

Agatha Christie

THE MYSTERIES

I started reading Agatha late in life, at 24. In the past six years I've read all of her mystery novels except one--By the Pricking of My Thumbs, the last Tommy and Tuppence book. Now T & T were the characters Agatha aged in real time. By their last book they're out solving mysteries when they should be eating baby food in an elderly home.

I tried to read it once already, but after twenty pages I was bored to the brink of spontaneous retardation. But this close to the finish line, I'll give it another chance.

Agatha was prolific. Besides these novels, she wrote a ton of short stories and plays, and a slew of romance books under a pen name. I'm not including these, and nor am I including the Charles Osborn novels--which are just novelizations of two Agatha plays. That said, I've read all or most of the above except for the Mary Westmacott romances.

I began keeping track of them because, there being so many, I didn't want to purchase doubles or get halfway into one and realize I've read it already. I'm pretty forgetful, so this log has been wicked helpful in that way, but it's been rewarding, too. Adding to it, seeing my progress. If you don't already, I highly recommend tracking your own reads.

In fact, I signed up for goodreads.com to catalogue all my reads, beyond Agatha. There I can respond to what I've read in the review section which gives me a record of which books I've loved, hated, thrown against the wall, or into the fireplace. For me and my shitty memory, this is a wicked good thing.

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THE DETECTIVES KEY

B= Superintendent Battle **AH= Arthur Hastings**
H= Hercule Poirot **AO= Ariadne Oliver**
M= Miss Marple **CR= Inspector**
Craddock
R = Colonel Race **J= Inspector Japp**
TT= Tommy & Tuppence **L= Miss Lemon**

Note: In addition to a book's title, its publishing order and year, I noted which detectives appeared in which books, and I used a five star system to rate them. Mostly for re-reading purposes.

★ Total fucking shit show!
★★ Pretty frigging awful.
★★★ Eh, decent enough, nothing special
★★★★ Pretty good, pretty good.
★★★★★ Wicked fucking good!

No.	Title	Year	Order	★	Detectives
1	The Mysterious Affair at Styles (AH) (J)	1920	6	3	H
2	The Secret Adversary	1922	14	5	TT
3	Murder On the Links (AH)	1923	28	3	H
4	The Man in the Brown Suit	1924	15	3	R
5	The Secret of Chimneys	1925	33	3	B
6	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd	1926	5	5	H
7	The Big Four (AH) (J)	1927	46	4	H
8	The Mystery of the Blue Train (H)	1928	38	4	H
9	The Seven Dials Mystery	1929	13	3	B
10	Murder at the Vicarage	1930	10	5	M
11	The Sittaford Mystery	1931	20	1	
12	Peril at End House (AH) (J)	1932	43	4	H
13	Lord Edgware Dies (AH) (J)	1933	55	4	H
14	Murder on the Orient Express	1934	49	3	H
15	Why Didn't They Ask Evans?	1934	22	4	
16	Three Act Tragedy	1935	29	3	H
17	Death in the Clouds (J)	1935	50	3	H
18	The ABC Murders (AH) (J)	1936	4	5	H
19	Murder in Mesopotamia	1936	51	4	H
20	Cards on the Table (AO) (B) (R)	1936	31	4	H
21	Dumb Witness (AH)	1937	35	2	H
22	Death on the Nile (R)	1937	1	5	H
23	Appointment with Death	1938	34	2	H
24	Hercule Poirot's Christmas	1938	65	3	H
25	Murder Is Easy	1939	21	4	B
26	And Then There Were None	1939	3	5	
27	Sad Cypress	1940	63	3	H
28	One, Two, Buckle My Shoe	1940	23	3	H
29	Evil Under the Sun	1941	60	3	H
30	N or M?	1941	41	3	TT
31	The Body in the Library	1942	18	3	M
32	Five Little Pigs	1943	58	3	H
33	The Moving Finger	1943	9	4	M
34	Towards Zero	1944	53	3	B
35	Death Comes at the End	1945	8	5	
36	Sparkling Cyanide	1945	19	3	R
37	The Hollow	1946	36	3	H
38	Taken at the Flood	1948	30	5	H
39	Crooked House	1949	11	4	
40	A Murder Is Announced (CR)	1950	16	5	M
41	They Came to Baghdad	1951	52	5	
42	Mrs. McGinty's Dead (AO)	1952	24	4	H
43	They Do It with Mirrors	1952	64	3	M
44	After the Funeral	1953	57	4	H
45	A Pocket Full of Rye	1953	27	5	M
46	Destination Unknown	1954	47	3	
47	Hickory Dickory Dock (L)	1955	62	3	H
48	Dead Man's Folly (L) (AO)	1956	44	3	H
49	4:50 from Paddington (CR)	1957	54	4	M
50	Ordeal by Innocence	1958	12	3	
51	Cat Among the Pigeons	1959	45	4	H
52	The Pale Horse (AO)	1961	37	3	
53	The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side (CR)	1962	56	4	M
54	The Clocks	1963	25	3	H
55	A Caribbean Mystery	1964	32	4	M
56	At Bertram's Hotel	1965	48	4	M
57	Third Girl (L) (AO)	1966	26	3	H
58	Endless Night	1967	61	4	
59	By the Pricking of My Thumbs	1968			TT
60	Hallowe'en Party (AO)	1969	59	2	H
61	Passenger to Frankfurt	1970	39	1	
62	Nemesis	1971	17	3	M
63	Elephants Can Remember (L) (AO)	1972	40	1	H
64	Postern of Fate	1973	42	2	TT
65	Curtain (AH)	1975	7	4	H
66	Sleeping Murder	1976	2	2	M