The Christmas Thief. Con artist Packy Noonan talked people into investing over 100 million in his phony shipping company, but though his confederates escaped Packy went to jail. After serving twelve years he heads to Stowe, Vermont to get the diamonds that are hidden in an eighty foot blue spruce tree belonging to his former employees Lenny and Viddy. Although both stories were enjoyable, I especially liked the first novel, Deck the Halls. The writing was crisp and the storyline taut. Fans of the authors will enjoy that these two stories are now combined in one book and available to read as we head into the Christmas season. Deck the Halls/The Christmas Thief: Two Holiday Novels. Read more. Go to Amazon.com to see all 5 reviews 4.7 out of 5 stars. Book Preview. Deck the Halls - Mary Higgins Clark. Get into the holiday spirit with acclaimed Christmas novels from MARY HIGGINS CLARK and CAROL HIGGINS CLARK. Deck the halls. In their first collaboration, mother and daughter have produced a holiday confection. â€”The New York Times Book Review. From the doorway of the hospital room, Luke looked back and smiled at the sight of the two women in his life, so alike in some ways with their classic features, blue eyes, and fair skin, but so different in others. From the Black Irish Reillys, Regan had inherited raven black hair, a throwback to the Spaniards who had settled in Ireland after their Armada had been destroyed in battle with the British. Deck the Halls. California private detective Regan Reilley flies home to New Jersey to spend the holidays with her parents. Regan visits her mother, Nora a patient at the Manhattan Hospital for Special Surgery for a leg she broke tripping over a rug. The Christmas Thief. Con artist Packy Noonan talked people into investing over 100 million in his phony shipping company, but though his confederates escaped Packy went to jail. After serving twelve years he heads to Stowe, Vermont to get the diamonds that are hidden in an eighty foot blue spruce tree belonging to his former employees Lenny and Viddy. Fans of the authors will enjoy that these two stories are now combined in one book and available to read as we head into the Christmas season. Three days before Christmas, Regan Reilly, the dynamic young sleuth featured in the novels of Carol Higgins Clark, meets Alvirah Meehan, the famous lottery winner and amateur detective who has appeared in several previous books by Mary Higgins Clark, when they both arrive at a New Jersey dentist's office. She has also co-authored several books with her mother including Deck the Halls, The Christmas Thief, Santa Cruise, and Dashing through the Snow. As an actress, she has appeared in numerous television, film, and theater productions, including A Cry in the Night, a 1992 television movie based on a novel written by her mother.