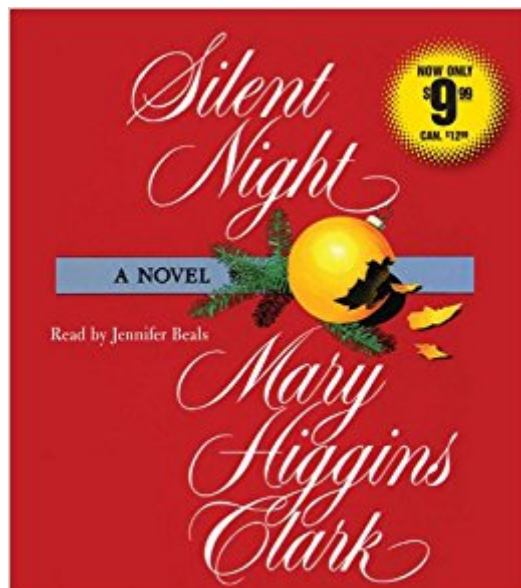


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# Silent Night



## Synopsis

When her husband is diagnosed with leukemia, Catherine Dornan and their two young sons accompany him to New York, during the Christmas season, for a life-saving operation. Hoping to divert them from worry about their father, Catherine takes the boys to see some of the city's Christmas Eve sights. When they stop to listen to a street musician, Brian, the younger boy, sees a woman find his mother's wallet, which also holds a precious family memento he believes will save his father's life. Unable to get his mother's attention, Brian follows the woman into the city's subways -- beginning a journey that will threaten his life and change that of his mother and of the woman as well. Written with warmth, yet set against a background of menace and thrilling suspense, *Silent Night* sings with the spirit of the season, celebrating the mysteries of faith renewed and faith rewarded that we honor every holiday season.

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Clark's favored theme of endangered kids (*Where Are the Children?*, etc.) meshes here with a parable of faith; but, despite swift pacing, the predictability of the story line undercuts the suspense. Catherine Dornan is in Manhattan with her two sons because her husband, Tom, an Omaha pediatrician, is hospitalized there for leukemia and has just had his spleen removed. When a troubled stranger, Cally Hunter, makes off with Catherine's wallet, seven-year-old Brian Dornan doggedly pursues her because the wallet contains a St. Christopher medal that saved the life of his grandfather in WWII, by deflecting a bullet. Brian believes that the medal will save his dad's life, too, as his grandmother has predicted, and he is determined to get it back. Enter Jimmy Siddons, Cally's

brother, a cop killer escaped from Riker's Island prison, who abducts Brian, holding him hostage at gunpoint as he heads for Canada in a stolen car. In the finale, as Catherine prays during Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the cops and Siddons, Brian at his side, engage in a high-speed chase, in which the St. Christopher medal becomes vital to the boy's safety. Clark blatantly, if cleverly, pulls all the sentimental strings here, but most readers will find this a heartwarming, affirmative tale of the power of faith. 750,000 first printing; Literary Guild main selection; simultaneous S&S audiotope. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

YA?It is Christmas Eve in New York City when Brian, a determined seven year old, follows the thief who took his mother's wallet, hoping to retrieve the St. Christopher's medal that he believes will save his father, who has leukemia, just as it saved his grandfather in World War II. However, the child is kidnapped by a vicious escaped convict who needs a hostage. The central characters come to life rapidly as the fast-moving story quickly builds suspense. Teens will appreciate the realistic, paradoxical description of the relationship between Brian and his older brother: caring, concerned, and name-calling at the same time. Although readers know that the ending will be a happy one, they won't expect the coincidences and the touching holiday details.?Claudia Moore, W.T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VACopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

In this short novel the magic of Christmas, the power of faith and the comfort of solidarity are the real protagonists.... thank you, Mrs Higgins Clark for giving us a moment of real magic atmosphere in which miracles are possible, prayers are answered and people care for other people... thank you for making us weeping and smiling at the same time and for making us see the world of adults and faith through the eyes of children...

Was really an inferior plot compared to all her others. Was disappointed.

It's been quite some time since I'd read a book by Mary Higgins Clark and when I came across this ebook I decided to buy it and I'm glad I did.I read it in one sitting as I found it hard to put down. The story moved along at a great pace. The characters and plot were believable.Definitely recommend this book.

A very good book, but not the best of Mary Higgins Clark.

Short read, entertaining & suspense. This family is out looking at the big Christmas tree. Mom is trying to fill some happiness into her boys, their father is in the hospital. This is when a person with a back ground stands up against her fears. It's hard to write a review & not give too much away. And I love Mary Higgins Clark.

As always, the plots, the characters are totally believable; there is always the element of suspense and then relief. "Silent Night" is another reason I'm a strong fan of Mary Higgins Clark!

I read this as a book club selection and, I admit, I was prepared to not like it...but it was a surprisingly good story. I liked it!

This was a quick easy intriguing read. A short story and happy ending. Usually enjoy Mary Higgins Clarks book and if you are looking for a quick exciting read read, this book will do.

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