

# Agatha Christie Checklist/Reading Order

Dame Agatha Christie, the undisputed queen of crime fiction, has captivated readers worldwide with her intricate plots, unforgettable characters, and ingenious mysteries. With over 66 detective novels and 14 short story collections to her name, navigating the vast Christie universe can be a daunting task. This comprehensive reading order guide provides a detailed roadmap to ensure you experience her thrilling adventures in the most fulfilling way.

## Early Works: Laying the Foundation

### 1. The Mysterious Affair at Styles (1920)

Hercule Poirot's grand debut, this novel introduces the brilliant Belgian detective and his loyal companion, Captain Arthur Hastings.



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★★★★★ 5 out of 5

Language : English  
File size : 134 KB  
Text-to-Speech : Enabled  
Screen Reader : Supported  
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 13 pages  
Lending : Enabled



## **2. The Murder on the Links (1923)**

Poirot investigates a complex case of murder and mistaken identity on the French coast.

## **3. The Man in the Brown Suit (1924)**

An enigmatic businessman vanishes, leaving behind a trail of clues that Poirot must decipher.

## **4. Poirot Investigates (1924)**

A collection of 11 short stories featuring Hercule Poirot and other memorable characters.

## **Miss Marple and the Golden Age of Crime**

### **5. Murder at the Vicarage (1930)**

Miss Marple, the astute elderly spinster, solves a baffling murder in her quaint village.

### **6. The Murder at the Blue Express (1928)**

Poirot faces danger on a luxurious train journey when a murder occurs.

### **7. Ten Little Indians (1939)**

A group of strangers are lured to a remote island and fall prey to a sinister killer.

## **8. Murder in Mesopotamia (1936)**

Poirot investigates an archaeological expedition plagued by murder and ancient curses.

## **Post-War Triumphs: Exploring New Depths**

### **9. Death on the Nile (1937)**

Poirot solves a glamorous murder on a luxurious Nile cruise ship.

### **10. Five Little Pigs (1942)**

A cold case murder is reexamined, revealing secrets and long-buried motives.

### **11. Endless Night (1967)**

A wealthy woman is found murdered, and Poirot uncovers a web of deception and hidden relationships.

### **12. Curtain: Poirot's Last Case (1975)**

Poirot confronts his greatest nemesis in a chilling and poignant finale.

## **Prequels and Spin-Offs: Expanding the Universe**

### **13. The Seven Dials Mystery (1929)**

A group of young adventurers face danger and intrigue in London's backstreets.

#### **14. Partners in Crime (1929)**

Tommy Beresford and Tuppence Cowley team up to solve a series of puzzling crimes.

#### **15. Cat Among the Pigeons (1959)**

Miss Marple investigates a murder at a prestigious girls' school.

#### **16. Elephants Can Remember (1972)**

Ariadne Oliver, Christie's fictional detective novelist, helps Poirot solve a decades-old mystery.

### **Short Story Collections: Gems for the Discriminating Reader**

#### **17. The Listerdale Mystery (1934)**

A collection of 12 short stories featuring Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple.

#### **18. The Labours of Hercules (1947)**

12 detective puzzles inspired by the legendary labors of Hercules.

#### **19. The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding (1960)**

A festive collection of 6 short stories featuring various Christie characters.

#### **20. Miss Marple: The Complete Short Stories (1985)**

A comprehensive collection of all Miss Marple short stories, spanning her entire career.

## Adaptations and Legacy

Agatha Christie's works have been adapted into countless plays, films, and television series. The most famous adaptations include:

- **Murder on the Orient Express (1974)**, starring Albert Finney as Hercule Poirot
- **Death on the Nile (1978)**, starring Peter Ustinov as Poirot
- **Miss Marple (1984-1992)**, a long-running television series starring Joan Hickson as Miss Marple

Agatha Christie's legacy endures as one of the most prolific and influential crime writers of all time. Her timeless mysteries continue to thrill and captivate readers around the world, leaving an enduring mark on the literary landscape.



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