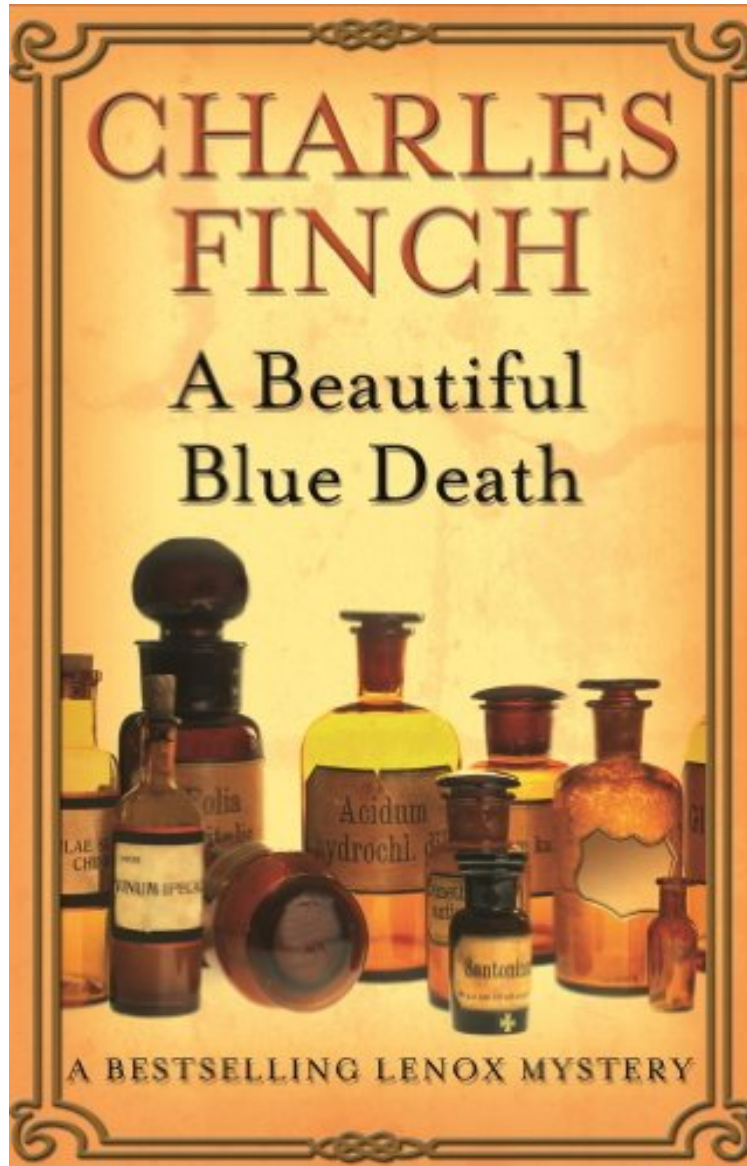


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*Von Charles Finch*

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**Von Charles Finch : A Beautiful Blue Death (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Beautiful Blue Death (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Victorian CozyVon Leah1865. While the US is enjoying the end of the Civil War, in London the Liberals take over Parliament in the form of Lord Palmerston, who died that same year leaving Lord John Russell as Prime Minister. And Lady Jane Grey has sent a note to her platonic love, Charles Lenox.Dearest,Would you come over before supper,

perhaps at a little past six o'clock? Something has happened. Do come, Charles. Yours, faithfully, c. Jane

What follows is a tale of mystery, politics, society and the upper-crust formality for which the Victorian period is so well known. Lenox is no Lord Peter Wimsey he is much more reserved, his intelligence sharp, but quieter and more reserved. This is very much a Victorian Cozy mystery, with interesting characters and a landscape that pulls you into the sights, scents and sounds of Victorian London. Honestly, I requested the book by mistake, as I wouldn't normally read a historical (it simply isn't my genre) but I still enjoyed it. I received this book from NetGalley in exchange for a realistic review. All thoughts are my own.

**Kurzbeschreibung** Charles Lenox, Victorian gentleman and armchair explorer, likes nothing more than to relax in his private study with a cup of tea, a roaring fire and a good book. But when his lifelong friend Lady Jane asks for his help, Lenox cannot resist the chance to unravel a mystery. Prudence Smith, one of Jane's former servants, is dead of an apparent suicide. But Lenox suspects something far more sinister: murder, by a rare and deadly poison. The grand house where the girl worked is full of suspects, and though Prue had dabbled with the hearts of more than a few men, Lenox is baffled by the motive for the girl's death. When another body turns up during the London season's most fashionable ball, Lenox must untangle a web of loyalties and animosities. Was it jealousy that killed Prudence Smith? Or was it something else entirely? And can Lenox find the answer before the killer strikes again - this time, disturbingly close to home?

From Publishers Weekly: Set in England in 1865, Finch's impressive debut introduces an appealing gentleman sleuth, Charles Lenox. When Lady Jane Grey's former servant, Prue Smith, dies in an apparent suicide-by-poisoning, Lady Jane asks Lenox, her closest friend, to investigate. The attractive young maid had been working in the London house of George Barnard, the current director of the Royal Mint. Lenox quickly determines that Smith's death was a homicide, but both Barnard and Scotland Yard resist that conclusion, forcing him to work discreetly. Aided by his Bunter-like butler and friend, Graham, the detective soon identifies a main suspect, only to have that theory shattered by that man's murder. Finch laces his writing with some Wodehousian touches and devises a solution intricate enough to fool most readers. Lovers of quality historical whodunits will hope this is the first in a series. (June) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Pressestimmen: Vividly capturing the essence of Victorian England, Finch presents us with a unique sleuth who combines the deductive powers of Sherlock Holmes with the people skills of Thomas Pitt. A sparkling achievement. Library Journal (starred review) A fine specimen of the genre. Particularly good is [Finch's] delineation of Lenox's cozy-but-proper relationship with Lady Jane. The Washington Post "Finch's impressive debut introduces an appealing gentleman sleuth ... Finch laces his writing with some Wodehousian touches and devises a solution intricate enough to fool most readers." Publishers Weekly The best sort of historical mystery: clever, charming, full of period detail, and a delight to read. David Liss, author of *The Whiskey Rebels*