

## Agatha Christie

The Grand Dame of Mystery

Murder Mysteries; Locked-Room Mysteries; Mysteries

Story Collections: Hercule Poirot; Jane Marple; various others

Agatha Christie was the first adult mystery writer I read, actually beginning her stories back in elementary school. I've always enjoyed her writings, and purchased several story collections over the years. Earlier this year our oldest daughter was reading a lot of Agatha Christie mysteries. I realized at that point that not only had it been a great number of years since I had read her works, but that I actually had a few of her books on my shelves that I hadn't even read yet. ~Gasp!~ So began a re-reading of a lot of familiar stories with a few new ones thrown in. Even with understanding a lot of the situations when I read the stories years ago, there were a number of nuances that I didn't catch until the current readings. And I'm sure I'll catch even more the next time I read them. ~grin~

### Hercule Poirot

Short stories and novels

Formerly with the Belgian police force, Hercule Poirot now lives in England and takes cases as a private detective. He's highly opinionated, paranoid about catching a chill, obsessive about his mustaches, and notices details that others overlook. His stories rely heavily on small details and heavy logic. His actions frequently make you smile. Some of the stories include his friend retired-military Hastings.

### Jane Marple

Short stories and novels

Jane Marple is an elderly lady who lives in a small village. She can't be termed an optimist as regards human nature, and she's frequently referred to as a nosy busy-body. Her philosophy is that any crime out in the "rest of the world" has a direct parallel to something she's seen in her village; that human nature is the same everywhere.

And there are a few other main characters that Agatha Christie used – all cleverly and entertainingly written. Quite a few of her stories have been made into big-screen or television movies. In fact, our oldest daughter has several sets of Hercule Poirot movies. And, I remember the classic "And Then There Were None" movie from when I was growing up.

#### About The Author

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