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The Blue Geranium Agatha Christie 2013-06-04
Previously published in the print anthology The Thirteen Problems. A woman is warned by a psychic of the evil and danger in her house. On a full moon, she must watch for the signs: blue primrose means caution, blue hollyhock is danger, and blue geranium is death!

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time left to count the cost... Famous for her ingenious crime books and plays, Agatha Christie also wrote about crimes of the heart, six bittersweet and very personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work.

The Burden Mary Westmacott 2020 Laura Franklin, an overlooked second child, is resigned to a life in the shadow of her adored brother Charles. After he contracts polio and dies, Laura bitterly resents the subsequent arrival of her younger sister Shirley, an enchanting baby loved by all the family. But one night of tragedy turns everything upside down, and Laura's rancour dissolves as she vows to protect her sister with all her strength. As the girls grow up, Shirley begins to chafe under the burden of Laura's love, longing for freedom and romance. And Laura must learn that loving can never be a one-sided affair...

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personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work.

Duchess of Death Richard Hack 2010 Agatha Christie lived a fascinating life by anyone's standards, achieving incredible accolades and experiencing fabulous, far-flung adventures around the world. Although the most popular novelist in history, with over two billion books sold worldwide, Agatha Christie lived a life shrouded in secrecy and fuelled by curiosity. Nearly as notorious for her aversion to the press as she was for her 80 books and collections of short stories, Christie made no secret of her need for privacy. Now, utilising over 5000 previously unpublished letters, notes and documents, award-winning biographer Richard Hack allows Christie to write again, 33 years after her death. **Duchess of Death** is her story, as full of romance, travel, wealth and scandal as any mystery that Christie ever crafted. Starting with Christie's biggest mystery – her own disappearance, Hack takes us through her youth in Devon, the break up of her first marriage and global escapes with her second husband, her strained relationship with her daughter, and much more. The most authoritative, penetrating look at the personal and literary life of Agatha Christie yet, **Duchess of Death** is a fascinating and compelling portrayal of this unique and much-loved writer. Robert Hack has been an investigative writer for over 20 years and has written 14 books, including biographies of Howard

Hughes, Michael Jackson and J Edgar Hoover. Praise for Richard Hack's biography of Howard Hughes: 'A remarkable book.' Sidney Sheldon 'Masterfully written....One of the most fascinating biographies ever.' Larry King

Philomel Cottage Agatha Christie 2011-09-27 The recently married Alix Martin is obsessed with a recurring dream of her new husband's murder. Each time she can see the murderer clearly, and it's the mild-mannered man she had previously been engaged to, taking his revenge. But, what's worse is that at the end of the dream she thanks the murderer. Perplexed, Alix tries to calm herself by spending time in the garden of her picturesque cottage. But her gardener confuses her further by wishing her well on her trip to London—a trip which Alix knows nothing about. Now Alix is scared: is the gardener imagining things, or is she?

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writing could sell on its merit rather than her fame alone, she created bittersweet novels, love stories with a jagged edge, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work. This omnibus gathers together the first three Mary Westmacott novels: *Giant's Bread*: When a gifted composer returns home after being reported killed in the war, he finds his wife has already remarried... *Unfinished Portrait*: A female novelist attempts suicide after a marriage break up... *Absent in the Spring*: A middle-aged woman tries to come to terms with her husband's love for another woman... *The Kidnapped Prime Minister* Agatha Christie 2020-12-20 Hercule Poirot has exactly 32 and a quarter hours to find the British Prime Minister, who has been kidnapped in order to prevent his participation in an Allied summit; just as the World War I is drawing to an end. The fate of England and the entire world is in the hands of the talented detective, will he be able to unravel this particular mystery in time?

A Daughter's a Daughter and Other Novels Agatha Christie 2001-12-12 Finally Available Again--Three Classic Novels by Agatha Christie writing as Mary Westmacott First published between 1930 and 1956, the six novels written by Agatha Christie under the name Mary Westmacott, regarded by some as the writer's finest work, show a very different side of her talent. What they share with her other fiction is Christie's gift for sharp observations about people, the ambitions that drive them, their relationships, and the

conflicts that erupt between them. This omnibus edition brings together three of the Westmacott novels: *A Daughter's Daughter*: A daughter's opposition to her mother's plan to remarry threatens to destroy their relationship *Unfinished Portrait*: Bereft of three people she has held most dear, Cecilla must decide if she has the strength to come to terms with the past. *The Burden*: The burden of one sister's love for her younger sister--whom she's sworn to protect--has a dramatic effect on both their lives.

