

The Case of The Curious Codicil - Solution

Edward killed Matthew Burger.

Because of the nature of the will and codicil, we can assume no two persons collaborated in the murder. Who would lessen his own inheritance by helping in a risky crime? And Singer had hinted that only one person was being cut out.

Erica visited Singer at 12:05. But he was still alive when Bertie visited, so Erica is innocent. The next visit was by Rosalind, who likewise exonerates Bertie. The killer must therefore be Edward or Rosalind.

Either:

(a) Rosalind killed the old solicitor but failed to get the codicil. Edward hid it in a book, but she returned and found it, and destroyed it; or

(b) Edward killed Singer and took away the codicil to destroy it.

Edward says he carefully *noted* the pages between which he inserted the codicil, pages 49 and 50. In *Invisible Green* (and indeed in all books) page 50 is always on the back of page 49. Edward therefore lied, and his lie could only be designed to direct blame away from him and towards Rosalind.

Edward now works in the prison library.