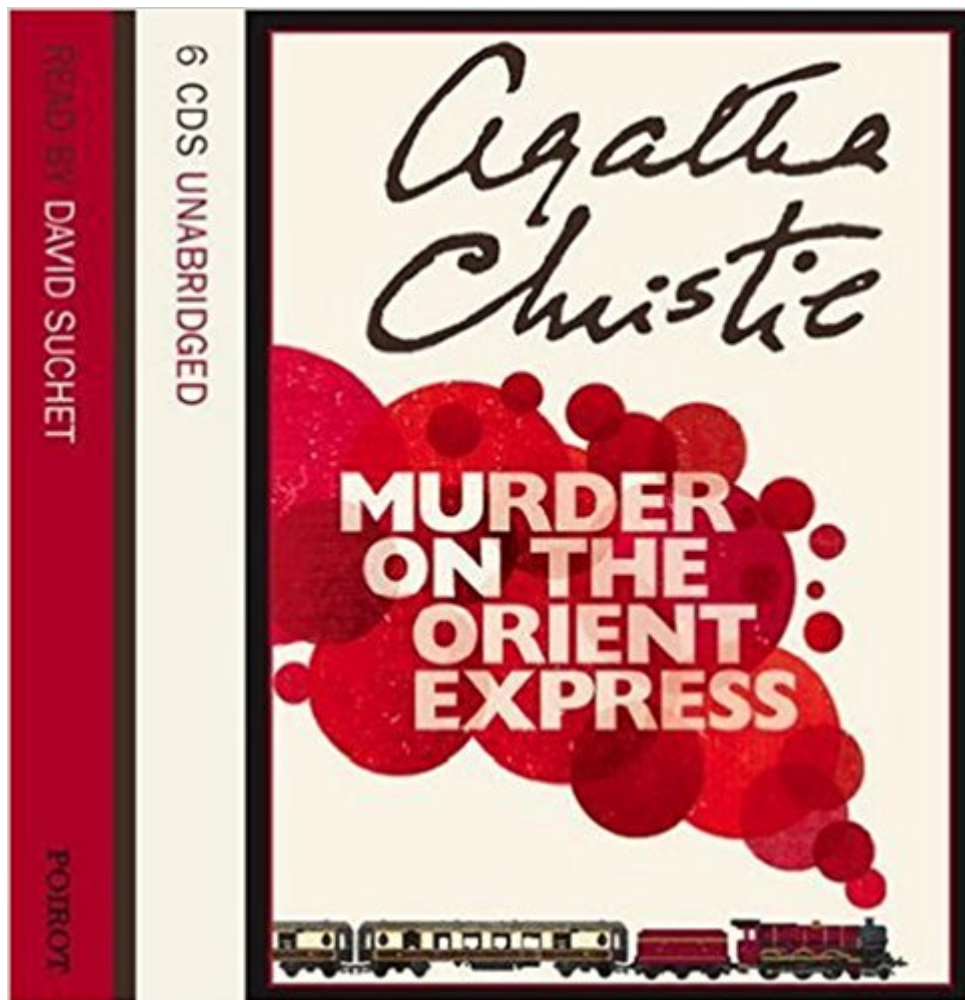


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Murder On The Orient Express



Synopsis

One of the very best Christie mysteries read by Hercule Poirot himself, David Suchet. Beautifully re-packaged with stunning new cover illustrations and design that rival some of the best jackets and audio collections out there! Audio at it's absolute best! Just after midnight, a snowdrift stopped the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train was surprisingly full for the time of the year. But by the morning there was one passenger fewer. An American lay dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. With tension mounting, detective Hercule Poirot comes up with not one, but two solutions to the crime.

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Customer Reviews

"Need it be said - the little grey cells solve once more the seemingly insoluble. Mrs Christie makes an improbable tale very real, and keeps her readers enthralled and guessing to the end." *Times Literary Supplement*

Just after midnight, the famous Orient Express is stopped in its tracks by a snowdrift. By morning, the millionaire Samuel Edward Ratchett lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. One of his fellow passengers must be the murderer. Isolated by the storm, detective Hercule Poirot must find the killer among a dozen of the dead man's enemies, before the murderer decides to strike again. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

While the opening & set up were unique enough, the dreaded "sagging middle," was made worse by

dragging out endless Q&A "interviews" with train passengers to gather clues & identify suspects. This read much like a dry police transcript. The whole thing became more garbled due to an unusually large cast of characters, making it hard to follow. In the end, I found the big reveal to be completely implausible.

An absolute classic. I confess, I saw the movie first, but that didn't detract from my enjoyment of this novel. True, I saw the film 30 years before I read the book, but that actually made the novel all the better, as I could assign the actors to their roles, which attests to how good the movie version was. At the time, I was impressed by Albert Finney's performance as Poirot (having read many of the books in high school), and impressed by the all-star cast. But, years later, reading the novel felt fresh and something to look forward to, rather than "Oh, I've seen it". Christie at the top of her game.

I read this book in high school over 30 years ago. I remember it being a thrilling memorable read then. Now 3+ decades later, I marvel that a book so brilliant then, continues to intrigue this man 30+ years later. Even though I knew the ending, I was actually completely intrigued by how Agatha Christie plotted this story. She was simply brilliant and so subtle. It's all so plain out there in retrospect, but it was originally so hard to figure out. This book really makes one appreciate the style and finesse that Christie put into her craft.

Looks just as I would imagine the original and had all of the advertisements in it as well. As always this story is a masterclass in crime fiction. Cannot wait for the movie and because of how this looked also bought the similar edition of *And Then There Were None*!

I have read and re-read every book or short story written by Agatha Christy. She was an amazing person. I believe this is one of her best. The next one would be "Ten Little Indians". I highly recommend any of her stories to everyone who loves murder mysteries.

This is a pretty classic murder mystery novel. Murder happens, evidence is reviewed, people are interviewed, and the detective solves. The writing was generally easy to follow and the ending was certainly interesting! I won't include any spoilers, but it wasn't how I thought it would end. I love a good twist! It's actually the first true murder mystery novel I've read, so I was pretty pleased. That said, I do wish I could have been able to solve the mystery on my own. In order to do that, it seems I

would have had to know some facts that were impossible for me to know (because it's based around another fictional story, which we only receive little information on). Otherwise, worth a read, as it's a very highly regarded book.

Murder on the Orient Express, one of Agatha Christie's mysteries featuring Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, is one of my very favorite of hers. If you have not seen the movie based on this book, sit back and be prepared to be surprised. If you have seen the movie but not read the book, I recommend you do so. It's even better than the film! Murder on the Orient Express showcases some of Christie's best writing, plot, and characters. Treat yourself!

Again, as I mentioned in one of my other reviews, I had a little trouble following the attribution to some characters in their conversations. Found myself having to go back a few paragraphs to find the proper attributions..

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