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The Gentle Art of Murder 1980 this study of the technique of agatha christie s detective fiction sixty seven novels and over one hundred short stories is the first extensive analysis of her accomplishment as a writer earl f bargannier demonstrates that christie thoroughly understood the conventions of her genre and with seemingly inexhaustible ingenuity was able to develop for more than fifty years surprising variations within those conventions

Agatha Christie 2019-08-13 it has been one hundred years since agatha christie wrote her first novel and created the formidable hercule poirot a brilliant and award winning biographer laura thompson now turns her sharp eye to agatha christie arguably the greatest crime writer in the world christie s books still sell over four million copies each year more than thirty years after her death and it shows no signs of slowing but who was the woman behind these mystifying yet eternally pleasing puzzlers thompson reveals the edwardian world in which christie grew up explores her relationships including those with her two husbands and daughter and investigates the many mysteries still surrounding christie s life most notably her eleven day disappearance in 1926 agatha christie is as mysterious as the stories she penned and writing about her is a detection job in itself with unprecedented access to all of christie s letters papers and notebooks as well as fresh and insightful interviews with her grandson daughter son in law and their living relations thompson is able to unravel not only the detailed workings of christie s detective fiction but the truth behind this mysterious woman

Agatha Christie, Collection 2014-06-27 dame agatha mary clarissa christie 1890 1976 was an english crime novelist short story writer and playwright she also wrote six romances under the name mary westmacott but she is best known for the 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections she wrote under her own name most of which revolve around the investigations of such characters as hercule poirot miss jane marple and tommy and tuppence she also wrote the world s longest running play the mousetrap born into a wealthy upper middle class family in torquay devon christie served in a hospital during the first world war before marrying and starting a family in london she was initially unsuccessful at getting her work published but in 1920 the bodley head press published her novel the mysterious affair at styles featuring the character of poirot this launched her literary career in this book the mysterious affair at styles 1920the secret adversary 1922

Agatha Christie 2022-09-08 shortlisted for the crimefest h r f keating award a smart and highly entertaining portrait of a literary powerhouse the times books of the year a riveting portrait guardian books of the year christie lovers should read this biography for the same reason they read her novels the times a model of how to combine biographical information analysis and literary criticism into a propulsive narrative daily telegraph worsley s book excels in bringing a broader historical perspective to christie s life and work and her enthusiasm is infectious observer ms worsley herself writes engagingly she combines an almost militant support for her subject with a considered analysis of her books and plays economist nobody in the world was more inadequate to act the heroine than i was why did agatha christie spend her career pretending that she was just an ordinary housewife when clearly she wasn t as lucy worsley says she was thrillingly scintillatingly modern she went surfing in hawaii she loved fast cars and she was intrigued by the new science of psychology which helped her through devastating mental illness so why despite all the evidence to the contrary did agatha present herself as a retiring edwardian lady of leisure she was born in 1890 into a world which had its own rules about what women could and couldn t do lucy worsley s biography is not just of an internationally renowned bestselling writer it s also the story of a person who despite the obstacles of class and gender became an astonishingly successful working woman with access to personal letters and papers that have rarely been seen lucy worsley s biography is both authoritative and entertaining and makes us realise what an extraordinary pioneer agatha christie was truly a woman who wrote the twentieth century

Agatha Christie 2017-08-24 janet morgan s definitive and authorised biography of agatha christie with a new retrospective foreword by the author agatha christie 1890 1976 the world s bestselling author is a public institution her creations hercule poirot and miss marple have become fiction s most legendary sleuths and her ingenuity has captured the imagination of generations of readers but although she lived to a great age and was prolific she remained elusively shy and determinedly private given sole access to family papers and other protected material janet morgan s definitive biography unravels agatha christie s life work and relationships creating a revealing and faithfully honest portrait the book has delighted readers of christie s detective stories for more than 30 years with its clear view of her career and personality and this edition includes a new foreword by the author reflecting on the longevity of agatha christie s extraordinary success and popularity

[An Autobiography](#) 2012-09-11 millions of fans the world over got to know her beloved characters hercule poirot miss jane marple and the rest yet for decades little was known about their creator dame agatha christie was a woman who scrupulously kept her private life hidden from view dodging the press granting no interviews and even for a brief time famously disappearing but shortly after the great lady s death the silence was broken when an autobiography was finally published the witty insightful and immensely entertaining reflections of a marvelous talent an

autobiography is as compulsively readable as christie s novels in her own inimitable style a brilliant eccentric whose life encapsulated her times sheds light on her past including her childhood in victorian england her volunteer work during world war ii and of course her phenomenal career agatha christie s an autobiography brings into sharp focus a beloved and enduring literary icon whose imagination continues to mesmerize readers to this very day

