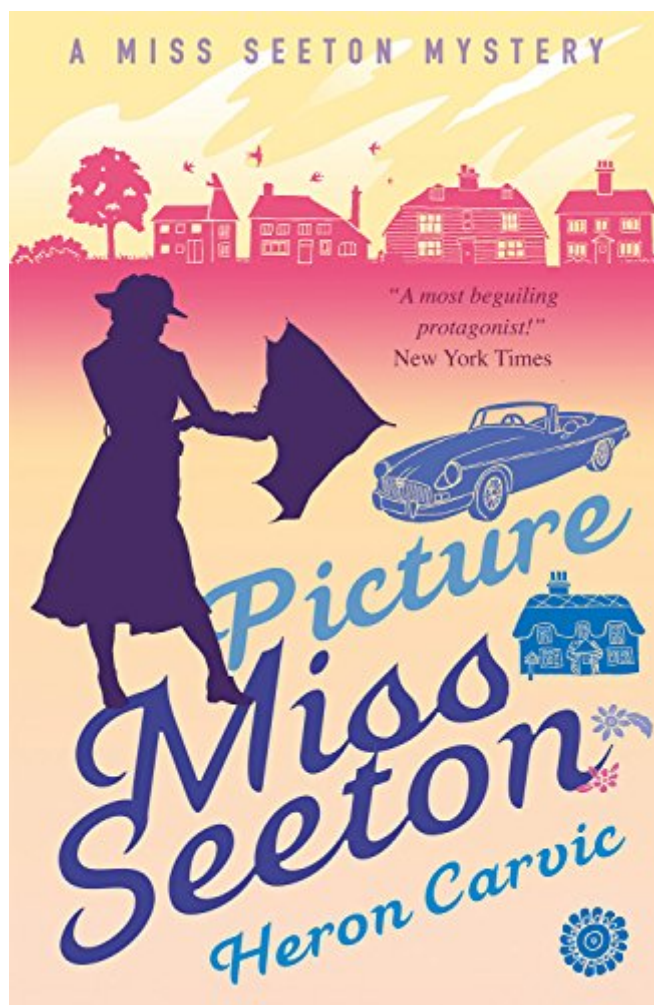


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Synopsis

When Miss Seeton walks out of a performance of Carmen and witnesses a real-life stabbing, all she can recall is a shadowy figure. But how could even she have guessed that her latest artistic endeavour is a picture-perfect portrait of the killer? Her caricature, however, puts her in a perilous position, for back at her rustic cottage in Plummergen, she's fated to be a sitting duck . . . for murder most foul! Meet Miss Emily D. Seeton Retired art teacher Miss Seeton steps in where Scotland Yard stumbles. Armed with only her sketch pad and umbrella, she is every inch an eccentric English spinster and the most lovable and unlikely master of detection.

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Customer Reviews

"Picture Miss Seeton" is an absolute riot. It's rather like a comedic parody of the Miss Marple type. Miss Seeton is a bit younger and more active, but much less bright spinster, whose gift seems to lie in her odd, metaphoric sketches of people which reveal things she intuitively senses about them. That, and a knack for getting into the wildest of scrapes without realizing she's done anything unusual. It all begins with Mrs. Seeton poking a rude young man in the back with her umbrella on a dark London street, unaware that she's interrupting a murder in progress. After she's

able to make an identifying sketch of the culprit, Scotland Yard determines to keep a protective eye on her in case she's in danger, as the only witness. Miss Seeton heads off to take up residence in her newly-inherited cottage in a quaint country village "where it turns out there are some odd goings-on that just might be connected with the original murder. This is the clue-hunting romp type of mystery" author Carvic manages to keep a deft balance in tone between some genuinely nasty murders and the hilarity that results from Miss Seeton's being mixed up in them. (I laughed until I cried at the scene where the village rumor-mill gets going on the events by the pond.) The cast of supporting characters is wonderful, particularly a pair of very likable detectives, Superintendent Delphick (a.k.a. the Oracle) and his assistant Sergeant Bob Ranger; and Sir George and Lady Colvedon and their young son Nigel, a delightful family who participate in some of the book's best moments. (Bob and the Colvedons are my favorites in the book.) Also Dr. Knight and his family, who arrive on the scene a little later but do it in style. There's a few little loose ends "e.g.

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