



Book review: A Dissection of Murder

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BOOK: A Dissection of Murder

AUTHOR: Felicity Young

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AUTHOR Felicity Young has drawn on the memoir of her own grandmother, a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin in the early part of last century, to deliver a fascinating story about a new kind of heroine trying to succeed in a man's world.

Dody McClelland is England's first female autopsy surgeon at the turn of last century, when women were fighting for the vote.

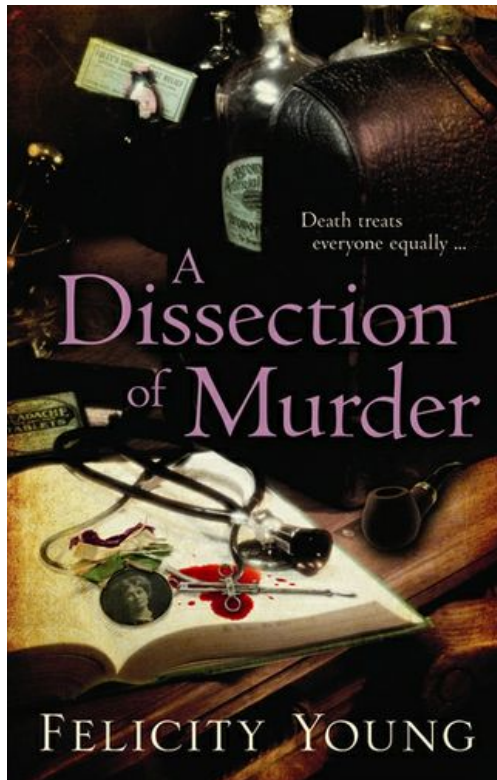
In *A Dissection of Murder*, the start of a new series combining forensic investigation with the world of *Downton Abbey*, an innocent suffragette is found murdered after a violent rally.

Dody gathers clues, which is easier than trying to handle chief detective Inspector Matthew Pike, a man who finds it hard to trust anyone, especially a woman doctor.

As the case turns personal, not only is Dody's ability as a surgeon being carefully scrutinised she is also painfully aware that her job could be on the line if she finds police brutality was the cause of death.

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