

THE COMPLETE AGATHA CHRISTIE READING LIST

Agatha Christie's 10 Favourite Books

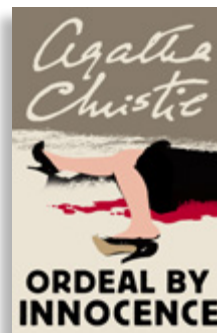
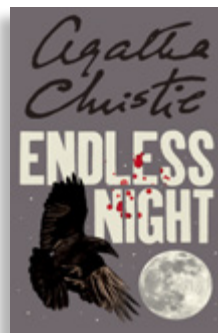
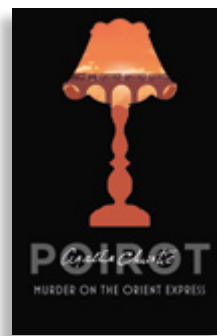
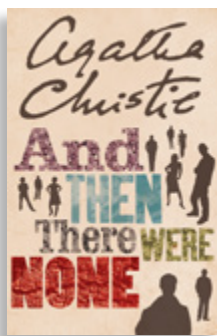
A complete Agatha Christie reading list wouldn't be the same without some of the writer's personal favourites.

In response to a Japanese fan's list of favourites, Christie wrote this in 1972:

"My own ten would certainly vary from time to time because every now and then I re-read an early book for some particular reason, to answer a question that has been asked me perhaps, and then I alter my opinion – sometimes thinking it is much better than I thought it was – or not so good as I had thought.

At the moment my own list would possibly be:"

The UK Editions



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The US Editions



The Complete Chronology

This list is designed for readers looking to discover Agatha Christie's works in order of publication. If the date differs between the UK and US, we have opted for the first instance of publishing. It features all her novels, short story collections and plays, as well as Christie continuation stories, and informative books about her life (some of which she wrote). We hope you enjoy exploring the breadth, depth and volume of her output. For the completists, you can tick off each book as and when you read it, to keep track of which stories remain to discover.

<i>The Mysterious Affair at Styles</i>	1920	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Mystery of the Blue Train</i>	1928	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Secret Adversary</i>	1922	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Seven Dials Mystery</i>	1929	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Murder on the Links</i>	1923	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Partners in Crime</i>	1929	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Man in the Brown Suit</i>	1924	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Giant's Bread</i>	1930	MW <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Poirot Investigates</i>	1924	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Mysterious Mr Quin</i>	1930	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Secret of Chimneys</i>	1925	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Murder at the Vicarage</i>	1930	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Murder of Roger Ackroyd</i>	1926	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Sittaford Mystery</i>	1931	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Big Four</i>	1927	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Peril at End House</i>	1932	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<i>The Thirteen Problems</i>	1932	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Five Little Pigs</i>	1942	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Lord Edgware Dies</i>	1933	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>The Moving Finger</i>	1942	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Hound of Death</i>	1933	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Towards Zero</i>	1944	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	1934	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Absent in the Spring</i>	1944	MW <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Unfinished Portrait</i>	1934	MW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Death Comes as the End</i>	1944	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Listerdale Mystery</i>	1934	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Sparking Cyanide</i>	1945	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Why Didn't They Ask Evans?</i>	1934	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>The Hollow</i>	1946	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Parker Pyne Investigates</i>	1934	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Labours of Hercules</i>	1947	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Three Act Tragedy</i>	1934	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Taken at the Flood</i>	1948	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Death in the Clouds</i>	1935	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Witness for the Prosecution</i>	1948	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The ABC Murders</i>	1936	<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>The Rose and the Yew Tree</i>	1948	MW <input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>Crooked House</i>	1949	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>"The truth, however ugly in itself, is always curious and beautiful to seekers after it."</i></p> <p>THE MURDER OF ROGER ACKROYD AGATHA CHRISTIE</p> <hr/>				<i>A Murder is Announced</i>	1950	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>Three Blind Mice</i>	1950	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>They Came to Baghdad</i>	1951	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>The Under Dog</i>	1951	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>Mrs McGinty's Dead</i>	1952	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>They Do It With Mirrors</i>	1952	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>A Daughter's A Daughter</i>	1952	MW <input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>After the Funeral</i>	1953	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>A Pocket Full of Rye</i>	1953	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>Destination Unknown</i>	1954	<input type="checkbox"/>
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				<i>Dead Man's Folly</i>	1956	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>The Burden</i>	1956	MW <input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>4.50 from Paddington</i>	1957	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>Ordeal by Innocence</i>	1958	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>Cat Among the Pigeons</i>	1959	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding</i>	1960	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>The Pale Horse</i>	1961	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>Double Sin</i>	1961	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side</i>	1962	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>The Clocks</i>	1963	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>A Caribbean Mystery</i>	1964	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>Star Over Bethlehem</i>	1965	SSC <input type="checkbox"/>
				<i>At Bertram's Hotel</i>	1965	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>				<i>Third Girl</i>	1966	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Murder in Mesopotamia</i>	1936	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Cards on the Table</i>	1936	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Dumb Witness</i>	1937	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Death on the Nile</i>	1937	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Murder in the Mews</i>	1937	NC	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Appointment with Death</i>	1938	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Hercule Poirot's Christmas</i>	1938	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Murder is Easy</i>	1939	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>And Then There Were None</i>	1939	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>The Regatta Mystery</i>	1939	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Sad Cypress</i>	1940	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>One, Two, Buckle My Shoe</i>	1940	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Evil Under the Sun</i>	1941	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>N or M?</i>	1941	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<i>The Body in the Library</i>	1942	<input type="checkbox"/>				

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<i>Endless Night</i>	1967	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>By the Pricking of My Thumbs</i>	1968	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Hallowe'en Party</i>	1969	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Passenger to Frankfurt</i>	1970	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Nemesis</i>	1971	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>The Last Seance</i>	2019	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Midwinter Murder</i>	2020	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Midsummer Mysteries</i>	2021	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A Deadly Affair</i>	2022	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>

SSC = Short Story Collection MW = Mary Westmacott

^ = These titles were written during WWII, and kept safe for posthumous publication.

