

Agatha Christie®



Suggested Reading order for Christie's Poirot novels and short story collections

The most important point to note is – make sure you read *Curtain* last. Other points to note are:

1. *Lord Edgware Dies* should be read before *After the Funeral*
2. *Five Little Pigs* should be read before *Elephants Can Remember*
3. *Cat Among the Pigeons* should be read before *Hallowe'en Party*
4. *Mrs McGinty's Dead* should be read before *Hallowe'en Party* and *Elephants Can Remember*
5. *Murder on the Orient Express* should be read before *Murder in Mesopotamia*
6. *Three Act Tragedy* should be read before *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*

Otherwise, it's possible to read the Poirot books in any order – but we suggest the following:

- *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* 1920
- *Murder on the Links* 1923
- *Christmas Adventure* (short story) 1923
- *Poirot Investigates* (short stories) 1924
- *Poirot's Early Cases* (short stories) 1974
- *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* 1926
- *The Big Four* 1927
- *The Mystery of the Blue Train* 1928
- *Black Coffee* (play novelisation by Charles Osborne) 1997
- *Peril at End House* 1932
- *The Mystery of the Baghdad Chest* (short story) 1932
- *Second Gong* (short story) 1932
- *Lord Edgware Dies* 1933
- *Murder on the Orient Express* 1934
- *Three Act Tragedy* 1935
- *Death in the Clouds* 1935
- *The ABC Murders* 1936
- *Murder in Mesopotamia* 1936
- *Cards on the Table* 1936
- *Yellow Iris* (short story) 1937
- *Murder in the Mews* (four novellas) 1937
- *Dumb Witness* 1937
- *Death on the Nile* 1937
- *Appointment with Death* 1938
- *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* 1938
- *Sad Cypress* 1940
- *One, Two Buckle my Shoe* 1940
- *Evil Under the Sun* 1941
- *Five Little Pigs* 1943

- The Hollow 1946
- The Labours of Hercules (short stories) 1947
- Taken at the Flood 1948
- Mrs McGinty's Dead 1952
- After the Funeral 1953
- Hickory Dickory Dock 1955
- Dead Man's Folly 1956
- Cat Among the Pigeons 1959
- The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding (short stories) 1960 not published in the USA
- The Clocks 1963
- Third Girl 1966
- Hallowe'en Party 1969
- Elephants Can Remember 1972
- Curtain: Poirot's Last Case 1975

Four Poirot short stories appear in non-Poirot short story collections: *Second Gong* (1932) and *Yellow Iris* (1937) appear in *Problem at Pollensa Bay and other stories* (1991) in the UK and in *Witness for the Prosecution and other stories* (1948) and *The Regatta Mystery and other stories* (1939) respectively in the US. *Christmas Adventure* (1923) and *The Mystery of the Baghdad Chest* (1932) appear in *While the Light Lasts and other stories* (1997) in the UK and in the US *The Mystery of the Spanish Chest* replaced *The Mystery of the Spanish Chest* in *The Harlequin Tea Set and other stories* (1997). *Christmas Adventure* has not been published in this version in the USA.