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Camel Press Announces the October Release of *A Very Merry Murder*, by Mary Angela: All Emmeline wants for Christmas is to solve a murder.

Seattle, WA—It's December in Copper Bluff, and Professor Emmeline Prather is anticipating the university-sponsored holiday concert. Suspicion falls on Em when one of the band members of the visiting quartet, Jazz Underground, dies unexpectedly. It will take a Christmas miracle to solve this case, but if there's one thing in surplus this time of year, it's faith.

On October 1, 2018, Camel Press will release *A Very Merry Murder* (\$15.95, 258 pages, ISBN: 978-1-60381-655-7), the third cozy mystery by Mary Angela in a series featuring amateur sleuth and English professor Emmeline Prather.

An Act of Murder and *Passport to Murder*, the first two books in this series, were voted Book of the Month by Long and Short Review readers.

Passport to Murder: “Enjoyable[....] Emmeline’s shrewd questioning of students and professors uncovers hidden motives and secrets in this clever academic mystery.”

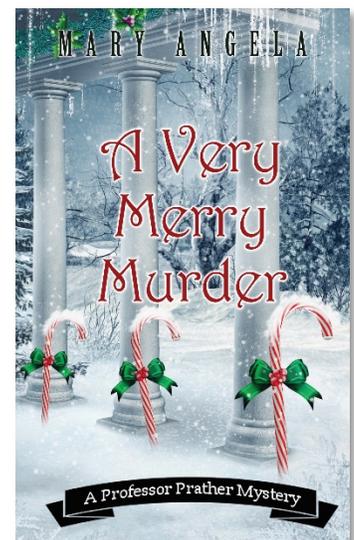
—Publishers Weekly

Passport to Murder: 4 Stars: “Intriguing reading. The world of academia is exciting in the way it is approached in this clandestine tale. Unique personalities abound and include more than one red herring.”

—RT Reviews

An Act of Murder: [Angela] “so lovingly describes the town of Copper Bluff that readers can feel the breeze and smell the autumn leaves. Cozy enthusiasts who like Joanne Dobson and Sarah R. Shaber will dive into this new series.”

—Library Journal



It's December in Copper Bluff, and from hillside to hallowed hall, everyone is merry--or will be as soon as semester break arrives. Students are studying, professors are grading, and Emmeline Prather is anticipating the university-sponsored holiday concert. Friend and colleague Lenny Jenkins will be accompanying the visiting quartet, Jazz Underground, and Em can't think of a better way to kick start the holiday season.

But before she can say "Jingle Bell Rock," trouble arrives at Candlelight Inn, the bed and breakfast where the quartet is staying. One of the band members dies unexpectedly, and suspicion falls on Em, whose altercation with the man ends with him on the floor. He never recovers, and now she's worried her reputation might not either.

When Emmeline starts to see parallels between an Agatha Christie novel she's teaching and the victim, Lenny claims she's read one too many mysteries. But as the clues unravel, so does the murderer's patience. Em is close to finding the truth, but will the truth--or the murderer--push her over the edge? It will take a Christmas miracle to solve this case, but if there's one thing in surplus this time of year, it's faith.

Book Three of the Professor Prather Mystery Series.

Says the author, "There's no place I'd rather be for Christmas than Copper Bluff. It's my favorite time of year, and it's my favorite place to visit, so writing *A Very Merry Murder* wasn't work at all. It was a gift that I hope to pass on to readers. With plenty of cookies, snow, and spirit, it incorporates many of my favorite things: a puzzling death, an old Agatha Christie book, and a touch of romance. I can't wait to find out readers' reactions to the ending!"

Mary Angela teaches English for the University of Sioux Falls and enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family. She lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with her husband and two young daughters. An avid mystery fan, Mary is a member of Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime. For more information, go to www.maryangelabooks.com.

A Very Merry Murder is currently available for preorder. After Oct. 1, it will also be available in both eBook and 5x8 trade paperback editions online at indiebound.org, bn.com and amazon.com. Bookstores and libraries can order wholesale through Ingram, Baker & Taylor or by contacting info@camelpress.com. Libraries can also order from Brodart Company. Other eBook formats are available through Kobo and iBooks.

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