Agatha Christie's Secret Notebooks 2010-03-30 agatha christie s secret notebooks is the fascinating exploration of the contents of agatha christie s long hidden notebooks including illustrations analyses and two previously unpublished hercule poirot short stories not only will christie s legions of ardent fans find a treasure chest of new material from the author of such classics as and then there were none murder on the orient express and death on the Nile but agatha christie s secret notebooks is also a must read tutorial for writers who want to learn the intricacies of constructing crime novels

Agatha Christie's Complete Secret Notebooks: Stories and Secrets of Murder in the Making 2020-03-19 agatha christie s complete secret notebooks brings together for the first time secret notebooks and murder in the making two volumes that explore the fascinating contents of her 73 notebooks this includes illustrations deleted extracts unused ideas two unpublished poirot stories and a lost miss marple

The World of Agatha Christie 1999 denne boken tar for seg livet til agatha christie hennes arbeider og tiden hun levde i christie bragte krim sjangeren videre og hun la grunnlaget for detektivromanens gullalder flere av hennes historier har blitt klassikere selv var hun en diskret og dannet kvinne som unngikk oppmerksomhet men livet hennes var langt fra kjedelig hun reiste mye og hun skapte store overskrifter da hun forsvant i 1926 boka er lett tilgjengelig og har en mengde illustrasjoner den henvender seg både til dem som har studert christie til dem som har blitt kjent med henne via filmatiseringer og til dem som har gledet seg over hennes spennende bøker

True Crime Parallels to the Mysteries of Agatha Christie 2020-02-19 outsold only by the bible and shakespeare the works of agatha christie stand as some of the most celebrated crime fiction of our era this book takes ten of her most famous works and shows their relationship to ten of crime history s most famous and sensational cases cases whose notoriety still resounds to this day addressing both novels and short stories the author illuminates the relationship between christie s murder on the orient express and the sensational lindbergh kidnapping case of 1932 the connections between christie s mrs mcginty s dead and the horrific true case of england s most loathed wife killer the american dr hawley harvey crippeen and eight more engrossing pairings of christie s ingenious mystery puzzles with vintage true crime s most sensational events

Agatha Christie 2017-10-17 in this book from the critically acclaimed little people big dreams series discover the life of agatha christie the most famous crime writer of all time when agatha was young she read books every night but always had her own idea for how they should end as an adult her crime novels with their twists and turns and peculiar detectives challenged the minds of millions of readers making her the queen of mystery and the best selling novelist of all time this stirring book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the author s life little people big dreams is a best selling biography series for kids that explores the lives of outstanding people from designers and artists to scientists and activists all of them achieved incredible things yet each began life as a child with a dream this empowering series of books offers inspiring messages to children of all ages in a range of formats the board books are told in simple sentences perfect for reading aloud to babies and toddlers the hardcover and paperback versions present expanded stories for beginning readers with rewritten text for older children the treasuries each bring together a multitude of dreamers in a single volume you can also collect a selection of the books by theme in boxed gift sets activity books and a journal provide even more ways to make the lives of these role models accessible to children inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world with little people big dreams

Agatha Christie 2018-02-07 keen to learn but short on time find out everything you need to know about the life and work of agatha christie in just 50 minutes with this straightforward and engaging guide few writers have ever shaped a genre to the extent that agatha christie influenced crime fiction the prolific british author who penned a total of 67 novels over a span of more than 50 years has had an enduring influence on every successive generation of crime novelists having established many of the conventions that we associate with the genre today her plotting was so innovative that it often shocked or even scandalised readers in the early 20th century and modern day readers remain captivated by the challenge of unravelling one of her mysteries before the culprit is unmasked at the end of the book she also created two of the most iconic detective characters of all time namely hercule poirot and miss jane marple in this book you will learn about christie s most famous works including and then there were none and murder on the orient express the social context and earlier writers who influenced her work and ideas her personal life including her mysterious disappearance in 1926 about 50minutes.com art literature the art literature series from the 50minutes collection aims to introduce readers to the figures and

movements that have shaped our culture over the centuries our guides are written by experts in their field and each feature a full biography an introduction to the relevant social political and historical context and a thorough discussion and analysis of the key works of each artist writer or movement making them the ideal starting point for busy readers looking for a quick way to broaden their cultural horizons

