

THE MYSTERY OF AGATHA CHRISTIE

1890 - 1976

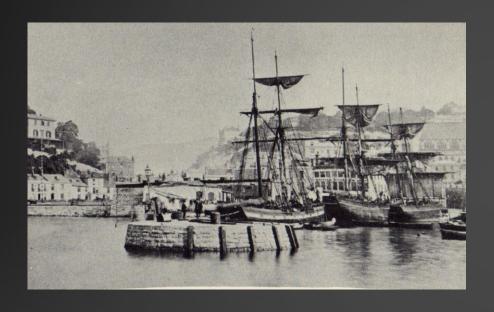






ASHFIELD









CLARA & FREDERICK

































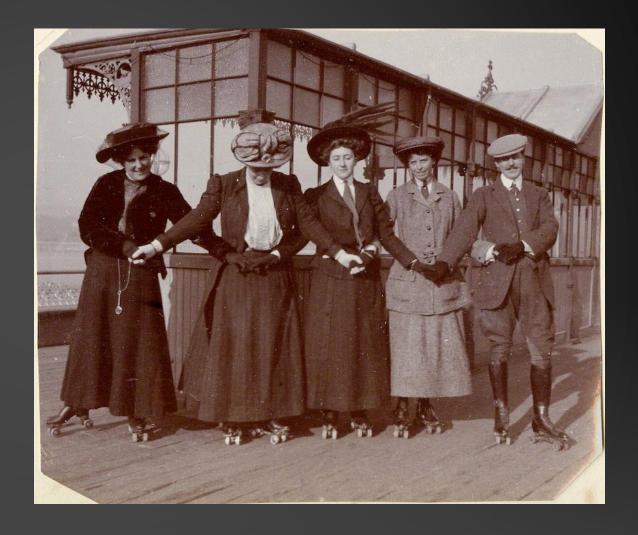
THE BLUEBEARD

OF UNHAPPINESS









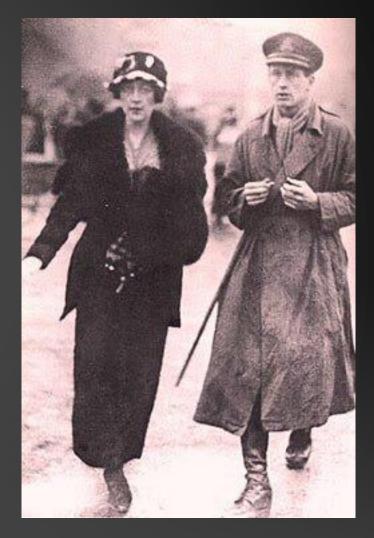




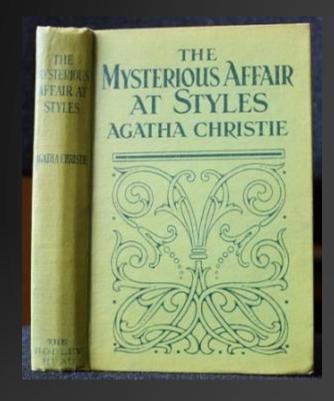




ARCHIE CHRISTIE













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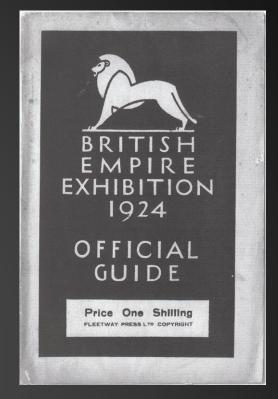








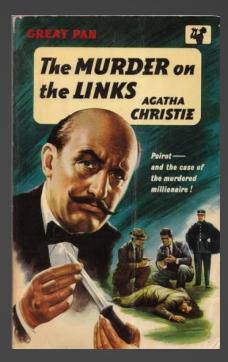






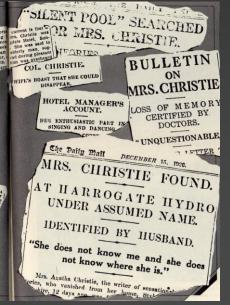










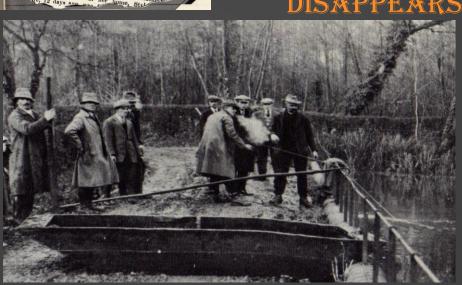




DECEMBER 1926

AGATHA

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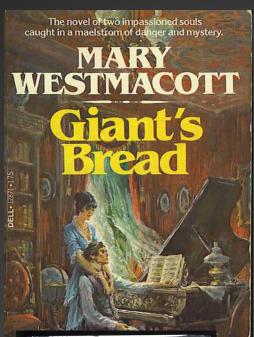


