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'Quirky and colourful' Times Crime Club
'An absolute delight' L C Tyler
'This intriguing but charming murder mystery is packed with psychological depth and wonderfully-drawn characters'
Eleanor Ray Welcome to Roslazny - a sleepy Russian town where intrigue and murder combine to disturb the icy silence... Olga Pushkin, Railway Engineer (Third Class) and would-be bestselling author, spends her days in a little rail-side hut with only Dmitri the hedgehog for company. While tourists and travellers clatter by on the Trans-Siberian Express, Olga dreams of studying literature at Tomsk State University - the Oxford of West Siberia - and escaping the

sleepy, snow-clad village of Roslazny. But Roslazny doesn't stay sleepy for long. Poison-pen letters, a small-town crime wave, and persistent rumours of a Baba Yaga - a murderous witch hiding in the frozen depths of the Russian taiga - combine to disturb the icy silence. And one day Olga arrives at her hut only to be knocked unconscious by a man falling from the Trans-Siberian, an American tourist with his throat cut from ear to ear and his mouth stuffed with 10-ruble coins. Another death soon follows, and Sergeant Vassily Marushkin, the brooding, enigmatic policeman who takes on the case, finds himself falsely imprisoned by his Machiavellian superior, Chief-Inspector Babikov. Olga

resolves to help Vassily by proving his innocence. But with no leads to follow and time running out, has Olga bitten off more than she can chew? Praise for *Death on the Trans-Siberian Express* 'The book is an absolute delight, evocative equally of the frozen steppes, bad vodka and worse sausage, and full of larger than life characters. Olga Pushkin is an endearing protagonist, who is hopefully set for a series as long as the Trans Siberian Railway.' L C Tyler 'Written with a warmth that would thaw Siberia, this intriguing but charming murder mystery is packed with psychological depth and wonderfully-drawn characters. It also features the best hedgehog I've met in a novel.' Eleanor

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Ordeal by Innocence Strelbytskyy
Multimedia Publishing

While serving a life sentence for killing his mother, Jacko Argyle dies. Two years later, a stranger shatters the peace of the Argyle household. Can Arthur Calgary provide the missing link in Jacko's defence? Was Jacko sentenced for a murder he didn't commit?

**The Agatha Christie Collection
(30 books, Illustrated)**

McFarland

A young man, broken down in the fog, witnesses a murder he is asked to conceal... A full-length novel adapted by Charles Osborne from Agatha Christie's acclaimed play. When a stranger runs his car into a ditch in

dense fog in South Wales and makes his way to an isolated house, he discovers a woman standing over the dead body of her wheelchair-bound husband, gun in her hand. She admits to murder, and the unexpected guest offers to help her concoct a cover story. But is it possible that Laura Warwick did not commit the murder after all? If so, who is she shielding? The victim's young half-brother or his dying matriarchal mother? Laura's lover? Perhaps the father of the little boy killed in an accident for which Warwick was responsible? The house seems full of possible suspects... THE UNEXPECTED GUEST is considered to be one of the finest of Christie's plays. Hailed as 'another Mousetrap' when it opened on 12 August 1958 in the West End, it ran for 604 performances over the succeeding 18 months and has been staged many times around the world over the last 40 years.

Nemesis Harper Collins

Agatha 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. Guinness World Records lists Christie as the best-selling fiction writer of all time, her novels having sold more than two billion copies. Most of Christie's books and short stories have been adapted for television, radio,

video games, and graphic novels. More than 30 feature films are based on her work. Contents:

Part 1. Hercule Poirot. Detective novels The Mysterious Affair at Styles The Murder on the Links Part 2. Hercule Poirot. Poirot Investigates The Adventure of the Western Star The Tragedy at Marsdon Manor The Adventure of the Cheap Flat The Mystery of the Hunters 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 Part 3. Hercule Poirot. Poirot's Early Cases The Affair at the Victory Ball The Adventure of the Clapham Cook The Cornish Mystery The Adventure of Johnnie Waverly The Double Clue The King of Clubs The LeMesurier Inheritance The Lost Mine The Plymouth Express The Chocolate Box The Submarine Plans The The Veiled Lady Market Basing Mystery Part 4. Mr. Quin & Satterthwaite The Coming of Mr Quin. Part 5. Colonel Race The Man in the Brown Suit Part 6. Superintendent Battle The Secret of Chimneys Part 7. Tommy and Tuppence The Secret Adversary Death on the Trans-Siberian Express William Morrow Paperbacks

