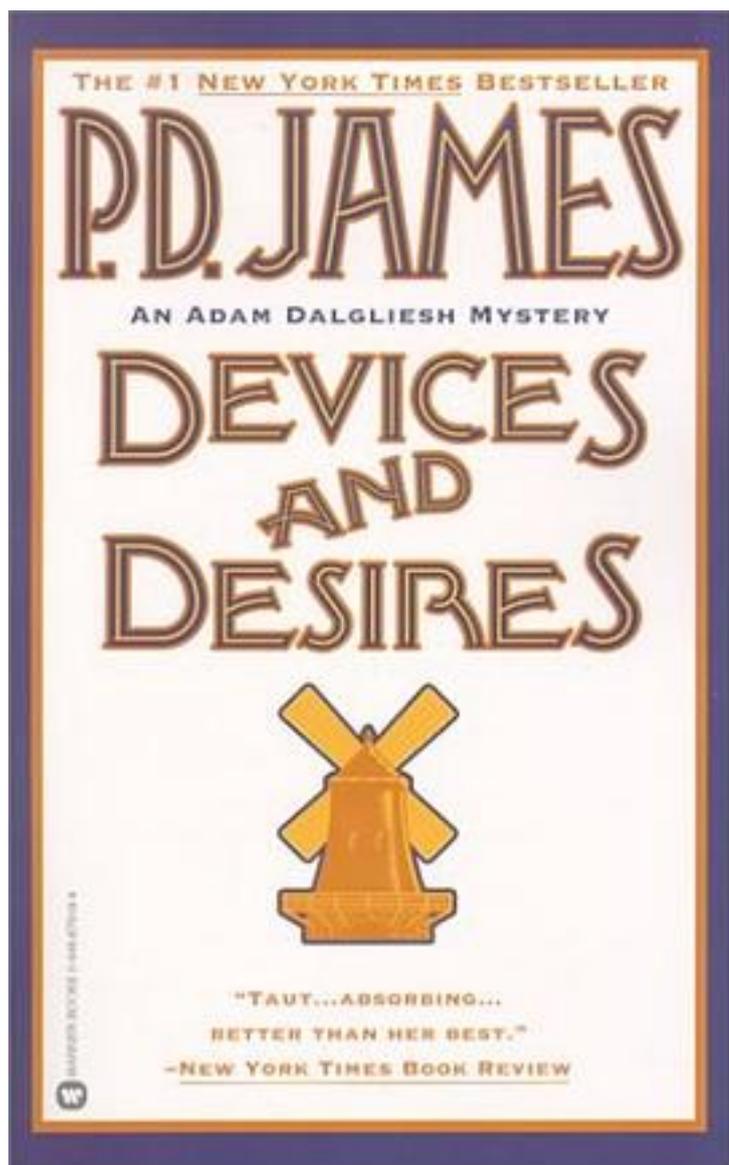


# Devices and Desires



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From Publishers Weekly

James ( A Taste for Death ) sets her 11th novel on Larksoken, a remote windswept headland in Norfolk, where the presence of a huge nuclear energy plant serves as a metaphor for the power of the past to rule over her characters. Commander Adam Dalgliesh of New Scotland Yard, in Larksoken to settle an estate left him at the death of a relative, is drawn into the investigation of a serial killer, the Whistler. Dalgliesh's neighbors include the power station's director, Alex Mair; his elegant sister Alice, a cookbook author; acting administrator--and Alex's former lover--Hilary Robarts; and anti-nuclear activist Neil Pascoe. The next signature killing , of the widely disliked Robarts, turns out to have occurred hours after a young man who firmly establishes his identity as the Whistler commits suicide. The question of who murdered Robarts, then, centers around motive. This intricate, layered mystery may be read as parable: we can escape the consequences of our choices, political and personal, no more than we can shed our private histories. This is dark James, plotted with a slight unevenness but utterly faithful to her deeply and sympathetically plumbed characters. 175,000 first printing; BOMC and QPB main selections.

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From Library Journal

While the serial killer known as the Whistler goes about his grisly business in the area around the Larksoken Nuclear Power Station, Commander Adam Dalgliesh comes to Norfolk to settle his aunt's estate. Slowly, through masses of dialog and ruminations by most of the characters, the complex plot unfolds into the usual Jamesian tangle of human relationships and subplots. The story takes shape as James unwraps each nuance of personality, each intricate piece of the puzzle. Though not as fast paced as *Shroud for a Nightingale* (LJ 1/1/72) nor as finely plotted as *A Taste for Death* ( LJ 10/1/86), this latest novel demonstrates just how well James commands the English language and illustrates her considerable ability to craft and write a novel. Previewed in *Prepub Alert*, LJ 10/1/89; BOMC and Quality Paperback Book Club main selections.

- Jo Ann Vicarel, Cleveland Heights-University Heights P.L., Ohio

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P. D.詹姆斯的作品曾经多次获得英美推理小说奖。1987年荣获有“诺贝尔推理文学奖”之称的英国推理小说家协会“钻石匕首奖”终身成就奖，并受英国皇室勋封为女伯爵，1999年荣获美国推理小说家协会大师奖，也曾获爱伦坡奖。P.D.詹姆斯现任英国作家协会主席。

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2011.10.5 开头很精彩... 然而马上就boring了... PD

James很喜欢在小说里时不时地讨论点文学和艺术，而在我看来十分难捱。这个故事的侦探手法不强，案件也并无太大惊心动魄的地方，比起破案，作者显然更喜欢挖掘人与人之间的关系。不知道是不是我记错了，另外一本也有提到Gay/Les的情节，她对各种complex/情结似乎情有独衷啊...

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听的audiobook BBC 84 ‘虽然是推理小说 原谅我睡觉之前听 果断走神了  
大概的情节是知道的 故事本身到挺一般的 背景音乐有一些小惊悚 开头挺不错  
听到那个guilt complex有些感同身受的意味

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