

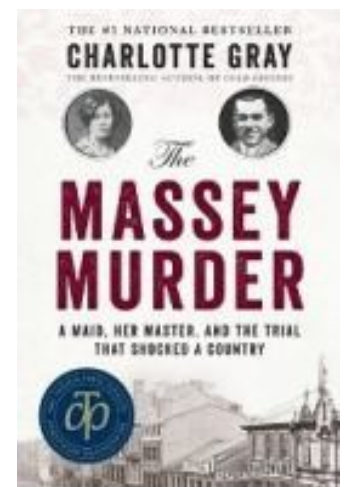


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Discussion Questions

1. Why did Carrie Davies return to her employer's home after visiting her sister and brother-in-law?
2. Who was the victim in this story?
3. Was it the correct verdict - why do you think the jury came to the conclusion it did - was justice done?
4. What role did newspapers play? Would the story be told differently today?
5. Why was evidence about Carrie's virginity important?
6. What do you think about the idea of a separate court for female offenders, or of the defence of "unwritten law"?
7. What impression do you have of Crown prosecutor Edward Du Ver-net and defence lawyer Hartley Dewart?
8. What difference did it make that Canada was at war?
9. How did the women's suffrage movement affect the case?
10. What difference did the jury's decision make in the long-term?





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Charlotte Gray is one of Canada's best-known writers, and author of ten acclaimed books of literary non-fiction. Born in Sheffield, England, and educated at Oxford University and the London School of Economics, she began her writing career in England as a magazine editor and newspaper columnist. After coming to Canada in 1979, she worked as a political commentator, book reviewer and magazine columnist before she turned to biography and popular history.

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