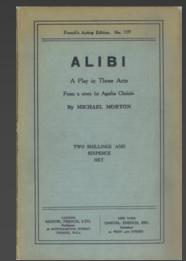


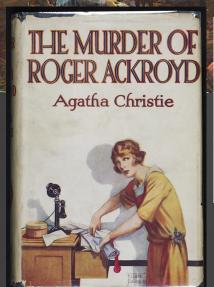




AGATHA CHRISTIE













THE DETECTION CLUB



FOUNDING MEMBERS:

ANTHONY BERKELEY

AGATHA CHRISTIE

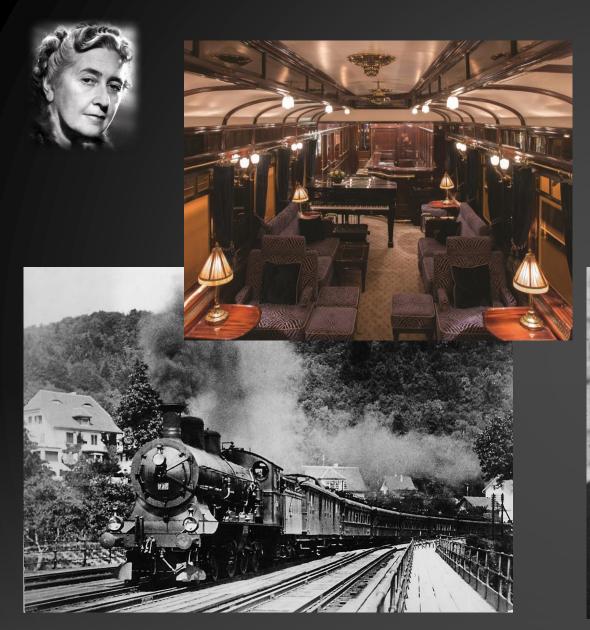
DOROTHY L. SAYERS

RONALD KNOX

FREEMAN WILLS CROFTS

G.K. CHESTERTON

AND MORE...









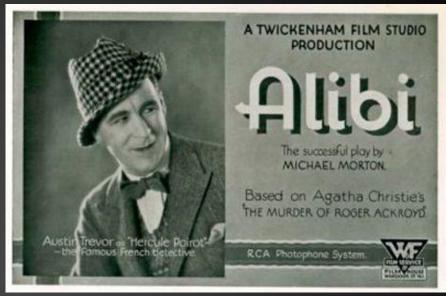


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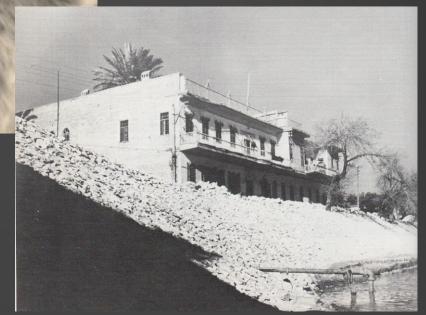
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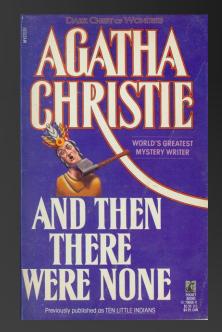
by Agatha Christie

SAMUEL FRENCH

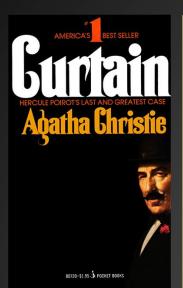


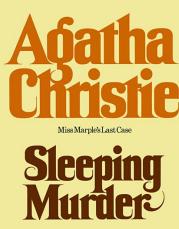




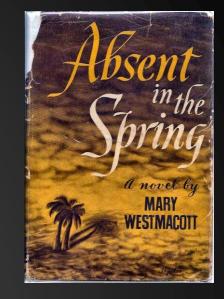














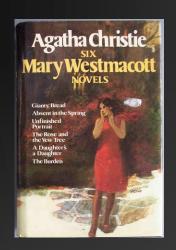






























HOME LIFE







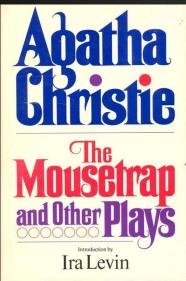


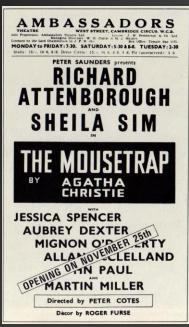


































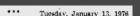




THE MYSTERY OF AGATHA CHRISTIE







Author Agatha Christie dies at 85

A spokesman for her literary agent said death came at her home in Wallingford, 25 miles outside London. She had been unwell since she broke her hip a year ago and had been bedridden for some