Spider's Web Agatha Christie 2010-02-10 A classic from the original queen of mystery: Agatha Christie.

The Secret of Chimneys Agatha Christie 2021-01-01

The Secret of Chimneys Never do favors—that's the lesson it would've behooved Anthony Cade to learn before getting himself wrapped up in a case of conspiracy and murder. Politician George Lomax has persuaded Lord Caterham to host a weekend party at Chimneys, his country estate. Lomax hopes to cement plans to reinstate the monarchy in Herzegovina. But when the prince of Herzegovina turns up dead, Cade has a lot of explaining to do. After all, his footprints were found on the grounds . . . though not inside the house. *The Secret of Chimneys* As one criminal conspiracy leads to another, both Scotland Yard and the French Sûreté are on the scene to set things right. Soon, thanks to the detective work of Superintendent Battle, everyone's secrets—and the secret of Chimneys itself—will be on display. A young drifter

finds more than he bargained for when he agrees to deliver a parcel to an English country house... The Secret of Chimneys Little did Anthony Cade suspect that a simple errand on behalf of a friend would make him the centrepiece of a murderous international conspiracy. Someone would stop at nothing to prevent the monarchy being restored in faraway Herzoslovakia. The Secret of Chimneys The combined forces of Scotland Yard and the French Surete can do no better than go in circles – until the final murder at Chimneys, the great country estate that yields up an amazing secret... The Secret of Chimneys At the request of George Lomax, Lord Caterham reluctantly agrees to host a weekend party at his home, Chimneys. A murder occurs in the house, beginning a week of fast-paced events with police among the guests. The novel was well received at first publication, described as more than a murder mystery, as it is a treasure hunt. Later reviews found it a first-class romp and one of the author's best early thrillers. The most recent review says the novel requires a hefty suspension of disbelief. The later reviewers note that descriptions of characters use the terminology of the times in which it was written, and might be considered racist decades later. The Secret of Chimneys The novel was written in 1925. The characters in the story refer to events that occurred about 7 years earlier, that is, at the end of the Great War when the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires were broken up. The

war is never mentioned directly. Instead, in Chapter 19, Superintendent Battle says: "Just over seven years ago, there was a lot what they called reconstruction going on especially in the Near East." At the same time, many royal persons were in England, including the Queen of Herzoslovakia, and Count Stylptitch; all the Balkan states were interested parties in discussions taking place. It is at this time that the Koh-i-Noor diamond disappeared in the plot. Later, in an unspecified year, the Herzoslovakians rose up against the king and his commoner wife. About that time, Mrs. Virginia Revel and her husband Tim were part of the diplomatic mission from the UK to Herzoslovakia, so that Mrs. Revel had met Prince Michael; she was the only such person at the house party, to know Prince Michael, but not the only person in the house. The time immediately after the war was when the theft, solved in this novel, happened.

The Secret of Chimneys
The Case of the Missing Lady Agatha Christie 2011-09-27

When a six-foot-tall tan giant of man comes into Albert Blunt's International Detective agency, Tommy and Tuppence—married couple and detective aficionados—are in for a treat. Not only has Mr. Stavansson emerged after a two-year Arctic adventure, but he's lost his fiancée Hermione too. What telegrams and scraps of information Tommy and Tuppence can gather are all the hope the adventurer has in finding her. But this information leads the duo into dangerous situations, investigating secluded

country houses in the dead of night, and that's only the start of it....

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The Iron Wagon Jason 2003-07-02 An evocative murder mystery set in the Norwegian countryside, this story, like all good murder mysteries, is a stew of passion, buried past crimes, revelations, and sharply defined characters who remain ambiguous to the very end. Norwegian author Stein Riverton's 1908 novel The Iron Wagon has never been translated into English. Now, using a striking two-color drawing style and re-casting the story with his iconic animal characters from his previous graphic novel Sshhhh!, the acclaimed cartoonist Jason has adapted The Iron Wagon into an original graphic novel that will appeal not only to fans of his work but also to mystery fans

who will finally have a chance to experience Riverton's clever story.

