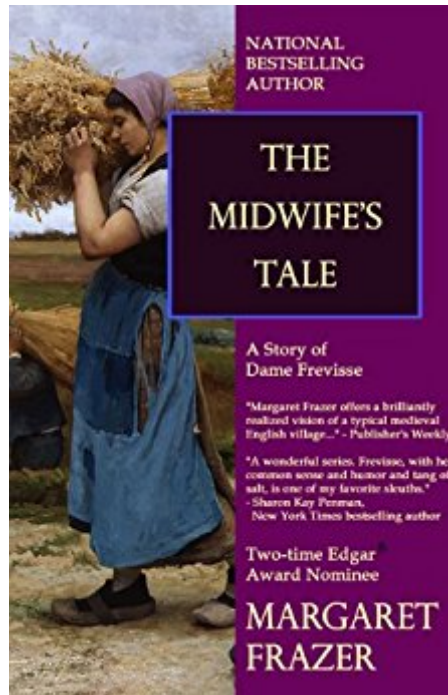


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Synopsis

"Sisters! Come back! Please don't leave us yet!" Cisily Fisher has died in childbirth and now the village of Priors Byfield is held in a grip of fear. Can Dame Frevisse find the root of misery behind a murderer's sin before the next lethal blow falls? Or will the village be lost in a hue and cry of terror? The gentling touch of the midwife may calm the tortured soul... or give birth to a bitter death. (The Midwife's Tale is part of the Margaret Frazer's Tales series.)

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Customer Reviews

Margaret Frazer is one of my favorite authors, one whose books I buy in hardcover the moment they come out. I love all the medieval details--and she's a medieval scholar, so I know I'm in good hands--blended into wonderful stories with compelling characters, puzzling mysteries, and fabulous writing. This is a short story, not a novel, so yes, it is a quick read, but it is every bit as delightful as her full-length novels.

Dame Frevisse and Dame Claire are summoned from the nummary by the local midwife to assist in the delivery of a child though the mother dies. On the way back a woman's screams take them to the home of one of the woman who assisted at the birth. Her husband is dead from what all believe is an accident until Dame Frevisse takes a second look. This is a short story, but each character is fully developed by Margaret Frazer's wonderful style in THE MIDWIFE'S TALE. I only wish it was longer as it was finished much too soon. Nash Black, author of SANDPRINTS OF DEATH.

Margaret Frazer continues to delight with well-crafted tales, unsuspected twists and believable characters. These are the people you miss when the book is done! All of her novels will grab you. You will become a middle ages expert by accident as her historical details and references are correct. Love and Live Margaret Frazer world- you will be a better person for it. Would that she could write one a day so I could not exhaust her supply!

I really enjoyed this mystery. The only criticism I have is that it was too short. It's definitely a short story so if you were expecting a novel size read you'll be disappointed. Still, it's hard not to love Sister Frevisse.

I have read most of the Sister Frevisse mysteries and enjoyed this short story. The characters that are introduced in each book or story are varied but you really get to know the recurring characters and I look forward to other books.

A highly entertaining story in the Sister Frevisse series about the trials of the local midwife. By the end of the story it was easy to understand the frustration of the central character and a better understanding of the remedies available at that time.

I have read many of the tales by Frazer and intend to read all of them as they are available. I especially like the fact that the Sister gets involved in mysteries while not intending to and she always comes up with the answer. Delightful

There was really no development of the midwife's character, nor of the poor, dead birth mother either. Was this done by a ghost writer, or was Frazer just phoning it in for the e-readers? I'm disappointed. --2 stars

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