Title = UK or US only edition.

"I dare say the idle tittle-tattle is very wrong and unkind, but it is so often true, isn't it?"

THE MURDER AT THE VICARAGE
AGATHA CHRISTIE

<i>The Golden Ball</i>	1971	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Elephants Can Remember</i>	1972		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Postern of Fate</i>	1973		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Poirot's Early Cases</i>	1974	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Curtain^</i>	1975		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sleeping Murder^</i>	1976		<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Miss Marple's Final Cases</i>	1979	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Problem at Pollensa Bay</i>	1991	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Harlequin Tea Set</i>	1997	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>While the Light Lasts</i>	1997	SSC	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Hercule Poirot and the Greenshore Folly</i>	2013		<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes

Inspired by Christie

<i>Black Coffee</i> CHARLES OSBORNE	1998	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Unexpected Guest</i> CHARLES OSBORNE	1999	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Spider's Web</i> CHARLES OSBORNE	2000	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Monogram Murders</i> SOPHIE HANNAH	2014	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Closed Casket</i> SOPHIE HANNAH	2016	<input type="checkbox"/>

<i>The Mystery of Three Quarters</i> SOPHIE HANNAH	2018	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Killings at Kingfisher Hill</i> SOPHIE HANNAH	2020	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Marple: Twelve New Mysteries</i> ASSORTED	2022	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Hercule Poirot's Silent Night</i> SOPHIE HANNAH	2023	<input type="checkbox"/>

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The Plays

<i>The Secret of Chimneys</i>	1928 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Black Coffee</i>	1930	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A Daughter's A Daughter</i>	1931 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Stranger</i>	1932 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Wasp's Nest</i>	1932 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Love from a Stranger</i>	1936	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Yellow Iris</i>	1937 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>And Then There Were None</i>	1943	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Appointment with Death</i>	1945	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Towards Zero (Outdoors Version)</i>	1945 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Murder on the Nile</i>	1946	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Butter in a Lordly Dish</i>	1948 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Hollow</i>	1951	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Mousetrap</i>	1952	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Witness for the Prosecution</i>	1953	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Spider's Web</i>	1954	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Personal Call</i>	1954 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Towards Zero (Verner Collaboration)</i>	1956	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Verdict</i>	1958	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Unexpected Guest</i>	1958	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Go Back for Murder</i>	1960	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Rule of Three</i>	1962	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Afternoon at the Seaside</i>	1961	<input type="checkbox"/>

"Don't you ever have a wild secret yearning for romance—adventure—life?"

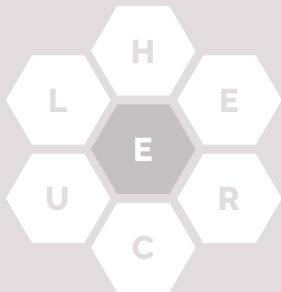
PARTNERS IN CRIME
AGATHA CHRISTIE

<i>The Patient</i>	1962	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Rats</i>	1962	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Fiddlers Three</i>	1971 [*]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Akhmaton</i>	1973	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any play marked with a ^{*} was published between 2018-2020. The date indicated with a ^{*} is the year Agatha Christie wrote the play.

Notes

How many 3+ letter words can you find?



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About Christie

<i>Come, Tell Me How You Live</i>	AGATHA CHRISTIE	1946	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>An Autobiography</i>	AGATHA CHRISTIE	1977	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Mallowan's Memoirs</i>	MAX MALLOWAN	1977	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Agatha Christie: A Biography</i>	JANET MORGAN	1985	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Life and Times of Miss Jane Marple</i>	ANNE HART	1989	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Life and Times of Hercule Poirot</i>	ANNE HART	1990	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Agatha Christie A to Z</i>	DAWN B. SOVA	1996	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A Mysterious Life</i>	LAURA THOMPSON	2007	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Grand Tour</i>	AGATHA CHRISTIE, MATHEW PRICHARD	2012	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A is for Arsenic</i>	KATHRYN HARKUP	2015	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Curtain Up</i>	JULIUS GREEN	2015	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Agatha Christie's Complete Secret Notebooks</i>	JOHN CURRAN	2016	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Agatha Christie's Poirot</i>	MARK ALDRIDGE	2020	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Murder Isn't Easy</i>	CARLA VALENTINE	2021	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Agatha Christie: An Elusive Woman</i>	LUCY WORSLEY	2022	<input type="checkbox"/>

"I began considering what kind of a detective story I could write. Since I was surrounded by poisons, perhaps it was natural that death by poisoning should be the method I selected."

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY
AGATHA CHRISTIE

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We hope you enjoy exploring these works Christie readers! Join us online to discuss your progress.

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