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London 1884. A culprit is on the run after a fatal poisoning in Bermondsey. It seems like a simple case for Penny Green to report on, until a series of macabre photographs is discovered.

As the poisonings continue, Scotland Yard is convinced they have their suspect. It's not long before they're outwitted and no one is safe. Penny and Inspector James Blakely must avoid the red herrings and track down the manipulative poisoner.

*But could there be more than one?*

### **What readers say about Penny Green:**

- ★★★★★ "A Victorian Delight!"
- ★★★★★ "Good clean mystery in an enjoyable historical setting"
- ★★★★★ "If you are unfamiliar with the Penny Green Series, acquaint yourselves immediately!"
- ★★★★★ "Interesting, complex, believable characters"
- ★★★★★ "I found myself enthralled by Penny Green"
- ★★★★★ "An outstanding female lead character"
- ★★★★★ "I was engrossed from beginning to end"
- ★★★★★ "If you like Agatha Christie books you are going to like this one"
- ★★★★★ "I have found Ms. Organ's story telling to be flawlessly entertaining!"
- ★★★★★ "Very strong mystery set in a very interesting time and place"
- ★★★★★ "Ms. Organ draws you into Penny's world with her delicious descriptions and masterful story telling"
- ★★★★★ "I am very pleased with how this series is becoming one of my favorites!"
- ★★★★★ "Read the books in this series.... guarantee you won't be disappointed!"
- ★★★★★ "A great read with a real twist at the end. Emily just gets better and better with this series."

*The Bermondsey Poisoner is Book 6 in the Penny Green Mystery Series set in 1880s London. The books can be read in any order:*

- Book 1 - Limelight
- Book 2 - The Rookery
- Book 3 - The Maid's Secret
- Book 4 - The Inventor
- Book 5 - Curse of the Poppy
- Book 6 - The Bermondsey Poisoner

### **The Bermondsey Poisoner Details**

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# From Reader Review The Bermondsey Poisoner for online ebook

## Linda says

A woman stands accused of poisoning one husband until it is discovered that she has also poisoned two others. She is now on the run and Penny Green is busy keeping the public informed of the latest news. Meanwhile, Inspector James Blakely is pulling out all the stops to find the accused. While Penny and the Inspector deal with their own feelings toward each other a police detective is also poisoned and everyone is wondering who will be next. Meanwhile one woman confesses to 3 of the murders and another is found pretending to be the murderess. The culprit seems to be everywhere and no where all the time.

I love Victorian mysteries and Emily Organ is quite good at writing them. If you enjoy historical fiction you will enjoy her stories.

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## Heatherinblack says

### makes sense

i am embarrassed by how much i enjoy the romantic aspects of these characters, but will also say it was a great mystery. the side piece with penny's boss didn't seem relevant. looking forward hearing more about francis's trip. cannot decide if i think he will find penny's dad alive or not. could make for a good mystery related to the explorer who was to have been looking for him last time...

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## Richard says

This sixth (major) installment in the Penny Green series picks right up where the previous volume left off. The main plot involves Penny and James investigating not just one poisoning, but a whole series of them; and multiple suspects, oh my.

This volume also answers some really burning issues in the protagonist's story arc. Chapter 32 is one of those doozies that made me kind of bleary-eyed-gush a little, then pause to hug the pages for a bit before going on... And the tension created there ratchets up unforgivingly through the next twenty chapters. (In fact, I read the last one-third of the book in one sitting and finished rather long past my usual bed time.)

The culmination here felt quite satisfying, and yet left enough open space for the characters' exciting lives to continue in future volumes... And there was a cute little epilogue that made me smile in anticipation.

The author's prose is so smooth and easy to read it's like liquid butter on the brain. An indie publication, the editing is excellent and so forth, as I've come to expect from Ms Organ. I pre-ordered this one early and got it at a quite low introductory price, so I have enough change left from my fiver to offer the author that proverbial fancy coffee drink next time she swings through Santa Banana.

