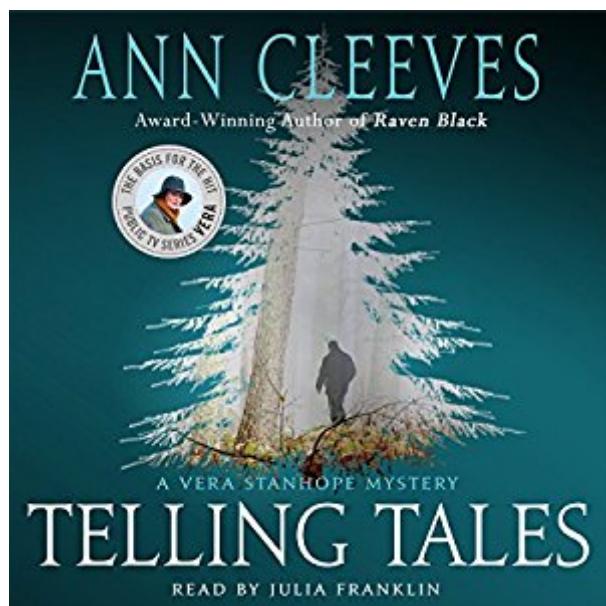


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# Telling Tales: A Vera Stanhope Mystery



## **Synopsis**

It has been 10 years since Jeanie Long was charged with the murder of 15-year-old Abigail Mantel. Now residents of the East Yorkshire village of Elvet are disturbed to hear of new evidence proving Jeanie's innocence. Abigail's killer is still at large. For one young woman, Emma Bennett, the revelation brings back haunting memories of her vibrant best friend - and of that fearful winter's day when she had discovered her body lying cold in a ditch. As Inspector Vera Stanhope makes fresh enquiries on the peninsula and villagers are hauled back to a time they hoped to forget, tensions begin to mount. But are people afraid of the killer or of their own guilty pasts? With each person's story revisited, the inspector begins to suspect that some deadly secrets are threatening to unfurl....

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## **Customer Reviews**

TELLING TALES by Ann Cleeves is the second title in the Vera Stanhope series. I am just getting acquainted with Vera and I am glad I did. I segued into "Vera" after reading Ann Cleeves' Shetland series. Inspector Stanhope is called in to reinvestigate a ten year old crime where a young woman, Jeanie Long, was convicted of murdering her lover's young daughter. New evidence has come to light, plus whispers of a botched investigation. It appears Jeanie may not be guilty after all. The detailed characters and sense of place drew me into this mystery. Vera is a one of a kind personality and I quite adore her. How she unravels the relationships among all the characters, especially their relationships with their parents is not only brilliant but very unsettling. Police procedures, suspense, mystery, psycho drama, a strong sense of place and crooked businessmen all combine to create a great mystery.

Wonderful, real characters and gentle suspense to the very end. Very enjoyable.

This is a very good Vera Stanhope mystery - however, it isn't new. It was published in the UK in 2005 and just now published in the US. When I received it on my Kindle, I read one page and realized I had read it several years ago after buying a used UK paperback from . It would be helpful if would include both original publication dates as well as secondary ones in its book blurbs. Since this title was offered as a preorder several months ago, the implication was that it was a new Ann Cleeves title. If the original date had been included in the description, it would have saved me the cost of the supposedly new book.

Be aware that as noted in the Publisher's Description this is a reprint of an early book not a new title

The digital format is broken. There are duplicate pages, missing pages and the the last third of the book is repeated chapters from the beginning of the book. The final chapters are completely missing.

Ann Cleeves creates an intricate and intriguing mystery, full of twists and turns with this novel . Her characters are well-crafted and her insights into relationships are both clear and unsettling. I don't know anything about a previous copy but I do know that this story is well-matched to its title and that, once again, Cleeves has created a telling tale.

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