



# Book of the Week

***19<sup>th</sup> Christmas* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro**

**Book Review by Maureen Lang**

When we start thinking about a Christmas book, most of us would never combine it with crime and action. This book, *19<sup>th</sup> Christmas*, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro does just that! For those of you who have read the other Women's Murder Club Mysteries, you will be familiar with Lindsay, Yuki, Claire and Cindy, their families and associates as they solve crime and make their world a safer place. San Francisco is where it all takes place and it is four days and counting before Christmas Eve. A big crime is going to be committed by a mysterious Mr. Loman whom no one can identify. He is a dastardly mastermind at dropping clues, fake and true, that keeps the whole police department frustrated and spread incredibly thin. Are the police as smart as Mr. Loman? Will they thwart his evil plan? Will those Christmas trees and lights get put up in time?

This was a fun book to read, with lots of action and warm relationships between the many characters. If you are growing tired of warm and cuddly nostalgia, this is a good book to relax with and get caught up in the action. It is all the more entertaining because it weaves the magic of Christmas week, day by day, building the suspense in two ways at once. Can you figure out which crime Mr. Loman really is planning to commit, and which ones are simply smokescreens? Will the Women's Murder Club bring San Francisco a safe and merry Christmas this year?



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