Murder on the Orient Express 2019-07-18 agatha christie s most famous murder mystery reissued with a striking new cover designed to appeal to the latest generation of agatha christie fans and book lovers just after midnight a snowdrift stops the orient express in its tracks the luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year but by the morning it is one passenger fewer an american tycoon lies dead in his compartment stabbed a dozen times his door locked from the inside isolated and with a killer in their midst detective hercule poirot must identify the murderer in case he or she decides to strike again

Murder She Wrote 1982 this book explores the inter relationships between agatha christie and her works to seek the wholeness in the christie experience the authors perceive an integration in personal experience and moral and aesthetic values between the woman and her art

Poirot Investigates 2021-04-28 here is a sparkling collection of mystery gems polished puzzlers from the pen of agatha christie starring the vain eccentric and utterly brilliant hercule poirot hercule poirot grapples with a chain of mysteries that challenge his ingenuity and display the author s wide ranging imagination to fine effect herein the detective deals with the theft of a gem said to have been the eye of a mysterious idol a million dollars in bonds that disappear from a locked case jewel thieves who have conceived of a seemingly impossible theft and even the kidnapping of the prime minister of england poirot uses deduction deception and isn t above creating illusions to reveal a killer but his foes are often both more unusual and more dangerous than simple murderers he finds himself battling spies masters of disguise and even trying to thwart a supposed egyptian curse upon the initial appearance of poirot investigates in 1924 reviewers were impressed by the author s ability to create a complete thoroughly conceived mystery with a surprising but logical solution inside a tight package of perhaps four thousand words for the next fifty years writing at any length that took her fancy christie would continue to produce some of the finest mysteries ever written with an eye catching new cover and professionally typeset manuscript

The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie 2002-12-20 the author of over 100 plays short story collections and novels which have been translated into 103 languages agatha christie has been outsold only by the bible and shakespeare though many have tried to copy her no one has succeeded and christie remains the best selling modern writer throughout the world now charles osborne a lifelong student of agatha christie has created a comprehensive guide to her world as examined through her books illustrated with rarely seen photos and updated to include details of the publications films and tv adaptations of her writings this book provides fascinating reading for any christie aficionado

Everyman's Guide to the Mysteries of Agatha Christie 2004 everyman s guide to the mysteries of agatha christie is a reference book covering christie s 238 stories it provides data never before published about both important and trivial facts dedications time periods and locations have been laboriously researched and provided with time warp explanations even trivial data such as newspapers 100 in all pubs 95 and automobiles 136 are shown as well as each story in which they are listed english sayings totalling 259 are shown with the book s in which they appear including a brief explanation of their meaning yet guide is much more than a list of facts it is an informative reference book about christie s writings as well different perspectives on many of the perplexing mysteries within her mysteries are provided finally guide is not an alphabetical list of stories or characters instead it lists many entrancing errors of sketches and text with comments explaining where possible the reasons for their existence most importantly guide does not betray any book s endings nor the identity of the villain a rule that genuine christie devotees always try to uphold

Murder on the Orient Express 2023-09-14 this omnibus edition presents a quintet of classics from the champion deceiver of our time including the murder at the vicarage miss marple s first mystery a super puzzling hercule poirot mystery sad cypress and the ingenious towards zero n or m and dead man s folly

Agatha Christie's Detectives 1995 the agatha christie collection collection of agatha christie this combo collection set of 3 books includes all time bestseller books this anthology contains the secret adversary the mysterious affair at styles agatha christie s international bestseller detective novel the murder on the links

The Agatha Christie Collection (Set of 3 Books) 2022-03-24 a biographical companion to the works of agatha christie revised and updated edition

The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie: A biographical companion to the works of Agatha Christie (Text Only) 2012-01-30 this miscellany explores the fascinating and enigmatic world created by the undisputed queen of crime agatha christie examining her place in literary history her books and her iconic characters including hercule poirot and miss marple this unique collection includes

facts trivia and quotes that feature in christie s legendary stories and the subsequent film and television adaptations the agatha christie miscellany will also delve into the secrets mysteries and tricks that made christie the most sensational and successful mystery writer of her time for example how is it that she managed to keep us guessing the murderer until the very end looking at her life and the influences on her writing this entertaining and informative miscellany will above all unravel the secrets of agatha christie s phenomenal success

