

***Of Manners and Murder* by Anastasia Hastings**

An enjoyable and fast-paced mystery, set in London, England, in 1885. Violet's Aunt Adelia takes off for an extended journey, leaving her job as Britain's foremost "Agony Aunt" to her niece – who has just discovered that her aunt has been the famous and authoritative writer answering letters in an advice column. Now Violet must answer the letters, and is soon drawn into drama and even (she suspects) murder.

As she investigates, Violet must also contend with her sister Sephora, who is off on exploits of her own without the oversight of their aunt. Then there is also the matter of the rather interesting Eli Marsh... The book has both dramatic moments and humorous asides, as Violet tackles the task at hand, along with the help of the dedicated housekeeper. This is the first in the Dear Miss Hermione Mystery series, and there are telling clues that there will be more to come!