

## The Listerdale Mystery And Eleven Other Stories Audio Cd Agatha Christie

“Agatha Christie’s indelibly etched characters have entertained millions across the years and a love of her work has brought together generations of readers—a singular achievement for any author and an inspiration to writers across the literary landscape.”—Jacqueline Winspear, New York Times bestselling author of the Maisie Dobbs novels In this official edition featuring exclusive content from the Queen of Mystery, Hercule Poirot comes out of retirement in one of Agatha Christie’s ten favorite novels, which was also voted by the British Crime Writers’ Association as the “Best Crime Novel of all Time.” Roger Ackroyd knew too much. He knew that the woman he loved had poisoned her brutal first husband. He suspected also that someone had been blackmailing her. Then, tragically, came the news that she had taken her own life with an apparent drug overdose. However, the evening post brought Roger one last fatal scrap of information, but before he could finish reading the letter, he was stabbed to death. Luckily one of Roger’s friends and the newest resident to retire to this normally quiet village takes over—none other than Monsieur Hercule Poirot . . . Not only beloved by generations of readers, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd was one of Agatha Christie’s own favorite works—a brilliant whodunit that firmly established the author’s reputation as the Queen of Mystery.

Previously published in the print anthology *The Witness for the Prosecution and Other Stories*. Retired Scotland Yard detective Sir Edward Palliser is called upon by Magdalen Vaughan to help solve the murder of her wealthy, eccentric aunt, Miss Lily Crabtree. The authorities believe only members of the household could have committed the crime, and this suspicion is tearing the family apart. Who really killed Lily's aunt?

Previously published in the print anthology *The Golden Ball and Other Stories*. George Dundas has been disowned by his wealthy uncle for refusing to work hard. As he contemplates his fate, socialite Mary Montresor passes by in her car. She takes him off to the country and proposes marriage. They stop to investigate a pretty country house, and a maid opens the door to them. Mary picks a name at random and asks if the house belongs to Mrs. Pardonstenger. Amazingly, the maid leads them inside, where they encounter a very dangerous situation ...

A classic Agatha Christie short story, available individually for the first time as an ebook.

*Witness for the Prosecution and Other Stories* is a collection of eleven tantalizing tales of murder and other criminal pursuits—including the classic title story, the basis for the 1957 Oscar-nominated Billy Wilder film starring Marlene Dietrich, Tyrone Power, and Charles Laughton. A murder trial takes a diabolical turn when the wife of the accused takes the stand. . . . A woman's sixth sense—and a loaded revolver—signal premonitions of doom. . . . A stranded motorist seeks refuge in a remote mansion and is greeted with a dire warning. . . . Detective Hercule Poirot faces his greatest challenge when his services are enlisted—by the victim—in a bizarre locked-room murder. From the stunning title story (which inspired the classic film thriller) to the rarest gems in detective fiction, these eleven tales of baffling crime and brilliant deduction showcase Agatha Christie at her dazzling best.

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The Listerdale Mystery  
A Short Story  
Harper Collins

Sharing outrageous humor, rib-tickling insights and inspiring, real-life examples, Barbara Johnson shows readers how to put life's trials into heavenly perspective. While we wait on Gabriel's horn to sound, Barbara gives women an external telescope with which to view their often difficult world.

Previously published in the print anthology *The Golden Ball and Other Stories*. After Mr. St. Vincent's death, his family is plunged into poverty. Living in reduced circumstances, they are surprised to find an elegant townhouse—with staff—for a suspiciously cheap rent. Why would Lord Listerdale lend them his home for such a low price, and why are the servants so accommodating?

The author of the New York Times bestselling *The Six* now turns her formidable biographical skills to the greatest crime writer in the world, Agatha Christie. 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.

The Sittaford Mystery is Dame Agatha at her most intriguing, as a séance in a snowbound house predicts a particularly grisly murder. In a remote house in the middle of Dartmoor, six shadowy figures huddle around a table for a seance. Tension rises as the spirits spell out a chilling message: "Captain Trevelyan . . . dead . . . murder." Is this black magic or simply a macabre joke? The only way to be certain is to locate Captain Trevelyan. Unfortunately, his home is six miles away and, with snowdrifts blocking the roads, someone will have to make the journey on foot. . . .

Hercule Poirot tries desperately to save a kidnapped child, Miss Jane Marple goes beyond the grave to protect a dead man's heirs from disaster, and Mr. Harley Quin tracks down a cunning killer, in an ingenious anthology of whodunits. Reprint.