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Agatha Christie J.C. Bernthal 2022-08-09 The undisputed "Queen of Crime," Dame Agatha Christie

(1890-1976) is the bestselling novelist of all time. As the creator of immortal detectives Hercule Poirot and Jane Marple, she continues to enthrall readers around the world and is drawing increasing attention from scholars, historians, and critics. But Christie wrote far beyond Poirot and Marple. A varied life including war work, archaeology, and two very different marriages provided the backdrop to a diverse body of work. This encyclopedic companion summarizes and explores Christie's entire literary output, including the detective fiction, plays, radio dramas, adaptations, and her little-studied non-crime writing. It details all published works and key themes and characters, as well as the people and places that inspired them, and identifies a trove of uncollected interviews, articles, and unpublished material, including details that have never appeared in print. For the casual reader looking for background information on their favorite mystery to the dedicated scholar tracking down elusive new angles, this companion will provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date information.

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Vanity Dies Hard Ruth Rendell 1987 When her friend Nesta disappears, Alice Fielding, recently married, is determined to find her, despite her husband's apparent interference

The Second Sleep Robert Harris 2019-11-19 From the internationally best-selling author of Fatherland and the Cicero Trilogy--a chilling and dark new thriller unlike anything Robert Harris has done before. 1468. A young priest, Christopher Fairfax, arrives in a remote Exmoor village to conduct the funeral of his predecessor. The land around is strewn with ancient artefacts--coins, fragments of glass, human bones--which the old parson used to collect. Did his obsession with the past lead to his death? Fairfax becomes determined to discover the truth. Over the course of the next six days, everything he believes--about himself, his faith, and the history of his world--will be tested to destruction.

Absent in the Spring and Other Novels Mary Westmacott 2001-09-22 Originally written by Agatha Christie under the pseudonym of Mary Westmacott, these three classic novels--Giants' Bread, Absent in the Spring, and The Rose and the Yew Tree--appear

in a special omnibus edition. Original. 10,000 first printing.

Speak Its Name Kathleen Jowitt

An English Murder Cyril Hare 2017-10-31 The snow is thick, the phone line is down, and no one is getting in or out of Warbeck Hall. With friends and family gathered round the fire, all should be set for a perfect Christmas, but as the bells chime midnight, a mysterious murder takes place. Who can be responsible? The scorned young lover? The lord's passed-over cousin? The social climbing politician's wife? The Czech history professor? The obsequious butler? And perhaps the real question is: can any of them survive long enough to tell the tale?

Agatha Christie: A Mysterious life Laura Thompson

2018-03-06 The author of the New York Times bestselling *The Six* now turns her formidable biographical skills to the greatest crime writer in the world, Agatha Christie. It has been one hundred years since Agatha Christie wrote her first novel and created the formidable Hercule Poirot. A brilliant and award winning biographer, Laura Thompson now turns her sharp eye to Agatha Christie. Arguably the greatest crime writer in the world, Christie's books still sell over four million copies each year—more than thirty years after her death—and it shows no signs of slowing. But who was the woman behind these mystifying, yet eternally pleasing, puzzlers? Thompson reveals the Edwardian world in which Christie grew up, explores

her relationships, including those with her two husbands and daughter, and investigates the many mysteries still surrounding Christie's life, most notably, her eleven-day disappearance in 1926. Agatha Christie is as mysterious as the stories she penned, and writing about her is a detection job in itself. With unprecedented access to all of Christie's letters, papers, and notebooks, as well as fresh and insightful interviews with her grandson, daughter, son-in-law and their living relations, Thompson is able to unravel not only the detailed workings of Christie's detective fiction, but the truth behind this mysterious woman.

Absent in the Spring Mary Westmacott 1997 A striking novel of truth and soul-searching. Returning from a visit to her daughter in Iraq, Joan Scudamore finds herself unexpectedly alone and stranded in an isolated rest house by flooding of the railway tracks. Looking back over the years, Joan painfully re-examines her attitudes, relationships and actions and becomes increasingly uneasy about the person who is revealed to her... Famous for her ingenious crime books and plays, Agatha Christie also wrote about crimes of the heart, six bittersweet and very personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work.

