

Agatha Christie

AGATHA CHRISTIE – THE QUEEN OF CRIME

- Agatha Christie wrote 80 novels and short story collections and 19 plays. She also wrote six romance novels under the name of Mary Westmacott, two books of poetry, a children's book, and two autobiographical works.
- Christie managed to write an average of two novels a year through most of her life. She's sold an estimated two billion copies of her works worldwide and in her prime she was rarely out of the bestseller lists

“Her achievement was absolutely astonishing” PD James

- Agatha Christie is still the most borrowed mystery author from Britain's public libraries and ranks as one of the top 10 most borrowed authors, clocking up more than one million loans in 2002-2003
- Agatha Christie is also the biggest selling audiobook author by volume

“She thought of and developed all the best puzzles” Simon Brett

- In 2000 Agatha Christie was voted Best Writer of the Century and her Poirot books were named Best Series of the Century at the 31st Boucheron World Mystery Convention.
- On average ninety-seven per cent of adults in the UK know of Agatha Christie and one third have read at least one Christie novel; more than half have seen an Agatha Christie film.

***“Agatha Christie is very, very clever indeed.”
Sir Richard Attenborough***

- Her most famous play, The Mousetrap, is the longest continuously running play of all time. It was originally written as a radio drama, commissioned by the BBC to celebrate the 80th birthday of Queen Mary.

***“The thing about Agatha Christie is she has done it all”
Ian Rankin***