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## **Nadishka Aloysius says**

I pre-ordered this because I was invested in the characters and needed to know what happened next in their lives. There is a good balance between the main storyline of the poisoner, and the love interest. I had to keep reminding myself that this is set in the 19th century since emotions are so stilted and muted. The merry-go-round hunt for the poisoner was quite interesting. Unfortunately I latched on to a question asked in innocence halfway through that pointed to the murderer - that is what happens when you are an avid reader of the genre! The ending is good to keep readers hooked onto the lives of Penny, Francis and James and I will probably buy the next one to see what develops.

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## **Linz Bassett says**

I enjoy the Penny Green series by Emily Organ. I'm always looking forward to the next book and usually read it as soon as it comes out. I think Penny is an interesting and relatable character, and I love reading about her adventures as a female reporter in Victorian London. The mysteries keep me interested, and sometimes even surprise me. I'm curious to see what developments there are in the mystery surrounding her father's disappearance. Where the book (and series) is slowly starting to lose me is James Blakely. I'm so tired of reading about Penny pining over him. Going into the book he's engaged and just a couple of weeks away from his wedding with Charlotte. I was rooting for Penny to have adventures in Colombia, but at least for now it's not meant to be.

For my complete review check out:

<https://linzthebookworm.blogspot.com/...>

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## **Ellen says**

I have been reading the Penny Green series since book one and have come to really look forward to when a new one comes out. Set in the 1880s, Penny is a 30 something newspaper reporter forever stumbling into murder and mayhem. Considered a spinster by society she forges a path uniquely her own. Add in some complicated love interests and a search for a lost parent and you have the makings of an interesting series.

In this sixth outing, Penny becomes entangled in a complex murder dealing with an alleged black widow while coming to terms with her love interest's upcoming marriage to another woman. I quite enjoyed the mystery and the clever mastermind behind it. I was also happy to have resolution to Penny's romantic life. It has driven me a little nuts while reading this series so I am happy she will be moving forward in this aspect!

Overall, a good books that has me excited to see what adventures Penny will be up to next!

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## **Kathy Onofrio says**

### **Such a great series**

This is an extremely well-written series whose characters you come to care about, as they are historically authentic—the author takes great care to get the details right—but they authentic as in, fully realized human beings. You root for Penny because she's smart, capable, honest, and exists at the cusp of a changing misogynistic world, one in which she is continually called on to stand up for herself, and does, magnificently. The mysteries are well thought out and usually based on similar events from the time—and sometimes I figure them out, sometimes I don't, but in the meantime, I'm immersed in a wonderful world, a time period about which I learn more with each installment in the series. There's also a romance that hits just the right notes, as Penny is level headed yet sentimental and very sure in her estimations about love and marriage, despite the social limitations of her era. Do NOT miss these!

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## **Quartknee says**

Worth the wait! I think this might be the best in the series so far but actually, it seems like they started off strong and just keep getting better. This story has all of the twists and turns we've come to expect from one of Penny's. With the ever approaching nuptials to the future Mrs. Blakely looming over the investigation, it was a bit of a nail biter for several chapters!

I did note that her coworkers seem less sexist and way more sympathetic. I hope they remember their Victorian values in the next book, but it was nice to see them rally together as a team. I wish Mr. Sherman would have opened up a bit more, at least to Penny in private as he's the most mysterious character in the main cast. Hopefully, this means we'll find out what happened at the baths or how he's getting on - does he go back or are there alternatives?

This installment did an excellent job of paying off previous setups while leaving enough open loops to make me want more. If you're just now discovering this series, you're in for a great binge.

I'm on the edge of my seat wanting to know what happens next!

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## **OLT says**

For some reason, I keep on reading these Penny Green books. At this point it's not clear to me why I do it. I know by now not to expect all that much from them. So why did I read this new one? (1) It was only 99 cents at the time I ordered it. (2) I was hoping that Scotland Yard detective James Blakely might just possibly be a victim of the Bermondsey Poisoner of the title. That would have made my day.

No such luck. James is still alive at the end of this entry in the series and one assumes he'll show up in the next one, if only just to torture me. Then just stop reading them already, you may say. Yeah, I know I should. But one thing this series has going for it is the amount of research the author puts in and the notes at the end. Another thing is that they are edited well. In comparison to many e-books, these have few-to-no punctuation, grammar and spelling errors. And the mysteries themselves are based loosely on real crimes author Emily Organ has come across in her research. And the price is economical, so some bang for your buck.

