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Situation Tragedy

# A CHARLES PARIS MYSTERY

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Based on the novel by Simon Brett



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## **Situation Tragedy A Charles Paris Mystery:**

**Situation Tragedy** Simon Brett, 1983      **Situation Tragedy** Simon Brett, 1981      **Situation Tragedy** Simon Brett, 1981 West End Television are planning a new situation comedy series to be called The Struttters From the outset things go horribly wrong with the new series Odd accidents if they are accidents remove one by one the sharp tongued Production Assistant the self effacing script writer the hearty Floor Manager Death even takes from us the revolting Yorkshire terrier Cocky whos the idol of the indestructible Dame Aurelia Howarth theatrical star for fifty years There's no discernible pattern in all this but Simon Brett's regular sleuth the bit player Charles Paris is confidently on the trail of another mass murderer But the bizarre solution brilliantly led up to surprises even him      **Situation Tragedy** Simon Brett, 2012-09-01 Meet Charles Paris a washed up actor with a taste for wine women and solving crimes A binge worthy cozy mystery series from the original king of British cozy crime internationally best selling award winning author Simon Brett OBE For fans of Richard Osman but with added bite Like a little malice in your mysteries Some cynicism in your cosies Simon Brett is happy to oblige THE NEW YORK TIMES Few crime writers are as enchantingly gifted THE SUNDAY TIMES One of British crime's most assured craftsmen Perfect entertainment THE GUARDIAN A new Simon Brett is an event for mystery fans P D JAMES Murder most enjoyable COLIN DEXTER \_\_\_\_\_ A long time actor and part time sleuth snatching up a minor part in a sitcom The crew mysteriously dying one by one The cast members acting most peculiar A fun sitcom turning into SITUATION TRAGEDY Struggling actor Charles Paris has landed a solid although minor TV role that will give him some financial security over the next few months But the constant waiting between takes plus putting up with his fellow cast members especially rude production assistant Sadie Wainwright make it a harder job than he'd bargained for When Sadie is found dead Charles has to put his amateur sleuthing skills to use again and everybody has a strong motive to kill the unpopular PA But with other members of the production crew dying seemingly accidentally Charles just might have a serial killer to chase Will he be able to solve the string of killings before the culprit turns his focus on the cast with Charles next in line Fans of Agatha Christie The Thursday Murder Club Anthony Horowitz Alexander McCall Smith M C Beaton and Faith Martin will love this hilarious cozy traditional mystery series featuring one of the funniest antiheroes in crime fiction Written over a fifty year period it perfectly captures life and contemporary attitudes in 1970s London and beyond READERS ADORE CHARLES PARIS Breezy snide fun Kirkus Reviews What a delightful cynical murder mystery I'm giving this a rank I don't give out too often reserved for special books that just have it all Brayton's Book Buzz This novel as well as the series as a whole is an amusing romp and light hearted mystery that is a fast but enjoyable read Michael Bradley award winning author One of the many Charles Paris I've enjoyed this is up there with the best of them Douglas W 5 GoodReads review A highly entertaining read from start to finish with a cast of grotesques to delight the fan of cosies Sophie R 5 Amazon review Just settle back for an enjoyable and absorbing read luglio27 5 Amazon review THE CHARLES PARIS MYSTERIES IN ORDER