“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. *1950s Omnibus* Samuel French , Limited
A dead heiress on a train, a murdered recluse, a wealthy playboy slain at a costume ball are but a few of the unfortunate victims of confounding crimes committed in the pages of Agatha Christie's *The Under Dog and Other Stories*, a superior collection of short mystery fiction all featuring Hercule Poirot as the investigator. A beautiful heiress has been found dead on a train. A playboy has been stabbed through the heart during a costume ball. An elderly woman suspects that she is being slowly poisoned to death. A prince fears for his reputation when his fiancée is embroiled in another man's murder. A forgotten recluse makes

headlines after he is shot in the head. Who but Agatha Christie could concoct such canny crimes? Who but Belgian detective Hercule Poirot could possibly solve them? It's a challenge to be met—in a triumph of detection.

Agatha Christie's Murder at the Vicarage
HarperCollins UK

The first Merry Folger Nantucket mystery
When Rusty Mason, scion of one of Nantucket's oldest and wealthiest families, is found dead in a flooded cranberry bog one foggy fall night, thirty-two-year-old detective Merry Folger is faced with her first murder case. Merry is the daughter of the local police chief and granddaughter of his predecessor; her father is a strict boss and Merry feels pressure to go the extra mile to prove her promotion to detective isn't just nepotism. But the Mason

murder is a demanding first test. Merry's investigation brings to light all the tensions that plague the tiny community of Nantucket: the decades-old grudges, the skyrocketing real estate that only wealthy weekenders can afford, the resentments of the old Nantucket families who are barely keeping their homes and heritage fishing businesses alive. But Merry knows the island and its politics in a way only a local can.

Murder for Christmas Macmillan

When the Parson declares rather carelessly 'Anyone who murdered Colonel Prothero would be doing the world at large a service !', he does not realise his words will come back to haunt him. From several potential murderers, Miss Marple must find the real killer

The Mousetrap and Seven Other Plays Harper Collins

Each of us has a question we dread. When the

simple community of Lakehaven is shaken by a violent crime, doubts begin to arise among the locals about whom they can trust. In a quiet neighborhood in the wealthy Austin suburb of Lakehaven, the body of Danielle Roberts is discovered on a park bench. Danielle was a beloved member of the community, an adoption consultant who delivered the joy of parenthood to a number of local families. Her murder shocks Lakehaven. Perhaps no other family is as crushed as the Pollitts, who lived two houses down from Danielle and thought of her almost like family. Her death becomes the catalyst for a maelstrom of suspicion and intrigue. You have been told a huge lie, an anonymous email charges the son, Grant. No one can learn the truth now, thinks the father, Kyle. Never ask me what I'd do to protect my family, resolves the wife, Iris. I'll do whatever it takes to save him, vows the daughter, Julia, of Danielle's grieving teenage son. The Pollitts always thought they'd always be there for each other. When each

begins to suspect the others of the unimaginable, the strength of their bonds will be tested in extraordinary new ways. The latest from New York Times bestselling author Jeff Abbott is his most suspenseful thriller yet: a riveting tale of the dangerous secrets one family has concealed -- and what happens when the question each Pollitt hoped they'd never be asked threatens to expose their darkest truths.

The Unexpected Guest HarperCollins UK
Anthology of *Crooked House*, *Ordeal by Innocence*, and the *Seven Dials Mystery*.

The Greenway Collection HarperCollins

In 1923, the young reporter James Thurber was given a half a page in the *Sunday Evening Dispatch* of Columbus, Ohio, every week to fill with anything he wanted. For most of that year, he turned out book reviews, humorous commentary, jokes, stories, and even literary criticism. He also wrote a series of 13 short

Sherlockian parodies — 10,000 words in all — starring Blue Ploermell, a “psychosocial” detective with a fondness for animal crackers. Aided (and occasionally impeded) by his Chinese manservant, Gong Low, Ploermell investigates cases marked by his cock-eyed deductions, loopy logic, and a knack for leaping to the wrong conclusion. These juvenilia represents Thurber’s first attempts at learning the craft of humor writing. Looking back at this work years later, he even considered publishing the Ploermell stories. The *Cases of Blue Ploermell*, for the first time in a century, collects the 13 stories. Edited and annotated by Bill Peschel, they show Thurber trying his hand at characterization, story structure, ethnic humor, and serial writing in a style rarely seen at any newspaper. In addition to the annotations, Peschel wrote essays on Thurber’s

