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## As Time Goes By



## Synopsis

In this exciting thriller from Mary Higgins Clark, the #1 New York Times bestselling "Queen of Suspense," a news reporter tries to find her birth mother just as she is assigned to cover the high-profile trial of a woman accused of murdering her wealthy husband. Television journalist Delaney Wright is on the brink of stardom after she begins covering a sensational murder trial for the six p.m. news. She should be thrilled, yet her growing desire to locate her birth mother consumes her thoughts. When Delaney's friends Alvirah Meehan and her husband Willy offer to look into the mystery surrounding her birth, they uncover a shocking secret they do not want to reveal. On trial for murder is Betsy Grant, widow of a wealthy doctor who has been an Alzheimer's victim for eight years. When her once-upon-a-time celebrity lawyer urges her to accept a plea bargain, Betsy refuses: she will go to trial to prove her innocence. Betsy's stepson, Alan Grant, bides his time nervously as the trial begins. His substantial inheritance hangs in the balance—his only means of making good on payments he owes his ex-wife, his children, and increasingly angry creditors. As the trial unfolds, and the damning evidence against Betsy piles up, Delaney is convinced that Betsy is not guilty and frantically tries to prove her innocence. A true classic from Mary Higgins Clark, *As Time Goes By* is a thrilling story by a master of the genre.

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Delaney Wright, a 26-year-old anchor at a news station in New Jersey, is the protagonist of Mary Higgins Clark's new thriller, *AS TIME GOES BY*. Her assignment for the evening is the beginning of the trial of Betsy Grant, who is accused of murdering her husband. At first, it was

thought that Ted Grant, a patient suffering from early onset Alzheimer's disease, died of natural causes. That is, until the medical examiner found a "soft spot" on the back of his head --- an injury that could only happen from a hard blow. Since Betsy was alone in the house with Ted, she is accused of the crime. One of the main pieces of evidence against her is that she hosted a birthday party for him with his former partners and their wives. He lost his temper and slapped her across the face. She sobs that she can't take it anymore, leading prosecutors to believe that this was a sort of confession. Actually, what she meant was that she was ready to put him in a nursing home. Still, in the early chapters, we learn that Delaney was adopted literally at birth with no papers or legal proceedings --- all private and secretive for a price. She has three stepbrothers, and at an early age notices that her color and demeanor are different from them and the rest of the family. Her adoptive parents finally tell her the truth, which triggers an overwhelming need in her to find her birth mother. Even as a child, she wanted to know who her mother was and where she came from. As luck would have it, two of Delaney's friends won a fortune in the lottery. Since they no longer work and are curious, they take on the job of trying to investigate her adoption. Piece by piece, they find snippets of information that help put together the puzzle.

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