Murder most festive... A locked room mystery solved with a flourish on Boxing Day. Blackmail on Christmas Eve. A missing jewel discovered in a very festive hiding place. A body slumped in a chair on Christmas morning, still listening to carols. The midnight theft of a gift intended for a saint. Crime doesn't take a holiday, so these - and many more - are the puzzles that make up *Murder under the Christmas Tree*, a collection of festive mysteries featuring fictional sleuths from Lord Peter Wimsey to Sherlock Holmes, Cadfael to Father Brown. This is the very best of Christmas murder and mayhem - so settle into your armchair, put another log on the fire and take a bite of your mince pie. Just make sure it's not poisoned...

A sterling collection of short stories featuring Poirot and others, *The Golden Ball and Other Stories* is a riveting compendium of shocking secrets, dastardly crimes, and brilliant detection—a showcase of Dame Agatha at her very best. Is it a gesture of goodwill or a sinister trap that lures Rupert St. Vincent and his family to a magnificent estate? How desperate is Joyce Lambert, a destitute young widow whose only recourse is to marry a man she despises? What unexpected circumstance stirs old loyalties in Theodora Darrell, an unfaithful wife about to run away with her lover? In this collection of short stories, the answers are as unexpected as they are satisfying. The Queen of Mystery takes bizarre romantic entanglements, supernatural visitations, and classic murder to inventive new heights.

Although she is the most popular novelist in history, with over two billion books sold worldwide, Agatha Christie lived a life shrouded in secrecy and fueled 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. Utilizing over 5,000 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 Christie ever crafted. There have been numerous biographies of the Queen of Crime, all of which claim to be definitive. However, *Duchess of Death* is the first to draw from such an enormous number of previously unpublished correspondence and notes, effectively establishing it as the most authoritative, penetrating look at the personal and literary life of Christie.

Previously published in the print anthology *The Golden Ball and Other Stories*. Famed soprano Paula Nazorkoff is invited to give a private performance at Rustonbury Castle. She accepts, since the castle is close to the home of the world-famous retired baritone Breon. What ensues is a story of passion and revenge in which old scores are settled at last.

A handful of grain is found in the pocket of a murdered businessman...Rex Fortescue, king of a financial empire, was sipping tea in his 'counting house' when he suffered an agonising and sudden death. On later inspection, the pockets of the deceased were found to contain traces of cereals. Yet, it was the incident in the parlour which confirmed Jane Marple's suspicion that here she was looking at a case of crime by rhyme...

WHEN NIGHT FALLS AND THE HORRORS RISE -- WILL NANCY STAND A GHOST OF A CHANCE? What strange dark secrets can a college professor reveal -- after she has risen from the grave? Do dogs howl at the moon . . .do their eyes glow in the night -- one hundred years after their death? What evil power lurks in the fortune-teller's den -- embodied in the sinister form of a terrifying froglike creature? Prepare to lock your doors and dim your lights. The sound you hear is the beating of your own heart. Nancy Drew is about to face some of her most challenging cases ever -- six frightening and unforgettable encounters with the unknown. . . .

When her aged employer dies, Katherine Gray finds herself in a maelstrom of murder and greed surrounding the famous Heart of Fire ruby

The first collection of short stories featuring one of the world's favorite fictional detectives, Hercule Poirot No criminal can outwit Agatha Christie's famously eccentric Belgian detective as he uses his little grey cells to solve a series of ingenious crimes. From a film star's disappearing diamond to a death in a locked room to the abduction of a prime minister, no plot is too fiendishly clever to withstand Hercule Poirot's deductive powers for long. A treat for mystery lovers of all kinds, this collection of short stories proves once gain that Christie is the queen of mystery.

This invaluable resource provides information about and sources for researching 50 of the top crime genre writers, including websites and other online resources. \* A timeline of major authors and events in the development of the crime fiction genre \* Read-alike sections listing other authors whose works are similar in style or theme to those of ten major authors included in the book \* Lists of major organizations and awards in the field of crime literature \* A bibliography of online and print sources for biographical and critical information about crime genre authors

A classic from the original queen of mystery: Agatha Christie.

Miss Marple receives a postcard from the recently deceased Mr. Jason Rafiel, a millionaire whom she had met during a Caribbean holiday and who had been her greatest ally in solving a murder. He has left instructions for investigating an unspecified crime after his death. If she succeeds in solving it, she will inherit £20,000. Mr. Rafiel hasn't provided her with any details, but he has left her instructions to go on a vacation he has planned for her with a tour group traveling by bus through England and visiting historic homes and gardens. Now, Miss Marple is faced with the ultimate crime ? murder. Someone is quite determined that the past should remain buried. In *Nemesis*, Miss Marple must solve a crime that not only has no body, no weapon, and no suspects, but no evidence that a crime has even been committed. All she has to go on is one single word: nemesis.