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cozy comfortable witty and sympathetic to his hero's plight Publishers Weekly All the Charles Paris mysteries are wonderful Shirley 5 Amazon review I really enjoy the Charles Paris series there is a good balance of humour and detection but this is definitely the best of the books I have read so far Paulinderwick 5 Amazon review An absolute delight Roger 5 Amazon review Wonderful Teresa 5 Amazon review The twist and turns the cliff hanger at the end of every chapter has the markings of an excellent novel My hat is off to you Mr Brett Dwayne 5 Goodreads review THE CHARLES PARIS MYSTERIES IN ORDER 1 Cast in Order of Disappearance 2 So Much Blood 3 Star Trap 4 An Amateur Corpse 5 A Comedian Dies 6 The Dead Side of the Mike 7 Situation Tragedy 8 Murder Unprompted 9 Murder in the Title 10 Not Dead Only Resting 11 Dead Giveaway 12 What Bloody Man is That 13 A Series of Murders 14 Corporate Bodies 15 A Reconstructed Corpse 16 Sicken and So Die 17 Dead Room Farce 18 A Decent Interval 19 The Cinderella Killer 20 A Deadly Habit 15 A Reconstructed Corpse 16 Sicken and So Die 17 Dead Room Farce 18 A Decent Interval 19 The Cinderella Killer 20 A Deadly Habit Murder Unprompted Simon Brett, 2012-09-01 Meet Charles Paris a washed up actor with a taste for wine women and solving crimes A binge worthy cozy mystery series from the original king of British cozy crime internationally best selling award winning author Simon Brett OBE For fans of Richard Osman but with added bite Like a little malice in your mysteries Some cynicism in your cosies Simon Brett is happy to oblige THE NEW YORK TIMES Few crime writers are as enchantingly gifted THE SUNDAY TIMES One of British crime's most assured craftsmen Perfect entertainment THE GUARDIAN A new Simon Brett is an event for mystery fans P D JAMES Murder most enjoyable COLIN DEXTER \_\_\_\_\_ A seasoned actor and part time sleuth starring in a new theatre production A former lead actor throwing a scene An unexpected death on opening night Everything hints at a MURDER UNPROMPTED Seasoned actor Charles Paris is delighted albeit nervous to be cast in a big role in a new theatre adaptation of The Hooded Owl But with opening night at a West End theatre fast approaching last minute changes to the cast mean Charles and his fellow lead actor Alex Household are no longer the stars but instead the understudies Alex isn't happy at all and flatly refuses to be replaced by untalented star Micky Banks let alone be his understudy When Micky gets shot on stage on opening night all eyes turn to Alex It falls to Charles once again to use his exceptional detective skills to solve the murder and clear his comrade's name if that is he's actually innocent Fans of Agatha Christie The Thursday Murder Club Anthony Horowitz Alexander McCall Smith M C Beaton and Faith Martin will love this hilarious cozy traditional mystery series featuring one of the funniest antiheroes in crime fiction Written over a fifty year period it perfectly captures life and contemporary attitudes in 1970s London and beyond READERS ADORE CHARLES PARIS Another Brett winner one of his best Kirkus Reviews Packed with suspense and humor it is certain to please mystery and theater fans Library Journal Simon Brett's Charles Paris series are always a delight to read Mysteries in Paradise The best in the series so far Full of humour and a cracking plot Brian G 5 GoodReads review Read it for a great whodunnit that will keep you guessing while enjoying every page J M C 5 Amazon review Simon Brett never disappoints Charles Paris is one of my favourite fictional characters

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One washed up actor with a taste for wine women and solving crimes One starlet with a seedy secret One man murdered one man missing Introducing our CAST IN ORDER OF DISAPPEARANCE It s the 1970s and jobbing actor Charles Paris 47 and fine with it is indulging his taste for drink and showbiz gossip at a club in London s West End when he unexpectedly bumps into an old acquaintance Jacqui is blonde beautiful talented and upset She confides in Charles that she can t get in touch with her boyfriend wealthy theatrical tycoon Marcus Steen Has he tired of her or is there more to the story Soon to his mixed bewilderment and pleasure Charles finds himself mixed up in a curious case of blackmail missing millionaires showbiz sex parties and murder most horrid There s only one thing for it he must investigate on Jacqui s behalf whilst wearing a variety of well thought out disguises But can Charles solve the case catch the killer and still find time to earn his paycheque playing an evil coachman in The Zombie Walk a film he suspects will be the worst ever made Fans of Agatha Christie The Thursday Murder Club Anthony Horowitz Alexander McCall Smith M C Beaton and Faith Martin will love this hilarious cozy traditional mystery series featuring one of the funniest antiheroes in crime fiction Written over a fifty year period it perfectly captures life and contemporary attitudes in 1970s London and beyond READERS ADORE CHARLES PARIS Charles is good company disheveled amusing quick Kirkus Reviews Undeniable charm and humor Paris is an engaging fellow Mystery File An entertaining and clever read MysteriesAhoy com A cozy frightfully entertaining novel Margitte 5 GoodReads review A classic British amateur sleuth in the best traditions of classic British amateur sleuths Pure fun smart complicated cozy intriguing a little risqué at times and witty Randee 5 GoodReads review Fantastically funny and brilliantly written Silverymoonlady 5 GoodReads review A fun plot great characters complex relationships The Charles Paris novels are quickly becoming my go to reads Sam 5 GoodReads review THE CHARLES PARIS MYSTERIES IN ORDER 1 Cast in Order of Disappearance 2 So Much Blood 3 Star Trap 4 An Amateur Corpse 5 A Comedian Dies 6 The Dead Side of the Mike 7 Situation Tragedy 8 Murder Unprompted 9 Murder in the Title 10 Not Dead Only Resting 11 Dead Giveaway 12 What Bloody Man is That 13 A Series of Murders 14 Corporate Bodies 15 A Reconstructed Corpse 16 Sicken and So Die 17 Dead Room Farce 18 A Decent Interval 19 The Cinderella Killer 20 A Deadly Habit      The Cinderella Killer Simon Brett, 2014-09-01 Meet Charles Paris a washed up actor with a taste for wine women and solving crimes A binge worthy cozy mystery series from the original king of British



