



A Very Private Grave

Book 1: The Monastery Murders

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'Set in a beautifully described corner of England, that of the Northumbrian coast where St. Cuthbert's Christianity retains its powerful presence. Where myth and holiness, wild nature and tourism, art and prayer run in parallel, and capture the imagination still. A Very Private Grave is an exciting thriller.'

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A pair of elderly religious are murdered, but why? An American student and her young history teacher are determined to find out. Donna Fletcher Crow sets them in pursuit of St. Cuthbert's bones and treasure. Also his faith. She knows her theology like the lines on her palms, the fortunate and the unlucky leads, the truths and the errors, taking us to them by the local train and bus services, the hospices and by foot. All this with a cinematic skill.

Did Henry VIII manage to get all the treasure from Cuthbert's shrine at Durham? Might what remains of it not be sent to the African Children's Fund? Old Brother Dominic and Sister Elspeth thought so. But they are murdered. A thrilling investigation follows in which the northern landscape and modern liturgical goings on play a large part. The centuries between us and the world of Lindisfarne and Whitby collapse and we are in the timeless zone of greed and goodness.

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'A glorious banquet of a thriller, a sweeping, page-turning quest. Donna Fletcher Crow has created her own niche within the genre of clerical mysteries.'

Kate Charles, author of *Deep Waters*

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