In Agatha Christie's classic, *Three Act Tragedy*, the normally unflappable Hercule Poirot faces his most baffling investigation: the seemingly motiveless murder of the thirteenth guest at dinner party, who choked to death on a cocktail containing not a trace of poison. Sir Charles Cartwright should have known better than to allow thirteen guests to sit down for dinner. For at the end of the evening one of them is dead—choked by a cocktail that contained no trace of poison. Predictable, says Hercule Poirot, the great detective. But entirely unpredictable is that he can find absolutely no motive for murder....

Agatha Christie once again demonstrates her mastery of the short form mystery with *Parker Pyne Investigates*—short stories of crime and detection featuring Parker Pyne, certainly one of the most unconventional private investigators ever to pursue a hot lead. Mrs. Packington felt alone, helpless and utterly forlorn. But her life changed when she stumbled upon an advertisement in the Times that read: "Are you happy? If not, consult Mr. Parker Pyne." Equally adept at putting together the fragments of a murder mystery or the pieces of a broken marriage, Mr. Parker Pyne is possibly the world's most unconventional private investigator. Armed with just his intuitive knowledge of human nature, he is an Englishman abroad, traveling the globe to solve and undo crime and misdemeanor.

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! "Reading a perfectly plotted Agatha Christie is like crunching into a perfect apple: that pure, crisp, absolute satisfaction." —Tana French, New York Times bestselling author of the Dublin Murder Squad novels An all-new collection of winter-themed stories from the Queen of Mystery, just in time for the holidays—including the original version of "Christmas Adventure," never before released in the United States! There's a chill in the air and the days are growing shorter . . . It's

the perfect time to curl up in front of a crackling fire with these wintry whodunits from the legendary Agatha Christie. But beware of deadly snowdrifts and dangerous gifts, poisoned meals and mysterious guests. This chilling compendium of short stories—some featuring beloved detectives Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple—is an essential omnibus for Christie fans and the perfect holiday gift for mystery lovers. “Agatha Christie [is] the maestro of murder tales.” —People

The inimitable Agatha Christie intrigues, surprises, and delights with *The Mysterious Mr. Quin*—a riveting collection of short stories centered around the enigmatic Harley Quin, whose unpredictable comings and goings are usually a good indication that something is about to happen...and rarely for the best. It had been a typical New Year's Eve party. But as midnight approaches, Mr. Satterthwaite—a keen observer of human nature—senses that the real drama of the evening is yet to unfold. And so it proves when a mysterious stranger knocks on the door. Who is this Mr. Quin? Mr. Satterthwaite's new friend is an enigma. He seems to appear and disappear almost like a trick of the light. In fact, the only consistent thing about him is that his presence is always an omen—sometimes good, but sometimes deadly. . . .

Previously published in the print anthology *The Golden Ball and Other Stories*. Edward Palgrove has saved up to buy a small car, which he and his fiancée, Dorothy Pratt, are both proud of. But neither one is prepared for the journey it will take them on.

An enlightened pharaoh falls foul of his conservative court when he attempts to unite the polytheist Egyptians under one god – a course of action that forces factions of both the army and priesthood to turn against him. Undeterred, Akhnaton's vision of a kingdom where people dwell in peace, truth, love and beauty will ultimately destroy him and all those he holds dear. Regarded as one of her most extraordinary plays, this epic historical drama is unlike anything you have read of Christie's before.

A classic from the queen of mystery: Agatha Christie.

Soon after Gwenda moved into her new home, odd things started to happen. Despite her best efforts to modernize the house, she only succeeded in dredging up its past. Worse, she felt an irrational sense of terror every time she climbed the stairs. In fear, Gwenda turned to Miss Marple to exorcise her ghosts. Between them, they were to solve a “perfect” crime committed many years before.

An omnibus of 55 short stories, presented for the first time in chronological order.

The recently married Alix Martin is obsessed with a recurring dream of her new husband's murder. Each time she can see the murderer clearly, and it's the mild-mannered man she had previously been engaged to, taking his revenge. But, what's worse is that at the end of the dream she thanks the murderer. Perplexed, Alix tries to calm herself by spending time in the garden of her picturesque cottage. But her gardener confuses her further by wishing her well on her trip to London—a trip which Alix knows nothing about. Now Alix is scared: is the gardener imagining things, or is she?

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