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\_\_\_\_\_ A desperate actor and involuntary sleuth taking a job as a house painter A horrible discovery on his first day at work A corpse mutilated and left for days But at least Charles Paris is NOT DEAD ONLY RESTING Unemployed actor Charles Paris is desperate for a job With no acting engagements on the horizon he takes up a job as a house painter only to discover the mutilated corpse of the young and handsome chef of a fancy London restaurant on his first day at work The public quarrel between murder victim Yves Lafeu and his business and life partner Tristram Gowers at their restaurant a few days prior makes this an open and shut case especially as Tristan has gone on the run and is nowhere to be found But when it becomes clear that Yves seemed to have more foes than initially thought Charles launches into sleuthing action determined to find out what really happened and to catch a cunning killer Fans of Agatha Christie The Thursday Murder Club Anthony Horowitz Alexander McCall Smith M C Beaton and Faith Martin will love this hilarious cozy traditional mystery series featuring one of the funniest antiheroes in crime fiction Written over a fifty year period it perfectly captures life and contemporary attitudes in 1970s London and beyond READERS ADORE CHARLES PARIS A delightfully witty tale Library Journal Brett has a gift for creating vivid complex characters Publishers Weekly Few crime writers are as enchantingly gifted The Sunday Times A nicely layered plot lively characters and an unexpected ending Happiness Is a Warm Book I really loved this one great fun Norma 5 GoodReads review Brilliant write more Amazon Customer 5 Amazon review THE CHARLES PARIS MYSTERIES IN ORDER 1 Cast in Order of Disappearance 2 So Much Blood 3 Star Trap 4 An Amateur Corpse 5 A Comedian Dies 6 The Dead Side of the Mike 7 Situation Tragedy 8 Murder Unprompted 9 Murder in the Title 10 Not Dead Only Resting 11 Dead Giveaway 12 What Bloody Man is That 13 A Series of Murders 14 Corporate Bodies 15 A Reconstructed Corpse 16 Sicken and So Die 17 Dead Room Farce 18 A Decent Interval 19 The Cinderella Killer 20 A Deadly Habit **An Amateur Corpse** Simon Brett, 2011-12-12 Meet Charles Paris a washed up actor with a taste for wine women and solving crimes A binge worthy cozy mystery series from the original king of British cozy crime internationally best selling award winning author Simon Brett OBE For fans of Richard Osman but with added bite Like a little malice in your mysteries Some cynicism in your cosies Simon Brett is happy to oblige THE NEW YORK TIMES Few crime writers are as enchantingly gifted THE SUNDAY TIMES One of British crime s most assured craftsmen Perfect entertainment THE GUARDIAN A new Simon Brett is an event for mystery fans P D JAMES Murder most enjoyable COLIN DEXTER \_\_\_\_\_ A middle aged actor and sometimes sleuth who desperately needs a drink A closing night celebration of an amdram production of Chekhov An old friend who s clearly ill at ease And waiting behind the scenes AN AMATEUR CORPSE Jobbing actor Charles Paris is first to arrive at the Breckton Backstagers cast party After suffering through their production of Chekhov s The Seagull he badly needs a drink Charles wishes he hadn t agreed to lead a critical discussion of the play in a few days time But cast member advertising executive and old friend Hugo Mecken has put a lot of lucrative voiceover work his way of late and

