

Agatha Christie™

Reading order for Christie's novels and short story collections

To avoid spoilers, Christie's novels and short story collections should be read in order of publication – or according to the following rules:

1. Tommy and Tuppence novels should be read in order: Secret Adversary, Partners in Crime, N or M?, By the Pricking of my thumbs and Postern of Fate
2. Lord Edgware dies should be read before After the Funeral
3. Five little pigs should be read before Elephants can remember
4. Cat among the pigeons should be read before Hallowe'en Party
5. Mrs McGinty's Dead should be read before Hallowe'en Party and Elephants can remember
6. Murder on the Orient Express should be read before Murder in Mesopotamia

Otherwise, we suggest the following order:

- The Mysterious Affair at Styles
- The Secret Adversary
- Murder on the Links
- Poirot Investigates (short stories)
- Poirot's Early Cases (short stories)
- The Man in the Brown Suit
- The Secret of Chimneys
- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd Ackroyd
- The Big Four
- The Mystery of the Blue Train
- Black Coffee (play novelisation by Charles Osborne)
- Partners in Crime (short stories)
- The Seven Dials Mystery
- The Murder at the Vicarage
- The Mysterious Mr Quin (short stories)
- The Sittaford Mystery
- Peril at End House
- The Thirteen Problems (short stories)
- Lord Edgware Dies
- The Hound of Death and other Stories (short stories) not published in the USA
- Murder on the Orient Express
- The Listerdale Mystery and other stories (short stories) not published in the USA
- Why didn't they ask Evans?
- Parker Pyne Investigates (short stories)
- Three Act Tragedy
- Death in the Clouds
- The ABC Murders
- Murder in Mesopotamia
- Cards on the Table
- Murder in the Mews (four novellas)
- Dumb Witness
- Death on the Nile

- Appointment with Death
- Hercule Poirot's Christmas
- Murder is Easy
- And Then There Were None
- The Regatta Mystery and other stories (short stories) not published in the UK
- One, Two Buckle My Shoe
- Sad Cypress
- Evil Under the Sun
- N or M?
- The Body in the Library
- Five Little Pigs
- The Moving Finger
- Towards Zero
- Death Comes as the End
- Sleeping Murder
- Sparkling Cyanide
- The Hollow
- The Labours of Hercules (short stories)
- Taken at the Flood
- Crooked House
- A Murder is Announced
- They Came to Baghdad
- Mrs McGinty's Dead
- They Do It With Mirrors
- After the Funeral
- A Pocket Full of Rye
- Destination Unknown
- Spider's Web (play novelisation by Charles Osborne)
- Hickory Dickory Dock
- Dead Man's Folly
- 4.50 from Paddington
- Ordeal by Innocence
- Cat Among the Pigeons
- The Unexpected Guest (play novelisation by Charles Osborne)
- The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding (short stories) not published in the USA
- Double Sin and Other Stories (short stories) not published in the UK
- The Pale Horse
- The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side
- The Clocks
- A Caribbean Mystery
- At Bertram's Hotel
- Third Girl
- Endless Night
- By the Pricking of my Thumbs
- Hallowe'en Party
- Passenger to Frankfurt
- The Golden Ball and Other Stories (short stories) not published in the UK
- Nemesis
- Elephants Can Remember
- Postern of Fate
- Curtain: Poirot's Last Case
- Miss Marple's Final Cases (short stories) not published in the USA
- Problem at Pollensa Bay (short stories) not published in the USA
- While the Light Lasts (short stories) not published in the USA
- The Harlequin Tea Set (short stories) not published in the UK

- Witness for the Prosecution and other stories (short stories) not published in the UK
- Three Blind Mice and other stories (short stories) not published in the UK
- The Under Dog and other stories (short stories) not published in the UK