

Christmas Crumble

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20 YEARS OF AGATHA RAISINI

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Christmas tale that's holly, jolly—and deadly, by golly... At home alone for the holidays, Agatha Raisin decides to host a dinner party for the elder residents in her Cotswold village of Winter Parva. Agatha's never been able to cook, but she's dead-set on making this the perfect holiday for local "crumblied". She's decorated a tree while fending off her cats Hodge and Boswell, and even made a (lumpy) Christmas pudding in between swigs of rum. When Agatha dumps the pudding on the head of the local self-proclaimed lothario—an eighty-five year old with a beer belly and fingers like sausages—his death by dessert proves more than a trifle as mysteries mount higher than the season's snowfall. So much for trying to do good by her neighbors. Now Agatha needs no more than a Christmas miracle to get herself out of this one...