



Title: The Spiritualist Murders (Portia of the Pacific Historical Mysteries) Volume 2

Author: James Musgrave

Genre: Fiction/Mystery/Thriller

Audience: Adult

Word Count: 57031

Assessment:

Plot: The fast-moving plot consists of many twists, turns, and red herrings that will keep readers invested and surprised. The use of real locations lends an air of authenticity to this work of historical fiction.

Prose: Musgrave's novel brings to light very relevant social issues of the time while also using language infused with feelings of eerie foreboding that will both thrill and chill readers.

Originality: In some ways, this book will remind readers of classic thrillers like those of Agatha Christie. The simultaneously overlapping and clashing subplots of the suffragette movement and spiritualism make this book even more intriguing.

Character Development: The stand-out element of this novel is the meticulously detailed, intricately crafted cast list. Musgrave's protagonist is an admirable, intelligent, determined female attorney. Each of the characters in the novel has a distinct and memorable personality

Blurb: A thrilling adventure, perfect for whodunit fans and historical fiction buffs.

Score:

- Plot/Idea: 10
- Originality: 9
- Prose: 8
- Character/Execution: 9
- Overall: 9.00

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