Partners in Crime (Tommy & Tuppence, Book 2)
Agatha Christie 2010-10-14 Agatha Christie's complete Tommy and Tuppence short story collection, reissued with a striking cover designed to appeal to the latest generation of Agatha Christie fans and book

lovers.

Unfinished Portrait AGATHA. CHRISTIE 2017-08-24 A stunning novel of death and destiny. Bereft of the three people she has held most dear - her mother, her husband and her daughter - Celia is on the verge of suicide. Then one night on an exotic island she meets Larraby, a successful portrait painter, and through a long night of talk reveals how she is afraid to commit herself to a second chance of happiness with another person, yet is not brave enough to face life alone. Can Larraby help Celia come to terms with the past or will they part, her outcome still uncertain? Famous for her ingenious crime books and plays, Agatha Christie also wrote about crimes of the heart, six bittersweet and very personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work. Famous for her ingenious crime books and plays, Agatha Christie also wrote about crimes of the heart, six bittersweet and very personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work.

Parker Pyne Investigates Agatha Christie 2010-02-10 Agatha Christie once again demonstrates her mastery of the short form mystery with Parker Pyne Investigates—short stories of crime and detection featuring Parker Pyne, certainly one of the most unconventional private investigators ever to pursue a hot lead. Mrs. Packington felt alone, helpless and utterly forlorn. But her life changed when she stumbled upon an advertisement in the Times that read: "Are

you happy? If not, consult Mr. Parker Pyne." Equally adept at putting together the fragments of a murder mystery or the pieces of a broken marriage, Mr. Parker Pyne is possibly the world's most unconventional private investigator. Armed with just his intuitive knowledge of human nature, he is an Englishman abroad, traveling the globe to solve and undo crime and misdemeanor.

British Author House Museums and Other Memorials
Shirley Hoover Biggers 2015-09-16 The most celebrated authors of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales are immortalized not only in their writing but also in the museums, libraries, and other memorials dedicated in their honor. Over 300 sites devoted to 40 authors are covered in this guide. The sites range from restored historic homes to memorial statues. Each entry describes the site and its history, placing it within the context of the author's life and career. Directions are provided to help the reader reach each site; telephone numbers, admission prices, and hours are also included for the traveler's convenience. The text is illustrated with photographs from these historic and literary homes, libraries, and other important memorial locations. Postage stamps commemorating the writers are also included.

The Rose and the Yew Tree Mary Westmacott 1997 A captivating novel of love and intrigue. Everyone expected Isabella Charteris, beautiful, sheltered and aristocratic, to marry her cousin Rupert when he came

back from the War. It would have been such a suitable marriage. How strange then that John Gabriel, an ambitious and ruthless war hero, should appear in her life. For Isabella, the price of love would mean abandoning her dreams of home and happiness forever. For Gabriel, it would destroy his chance of a career and all his ambitions... Famous for her ingenious crime books and plays, Agatha Christie also wrote about crimes of the heart, six bittersweet and very personal novels, as compelling and memorable as the best of her work.

Six Against the Yard The Detection Club 2019-07-09
Six “perfect murders” by Margery Allingham, Dorothy L. Sayers, and other Golden Age Mystery authors of the Detection Club—plus an essay by Agatha Christie. Founded in England in the 1930s, the Detection Club brought together an impressive array of Golden Age Mystery authors. Their projects included *The Floating Admiral*, a whodunit in which twelve different writers contributed individual chapters, as well as *Ask a Policeman*, another collaboration in which the mystery writers swapped detectives to solve a murder. In *Six Against the Yard*, a half dozen mystery masters—Margery Allingham, Father Ronald Knox, Anthony Berkeley, Russell Thorndike, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Freeman Wills Crofts—each create a perfect crime, a seemingly unsolvable mystery. The stories are then analyzed by Ex-Superintendent Cornish, C.I.D., a real-life retired police detective, to

see if they would indeed stump Scotland Yard. This edition also features an afterword by inaugural Detection Club member Agatha Christie on a true unsolved case of arsenic poisoning in Britain in 1929. The Mysterious Mr Quin Agatha Christie 2017-04-20 A mysterious stranger appears at a New Year's Eve party, becoming the enigmatic sleuthing sidekick to the snobbish Mr Satterthwaite...