Agatha Christie: Inspiring Lives 2013-03-01 this book is a comprehensive exploration of 90 years of film and television adaptations of the world s best selling novelist s work drawing on extensive archival material it offers new information regarding both the well known and forgotten screen adaptations of agatha christie s stories including unmade and rare adaptations some of which have been unseen for more than half a century this history offers intriguing insights into the discussions and debates that surrounded many of these screen projects something that is brought to life through previously unpublished correspondence from christie herself and a new wide ranging interview with her grandson mathew prichard agatha christie on screen takes the reader on a journey from little known silent film adaptations through to famous screen productions including 1974 s murder on the orient express as well as the television series of the poirot and miss marple stories and most recently the bbc s acclaimed version of and then there were none

Agatha Christie on Screen 2016-10-21 golden deer classics publishes the greatest works of history s greatest authors and collects them to make it easy and affordable for readers to have them all at the push of a button all of our collections include a linked table of contents agatha christie was a british author of crime fiction christie s career spanned over 50 years and featured over 60 novels christie s book the mysterious affairs at styles was the first to feature the legendary character hercule poirot this collection includes the following novels the mysterious affair at styles the secret adversary

The Early Classics of Agatha Christie 2017 ten ten strangers are lured to an island mansion off the devon coast over dinner an unseen voice accuses each of them of harbouring a guilty secret and by the end of the evening one of their number is dead nine their host fails to appear and as the weather changes the island becomes a sinister and claustrophobic place to be stranded eight haunted by an ancient nursery rhyme they all realise that the murderer is not only among them but is preparing to strike again seven the tension escalates as the survivors try to keep one step ahead of their ingenious stalker who seems bent on reaching the final line and then there were none

And Then There Were None 2003 fascinating prima engaging and informative guardian agatha christie is one of our most beloved authors a storyteller unparalleled in her clever plots and twisting tales but agatha was also a forensic expert in each of her books she employs an expert weaving of human observation ingenuity and genuine science of the era in murder isn t easy carla valentine illuminates all of agatha s incredible knowledge showing how she stayed at the cutting edge of forensics from ballistics to fingerprint analysis as seen through much loved characters such as poirot and miss marple from the glamour and grit of agatha christie s stories to the real life cases that inspired them murder isn t easy will immerse you in the forensics that influenced generations of writers and scientists alike

Murder Isn't Easy 2021-10-21 she has sold more novels and thrilled more readers than any other writer ever has as crime fiction fans around the world celebrate the 125th anniversary of the birth of agatha christie this special souvenir magazine from mirror collection salutes this much adored british author it is the essential guide for all devotees of the queen of crime with her popularity showing no signs of waning it celebrates the legendary detectives and beguiling whodunits that have thrilled millions of readers around the world and details chilling true crimes that inspired some of agatha s greatest stories

Agatha Christie 2017-01-10 agatha mary clarissa christie was an english writer known for her 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections particularly those revolving around fictional detectives hercule poirot and miss marple in 1971 she was made a dame dbe for her contributions to literature guinness world records lists christie as the best selling fiction writer of all time her novels having sold more than two billion copies christie s first published book the mysterious affair at styles was released in 1920 and introduced the detective hercule poirot who appeared in 33 of her novels and more than 50 short stories over the years christie grew tired of poirot much as conan doyle did with sherlock holmes this e book is selected collection of poirot s adventures the adventure of the western star the tragedy at marsdon manor the adventure of the cheap flat the mystery of hunter s lodge the million dollar bond robbery the adventure of the egyptian tomb the jewel robbery at the grand metropolitan the kidnapped prime minister the disappearance of mr davenheim the adventure of the italian nobleman the case of the missing will

Selected Works of Agatha Christie. Illustrated 2021-10-21 we can t get enough of christie s plush and murderous thrills entertainment weekly from the queen of mystery this all new collection of stories about love gone horribly wrong will get your heart racing love can propel us to our greatest heights and darkest depths in this new compendium of agatha christie short stories witness the dark side of love crimes of passion games of the heart and deadly deceptions this pulse pounding compendium features beloved detectives hercule poirot and miss marple master of charades parker

pyne the enigmatic harley quin and the adventurous tommy and tuppence all at the ready to solve tantalizing mysteries in the face of helen a night at the royal opera could reach a fatal crescendo for a woman caught in a dicey love triangle finessing the king delivers a curious ad in the personals that could mask sinister intentions who s in danger of getting stung in wasps nest depends on rounding up suspects and solving a murder before it even happens these are just a few of the tales in this collection featuring essential reading that christie fans old and new will simply love to death