But one thing the books don't have going for them is the characters' lackluster development and their superficial relationships, and the stiff, painful, awkward dialogue. The overall quality of the writing is merely competent.

The mystery this time revolves around what seems to be a Black Widow serial poisoner of her husbands. All the murders have taken place in Bermondsey over the past eight years or so and all involve the use of arsenic. This most recent murder in 1844 catches Penny's interest and off she goes to investigate. Naturally, James Blakely, Scotland Yard detective, will also be on the case. Naturally Penny's heart will skip a beat every time James shows up. Naturally, they will find their usual fumbling way to a resolution of the mystery.

In addition to this mystery, Penny will be facing several issues in her personal life. Francis, her librarian suitor, is off to South America to look for her missing father; her sister is considering divorcing her husband and the father of her children; the editor of the newspaper she works for is replaced by an incompetent nephew of the owner; and James, for whom Penny's heart spends a lot of time skipping beats, is soon, very soon, to marry. (Why Penny's heart skips so much around James is a puzzle to me. He may be handsome, but he has the personality of a turnip and the sleuthing abilities of Inspector Clouseau.)

The murder mystery is somewhat interesting. There are a few red herrings to keep the reader on his/her toes a bit, albeit nothing excessively clever or sophisticated. And the personal side of things continues to annoy me. Penny and James are insipid characters much of the time. I do hope Francis, the librarian, eventually comes back from South America and knocks some sense into P & J.

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## **Jeannette Bartosz says**

### **I'm already looking forward to the next installment!**

I absolutely love this series. I love historical mysteries and the author firmly puts me in 19th century England. Penny Green is such an enjoyable character. She's a woman that most of us "modern" women can relate to but she's not so progressive that she doesn't want to win the man she loves. Oh and the mystery had me guessing til the end. Can't wait to see what happens with Penny and James' relationship and the results of Francis' expedition.

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## **Susan says**

### **Miss Penny Green Rides Again!**

Emily Organ's Penny Green series is entertaining, far from predictable, and straight up fun. Penny, an independent Victorian newspaper reporter, is embroiled in a mysterious multiple poisoning case, and counting down to Inspector James Blakely's wedding day...a day she dreads, as he marries another. The newest book in this wonderful series is better than the previous, with all of the main characters gaining more depth in each book. They are suitable for everyone, interesting, full of bits of history we rarely glean from books.

If you don't find yourself Googling bits of these books for more information, your curiosity is asleep!

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## **Samantha McNulty says**

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The Bermondsey Poisoner has to be the best Penny Green novel to date. Can someone please tell me when the next one is released please!?

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## **Sharon Bowen says**

I enjoyed all of the Penny Green books, but especially book 6. Through the series Penny helps to solve a variety of criminal cases and falls in love with a Scotland Yard detective along the way. At the ripe old age of 34, Penny is known as a "spinster" and seems to be quite content in that position. She likes being able to work and to come and go without having to answer to a husband. As the series progresses, though, and Penny realizes she is in love with James, she does start thinking there could be more. But, the relationship seems doomed since James is betrothed to another woman, and Penny has to be prim and proper and only seek out James for professional work reasons.

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## **Dana Linde says**

Certainly not my favorite mystery of the six books, but definitely my favorite in terms of other events. I look forward to book 7 to see further developments - especially in relation to Frances' journey to determine if Penny's father is alive. In this installment, Penny and Inspector Blakely are attempting to determine whether the wife accused of poisoning four of her husbands for the insurance money is really responsible for the crimes. Also, the nuptials of Inspector Blakely and Charlotte are looming. I also enjoyed the upset at the newspaper office when a new editor is brought in with whom the reporters must contend.

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## **Cheryl says**

Another great read in this series. I love how tenacious Penny is when she is investigating a case. It can't have been easy to be a reporter in this age. I enjoyed the connection between Penny and James, even though he's engaged to marry someone else. The plot has a number of twists that will keep you reading until the end. I also found the author's notes really interesting, it shows the amount of research Emily has done and this makes all the difference to the story.

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