it would be churlish to back out now He only hopes he doesn't feel compelled to repeat his mistake with their upcoming run of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* After rather too much cheap red wine Charles returns home with Hugo in the small hours and is disturbed to hear him confess he feels like he's losing control and is on the verge of committing a terrible crime Charles doesn't give the matter too much thought Not until he stumbles over the very dead body of Hugo's wife hidden in the coal shed his old friend prime suspect for the murder Fans of Agatha Christie *The Thursday Murder Club* Anthony Horowitz Alexander McCall Smith M C Beaton and Faith Martin will love this hilarious cozy traditional mystery series featuring one of the funniest antiheroes in crime fiction Written over a fifty year period it perfectly captures life and contemporary attitudes in 1970s London and beyond READERS ADORE CHARLES PARIS Nicely done indeed Kirkus Reviews The characters and witty dialogue reign supreme Simply delicious Norma 5 GoodReads review A good plot nice twists and good banter Agoston 5 GoodReads review These just keep getting better and more ingenious Christian 5 GoodReads review Loved this Hilariously funny Arabella 5 Amazon review THE CHARLES PARIS MYSTERIES IN ORDER 1 Cast in Order of Disappearance 2 So Much Blood 3 Star Trap 4 An Amateur Corpse 5 A Comedian Dies 6 The Dead Side of the Mike 7 Situation Tragedy 8 Murder Unprompted 9 Murder in the Title 10 Not Dead Only Resting 11 Dead Giveaway 12 What Bloody Man is That 13 A Series of Murders 14 Corporate Bodies 15 A Reconstructed Corpse 16 Sicken and So Die 17 Dead Room Farce 18 A Decent Interval 19 The Cinderella Killer 20 A Deadly Habit *Twelve Englishmen of Mystery* Earl F. Bargainnier, 1984 There are hundreds of satisfactory and satisfying British mystery writers whose works should be studied both for their own individual accomplishments and for their comments on the society in which they were published in the last 150 years but who have not received any critical comment lately This volume is designed to correct that fault in a dozen of those unjustifiably neglected British authors Wilkie Collins A E W Mason G K Chesterton H C Bailey Anthony Berkeley Cox Nicholas Blake Michael Gilbert Julian Symons Dick Francis Edmund Crispin H R F Keating and Simon Brett *Dead Giveaway* Simon Brett, 2012-11-01 Meet Charles Paris a washed up actor with a taste for wine women and solving crimes A binge worthy cozy mystery series from the original king of British cozy crime internationally best selling award winning author Simon Brett OBE For fans of Richard Osman but with added bite Like a little malice in your mysteries Some cynicism in your cosies Simon Brett is happy to oblige THE NEW YORK TIMES Few crime writers are as enchantingly gifted THE SUNDAY TIMES One of British crime's most assured craftsmen Perfect entertainment THE GUARDIAN A new Simon Brett is an event for mystery fans P D JAMES Murder most enjoyable COLIN DEXTER \_\_\_\_\_ A struggling actor and sometimes sleuth takes a job he can't refuse A pilot episode for a brand new game show One man murdered whilst the cameras are rolling Charles Paris is on the case and hoping for a DEAD GIVEAWAY In the cut throat world of showbiz jobbing actor Charles Paris reluctantly takes a minor role on a pilot for a new TV game show If the Cap Fits It's by no means Charles' dream role but he doesn't have the luxury of being picky The opportunity to work with some of Britain's most famous television stars and the allure of a visit to

the West End Television bar sweeten the deal perhaps one more so than the other The cast also includes popular game show host Barrett Doran who is less than charming when the cameras aren't rolling When Barrett drops dead in the middle of filming and one of the producers is accused of murdering the star Charles with a growing reputation as an amateur sleuth is enlisted to find the true killer Fans of Agatha Christie The Thursday Murder Club Anthony Horowitz Alexander McCall Smith M C Beaton and Faith Martin will love this hilarious cozy traditional mystery series featuring one of the funniest antiheroes in crime fiction Written over a fifty year period it perfectly captures life and contemporary attitudes in 1970s London and beyond READERS ADORE CHARLES PARIS Cheeky humor makes this adventure thoroughly delightful Publishers Weekly This is one of the best in the series of Paris tales which lovingly satirize the fringes of show business Library Journal Four words that never fail to lift the heart A Charles Paris Mystery The Telegraph Charles Paris is my hero Margaret 5 Amazon review I love these stories Mrs J E H 5 Amazon review THE CHARLES PARIS MYSTERIES IN ORDER 1 Cast in Order of Disappearance 2 So Much Blood 3 Star Trap 4 An Amateur Corpse 5 A Comedian Dies 6 The Dead Side of the Mike 7 Situation Tragedy 8 Murder Unprompted 9 Murder in the Title 10 Not Dead Only Resting 11 Dead Giveaway 12 What Bloody Man is That 13 A Series of Murders 14 Corporate Bodies 15 A Reconstructed Corpse 16 Sicken and So Die 17 Dead Room Farce 18 A Decent Interval 19 The Cinderella Killer 20 A Deadly Habit 15 A Reconstructed Corpse 16 Sicken and So Die 17 Dead Room Farce 18 A Decent Interval 19 The Cinderella Killer 20 A Deadly Habit

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