and murky plot. Not suspenseful. More like silly.

He is either an excellent judge of character, or as psychic as his love. He searches for and finds all of the answers, with a stumble here and there, in his usual fashion. How can a man be so smart, but yet so dense? If only he can find answers to happiness as well as to crimes . . . Come on Hamish. You can do it.

Hamish solves the murders while missing his wildcat and ducking out on his old love. When all concerned sweeps,murder under the rug.Hamish feels there is something wrong,it keeps nagging at him,things are not right,he keeps on digging until he finds the answer

The way the author brings to life the detective and the cast of characters never ceases to amaze. Without endless pages of description and chatter we get a multilayered mystery and some very entertaining story lines Everyone but Blair is hard to keep up with. Loved it

I enjoyed every single Hamish Macbeth stories with their cast of characters, the animals, the love affairs going wrong and the unspeakable Blair. Beaton has got a sense of humour with makes all of these books most enjoyable. She obviously is a fine observer of the human kind to be able to touch on the various foibles. Reading a Hamish story is having a good time with stories that always end well. Very important to me. Don't like stories where the evildoers get away with it.

Death of a Ghost delivered everything I like about Hamish Macbeth stories. Storytelling skills at Beaton's finest. Complex plot kept me guessing to the end. Worth the year-long wait.

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