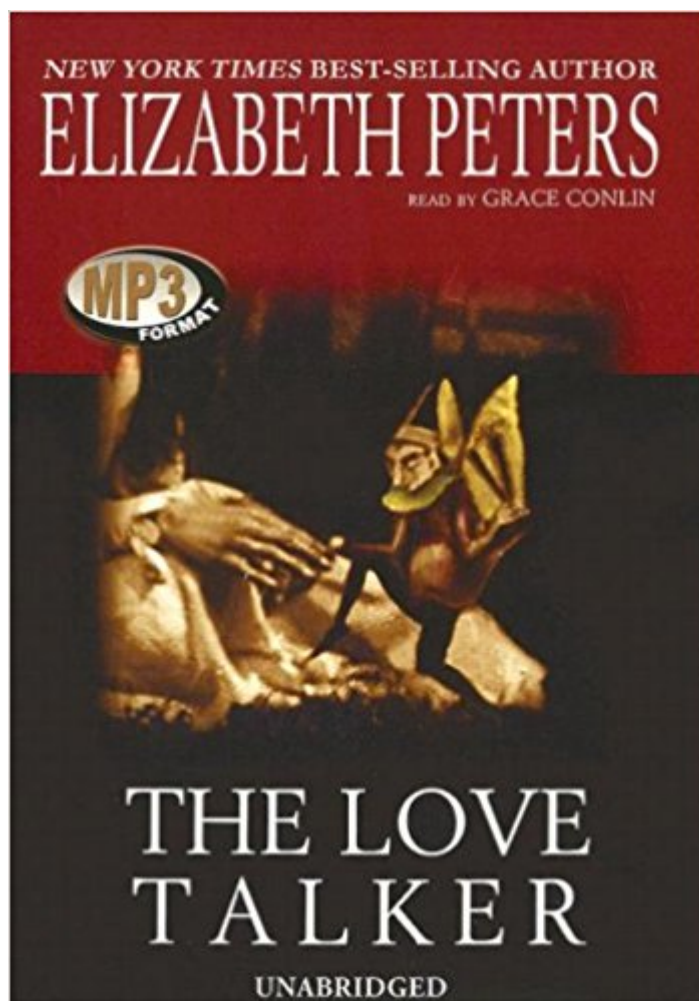


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# The Love Talker



## Synopsis

There might be worse fates than spending a few months at Idlewood, Laurie thought, as the Chicago winter howled around her. It was, after all, the the beloved family home where she found comfort and peace as a lonely young girl. Certainly her Aunt Ida's invitation was well intentioned, and she couldn't really have meant what she said: "I have nothing of which to complain, considering my age. I only hope I will be taken before my mind fails. Fairies in the woods, indeed!" But when Laurie and her brother, Doug, arrive at the family home in the Maryland countryside, they find that things are very different now, and that Aunt Ida may actually have reason to fear. There is no peace in Idlewood. The haunting sound of a distant piping breaks the stillness of a snowy winter's evening. Seemingly random events have begun to take on a sinister shape--and something is indeed in the woods.

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Elizabeth Peters (1927-2013) was a New York Times bestselling author whose novels were often set against historical backdrops. She earned a PhD in Egyptology at the University of Chicago. She also wrote bestselling books under the pseudonym Barbara Michaels. Grace Conlin (1962-1997)

was the recording name of Grainne Cassidy, an award-winning actress and acclaimed narrator. She was a member of the Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company in Washington, DC, and won a Helen Hayes Award in 1988 for her role in Woolly Mammoth's production of *Savage in Limbo*.

This is the first book of Ms. Peter's I have read. I loved it. What a magical writer she is. I highly recommend her books under both her names. I have read and re-read all of her books under the Barbara Michael's name and own all of them in paperback (thanks to ) as well. If you are new to Elizabeth Peters books and didn't yet know that she also writes under the Barbara Michaels name I hope you will check out those books too. You can't go wrong with this author.

The Love Talker feels more like a Barbara Michaels novel. I could also believe that Mary Stewart wrote it. There's very little romance, but there is a nice little mystery. I didn't expect some of the twists, but in hindsight the trace was laid to be followed. The main family had thoroughly likeable characters. I could relate to Laurie's trials with her elderly relatives and her half-brother. The book was a fun read.

I fell in love with Elizabeth Peters aka Barbara Michaels all over again. I don't like all of her books, but I really liked this one. Somehow she can make you sympathize with the 'villain'. I read this in 3 days.

Elizabeth Peters never disappoints. Another great story. I did not have it figured out at all. Have fun with this one.

I am a fan of Elizabeth Peters, love her books. This one not one of my favorites, the mystery a little muddled, not as sharp as her other works.

One of my favorite authors, I'm in the process of buying everything she wrote.

I enjoy all of Elizabeth Peter's mystery/romance books, and this one was no exception. Her books are light fun, with no sex/violence to speak of, and I always learn something interesting. In this case, Dr. Peters teaches us a bit about fairy tails. I had most of the mystery figured out by the end, but there were a few twists that surprised me. The heroine was typical of E.P.: smart, independent, more beautiful than she knows, and just rash enough to get herself into trouble.

As usual Elizabeth Peters succeeds in grabbing my attention from the get go, great characters and story, went through this book very quickly. So far I have not been disappointed in this author and I have read many many of her books.

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