A Deadly Affair 2022-01-04 a novel of anger jealousy betrayal and murder in 2000 bc

Death Comes as the End 2010-10-14 agatha christie lived a fascinating life by anyone s standards achieving incredible accolades and experiencing fabulous far flung adventures around the world although the most popular novelist in history with over two billion books sold worldwide agatha christie lived a life shrouded in secrecy and fuelled by curiosity nearly as notorious for her aversion to the press as she was for her 80 books and collections of short stories christie made no secret of her need for privacy now utilising over 5000 previously unpublished letters notes and documents award winning biographer richard hack allows christie to write again 33 years after her death duchess of death is her story as full of romance travel wealth and scandal as any mystery that christie ever crafted starting with christie s biggest mystery her own disappearance hack takes us through her youth in devon the break up of her first marriage and global escapes with her second husband her strained relationship with her daughter and much more the most authoritative penetrating look at the personal and literary life of agatha christie yet duchess of death is a fascinating and compelling portrayal of this unique and much loved writer robert hack has been an investigative writer for over 20 years and has written 14 books including biographies of howard hughes michael jackson and j edgar hoover praise for richard hack s biography of howard hughes a remarkable book sidney sheldon marsterfully written one of the most fascinating biographies ever larry king

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Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express 2016 agatha christie used poison to kill her characters more often than any other murder method with the poison itself being a central part of the novel and her choice of deadly substances was far from random the chemical and physiological characteristics of each poison provide vital clues to discovery of the murderer christie demonstrated her extensive chemical knowledge in many of her novels but this is rarely appreciated by the reader a is for arsenic looks at why certain chemicals kill how they interact with the body and the feasibility of obtaining administering and detecting these poisons both at the time the novel was written and today back cover

A is for Arsenic 2016 miss marple the complete short stories gathers together in one magnificent volume all of agatha christie s short stories featuring her beloved intrepid investigator miss marple it s an unparalleled compendium of murder mayhem mystery and detection that represents some of the finest short form fiction in the crime fiction field and is an essential omnibus for christie fans described by her friend dolly bantry as the typical old maid of fiction miss marple has lived almost her entire life in the sleepy hamlet of st mary mead yet by observing village life she has gained an unparalleled insight into human nature and used it to devastating effect as her friend sir henry clithering the ex commissioner of scotland yard has been heard to say she s just the finest detective god ever made and many agatha christie fans would agree

Miss Marple: The Complete Short Stories 2013-11-05 dying to read agatha christie for the first time or to re read one of her classic mysteries but don t know where to start this fully authorized and comprehensive guide to the queen of mystery includes an introduction by award winning agatha christie expert john curran with features on each of her classic detectives including miss marple hercule poirot and tommy tuppence guides to reading each of her series and her stand alone novels and an a to z of agatha christie interspersed throughout are quotes from christie a list of the

christie novels that were her personal favorites and three of her classic short stories the affair at the victory ball greenshaw s folly and a fairy in the flat clues to christie table of contents agatha christie an introduction by john curran the hercule poirot mysteries the affair at the victory ball the miss marple mysteries greenshaw s folly the tommy and tuppence mysteries a fairy in the flat agatha christie s stand alone mysteries and short story collections the queen of mystery s personal favorites ten other ways to read agatha christie on agatha christie and poisons the a to z of agatha christie

Clues to Christie 2011-11-22 writing crooked house was pure pleasure and i feel justified in my belief that it is one of my best agatha christie described by the queen of mystery herself as one of her favorites of her published work crooked house is a classic agatha christie thriller revolving around a devastating family mystery the leonides are one big happy family living in a sprawling ramshackle mansion that is until the head of the household aristide is murdered with a fatal barbiturate injection suspicion naturally falls on the old man s young widow fifty years his junior but the murderer has reckoned without the tenacity of charles hayward fiancé of the late millionaire s granddaughter

Crooked House 2010-02-10 agatha christie s life and career told through the decades from the never before published original ending to her first book to the unused ideas for her last complete with two unpublished agatha christie stories including a lost miss marple in this follow up volume to the acclaimed agatha christie s secret notebooks christie archivist and expert john curran leads the reader through the six decades of agatha christie s writing career unearthing some remarkable clues to her success and a number of never before published excerpts and stories from her archives starting his investigation in the 1920s john curran examines the conventions of detective novels as they existed then and how agatha christie s publisher talked her into changing the ending of her very first book the mysterious affair at styles a move that almost certainly changed the fortunes of not only her career but the future of the whole crime writing genre for the very first time this book prints 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