years in Columbus, Ohio; journalism in the 1920s; the state of Sherlockian parodies; and depictions of Chinese men and women in American popular culture. Note: The 13 stories are very short, and take up 40 pages of this 200-page book. The rest of the book consists of these essays: “Becoming James Thurber” (39 pages); “Journalism in Thurber’s Time” (4 pages); “Sherlockian Parodies in the 1920s” (8 pages); “The Ancestors of Gong Low” (13 pages); “The Chinese in Popular Culture” (35 pages); movie reviews (19 pages); chronology (9 pages); lists (7 pages). **SHORT DESCRIPTION:** In 1923, a young James Thurber wrote 13 short Sherlockian parodies (10,000 words) for his newspaper in Columbus, Ohio. They starred Blue Ploermell, a “psychosocial” detective with a fondness for animal crackers. Aided by his Chinese

manservant, he solves cases with his cock-eyed deductions and a knack for leaping to the wrong conclusion. This book contains the stories plus essays about Thurber.

The Nine Tailors HarperCollins

In utter disbelief, Miss Marple read the letter addressed to her from the recently deceased Mr. Rafiel—an acquaintance she had met briefly on her travels. He had left instructions for her to investigate a crime after his death. The only problem was, he had failed to tell her who was involved or where and when the crime had been committed. It was most intriguing. Soon she is faced with a new crime—the ultimate crime—murder. It seems someone is adamant that past evils remained buried. . . .

Crooked House Wildside Press LLC

THE MOUSETRAP, the longest-running play in the history of London's West End, begins its 60th Year run on 25 November 2011. This new edition

of eight works show how Agatha Christie's plays are as compulsive as her novels, their colourful characters and ingenious plots providing yet more evidence of her mastery of the detective thriller.

THE MOUSETRAP: Cut off by snowdrifts, the owners of a new guest house encounter terror when one of their first visitors turns out to be a homicidal maniac... **AND THEN THERE WERE NONE:** Ten guilty people are lured to an island mansion where an unknown killer begins to exact revenge...

APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH: The suffocating heat of an exotic Middle-Eastern setting provides a backdrop for murder... **THE HOLLOW:** Beneath their respectable surface, a set of friends realise that any one of them could be a murderer... **WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION:** A scheming wife testifies against her husband in a shocking murder trial... **TOWARDS ZERO:** A psychopathic killer stalks unsuspecting victims in a seaside house perched high on a cliff... **VERDICT:** Passion and love are the deadly ingredients in this thriller in

which a murder causes an unexpected chain of events... **GO BACK FOR MURDER:** A young woman discovers that her late mother was imprisoned for murdering her father and is determined to prove her innocence...

The Poison Tree Peschel Press

It is the summer of 1997, and Karen is a strait-laced, straight-A university student. When she meets the glamorous Biba, An orphan who lives in a crumbling old mansion in Highgate with her brother, she is soon drawn into their world.

The Under Dog and Other Stories Harper Collins

Brings together the four stand-alone novels Agatha Christie wrote in the 1950s - They Came to Baghdad, Destination Unknown, Ordeal by Innocence, and The Pale Horse. Agatha Christie Dodd Mead

Poirot investigates a jewel robbery. The theft occurred during a tea party, when a private safe was rifled and objects taken.

Ordeal by Innocence Harper Collins

A new, fascinating account of the life of Agatha Christie from celebrated literary and cultural historian Lucy Worsley. "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? Her life is fascinating for its mysteries and its passions and, 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 that had its own rules about what women could and couldn't do. Lucy Worsley's biography is not just of a massively, internationally successful 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 realize what an extraordinary pioneer Agatha Christie was—truly a woman who wrote the twentieth century.

Cat Among the Pigeons Soho Press

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The Nursery Rhyme Murders Ordeal by Innocence

When the untimely disappearance of Master of the Mill Joshua Braithwaite disrupts the peaceful town of Bridgestead, Kate Shackleton is tapped to discover the missing man's fate, only to stumble on dangerous secrets.

Simon and Schuster

A far-from-warm welcome greets Hercule Poirot as he arrives for lunch at Lucy Angkatell's country house. A man lies dying by the swimming pool, his blood dripping into the water. His wife stands over him, holding a revolver. As Poirot

investigates, he begins to realize that beneath the respectable surface lies a tangle of family secrets and everyone becomes a suspect.