Dame Agatha-the Queen honored her with that title-wrote 88 published books which sold approximately 400 million copies, and her most famous detective creations were the white-haired village spinster Miss Jane Marple and suave, moustachioed Belgian Hercule Poirot.

She killed off Poirot in the best seller "Curtain" published in 1975 but she outlived Miss Marple, who will meet her end in an an as-yet-unnamed book that is now awaiting publication in

Miss Marpie's observation of her fellow residents in the village of St. Mary Meade enabled her to help police solve crimes without dropping a stitch in her knitting. Poirot, a dapper octogenarian-Belgian with a waxed moustache, may have been more famous. Some literary critics rated him as fiction's most celebrated sleuth after Sherlock Holmes.

In addition to her mystery novels she wrote 17 plays and poetry. One of her plays, "The Mouse (Trap," is in its 24th year on the London stage, the longest running play in British history.

One of her more successful novels was "Murder on the Oriental Express," which became a smash which Poirot dies.

Her plots and settings always were fabricated from real people and real places, she said. Often newspapers were her source of inspiration.

Her plots usually were hatched in two favorite places: while eating apples in her outsize Victorian bathtub or at the sink washing dishes. She said it than 2,000 copies. took from six weeks to three months to finish a book. She preferred to write in winter, and usually sat on a Chippendale chair stabbing with three fin-, 1926. Many readers still consider it her master

gers at a portable typewriter. "Most amateur typists use only two," she said,

haps the most popular and prolific detective mystery take what was to have been her final work from a technical knowledge. Poisoning is much easier, writer of all time, died Monday at the age of 85. bank vault and publish it. That was "Cartain," in "Perhaps the safest of all though is a good of "Perhaps the safest of all, though, is a good old

dull thud, a whack over the head with a poker or something simple like that," she said. Her first book, "The Mysterious Affair at Styles," was hawked around several publishing houses before one finally paid her 25 pounds (then

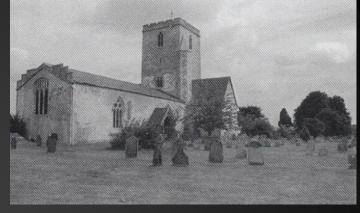
It was her seventh thriller, "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd," that cemented her popularity in

In 1914 she married Col. Archibald Christie and

continued to use his surname even after her di-"It gets difficult to find new ways of murdering vorce in 1928 and second marriage two years later to











AGATHA'S EPITAPH

EDMUND SPENSER'S THE FAERIE QUEEN, BOOK 1, CANTO 9, STANZA 40:

IS NOT SHORT PAIN WELL BORNE, THAT BRINGS LONG EASE,

AND LAYES THE SOULE TO SLEEPE IN QUIET GRAVE?

SLEEPE AFTER TOYLE, PORT AFTER STORMIE SEAS,

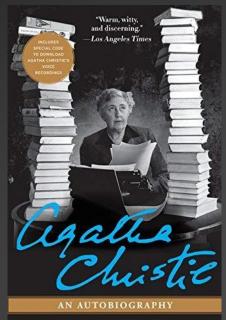
EASE AFTER WAR, DEATH AFTER LIFE DOES GREATLY PLEASE.

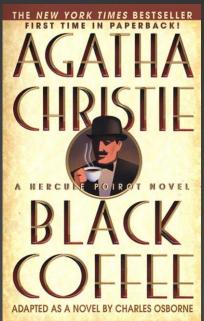


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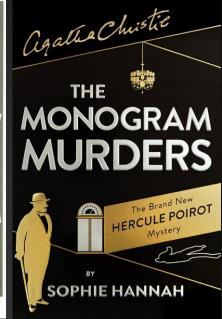
Miss Marple's Last Case

Sleeping Murder













w Malice Domestic

If Traditional Mysteries are your cup of tea ...