Double Sin and Other Stories Agatha Christie 2012-08-07 Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot both make appearances in Agatha Christie's Double Sin and Other Stories, a sterling collection of short mystery fiction that offers double the suspense, surprise, and fun. In one of London's most elegant shops, a decorative doll dressed in green velvet adopts some rather human, and rather sinister, traits. A country gentleman is questioned about a murder yet to be committed. While summoning spirits, a medium is drawn closer to the world of the dead than she ever dared imagine possible. In a small country church, a dying man's last word becomes both an elegy and a clue to a crime. These chilling stories, and more, cleverly wrought by master Agatha Christie and solved by the inimitable Hercule Poirot and Miss Jane Marple.

Agatha Christie and the Eleven Missing Days Jared Cade 2011 On December 3rd 1926 crime writer Agatha Christie, 1890-1976, disappeared from her home in Berkshire, leaving her car abandoned off the road. She turned up 11 days later, claiming to be

suffering from amnesia; based on true incident.

The Bedside, Bathtub & Armchair Companion to Agatha Christie Dick Riley 2001-09-01 Over 400,000 copies sold! If you are a mystery buff, an Agatha Christie fan, an occasional Christie reader or an acquaintance of any of the above, this book is for you and all your fortunate friends

The Bedside, Bathtub & Armchair Companion to Agatha Christie, on the 25th anniversary of Agatha Christie's death, continues as a grand salute to the queen of mysteries. It is filled with wonderful and surprising things about her books, her characters, the movies and plays based on them, and Dame Agatha herself. Original contributions by some sixty writers celebrate the Christie touch. Take your pick among these intriguing features and speculations: - Surviving an English country weekend - if you had the advice of Hercule Poirot - A guide to the Christie poisons, as well as the cruder methods of genteel mayhem - The "other" Agatha Christie who wrote romantic novels - A murder victim's (!) first-person account of a Christie Mystery Weekend - The Hercule Poirot Double-Croctic and other puzzles That's a taste. There's much more - and witty plot summaries of all Christie's novels, plays, and many of her short stories. (But no endings, of course!) This treasury is more than entertainment - it is also a personal reference work for Christie fans. And there are scores of movie posters, film stills, illustrations and a Christie mystery map, too.

The Last Seance Agatha Christie 2019-09-24

“Reading a perfectly plotted Agatha Christie is like crunching into a perfect apple: that pure, crisp, absolute satisfaction.”—Tana French, *New York Times* Bestselling Author

From the Queen of Suspense, an all-new collection of her spookiest and most sinister stories, including an Agatha Christie story never before published in the USA, *The Wife of Kenite!* For lovers of the supernatural and the macabre comes this collection of ghostly and chilling stories from legendary mystery writer Agatha Christie. Fantastic psychic visions, specters looming in the shadows, encounters with deities, a man who switches bodies with a cat—be sure to keep the light on whilst reading these tales. *The Last Séance* gathers twenty stories, some featuring Christie’s beloved detectives Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, in one haunting compendium that explores all things occult and paranormal, and is an essential omnibus for Christie fans.

Agatha Christies, Six Mary Westmacott Novels Agatha Christie 1986 Six enduring novels of romance and suspense, each written under Christie's pseudonym, Mary Westmacott.

Agatha Christie Meghan Engsberg Cunningham 2017-07-15 Listed as the best-selling novelist of all time by the Guinness Book of World Records, Agatha Christie can easily be considered a household name, but writing amazing stories is not all she accomplished. This book discusses her life including her experiences as a volunteer during World War I, archaeologist,

traveler, and Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, as well as her continued influence on the world today.

The Burden Mary Westmacott 1997 A superb novel of possessive love. Laura Franklin bitterly resented the arrival of her younger sister Shirley, an enchanting baby loved by all the family. But Laura's emotions towards her sister changed dramatically one night, when she vowed to protect her with all her strength and love. While Shirley longs for freedom and romance, Laura has to learn that loving can never be a one-sided affair, and the burden of her love for her sister has a dramatic effect on both their lives. A story of consequences when love turns to obsession...

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Crooked House Agatha Christie 2010-02-10 "Writing Crooked House was pure pleasure and I feel justified in my belief that it is one of my best." --Agatha Christie Described by the queen of mystery herself as one of her favorites of her published work, Crooked House is a classic Agatha Christie thriller revolving around a devastating family mystery. The Leonides are one big happy family living in a sprawling, ramshackle mansion. That is until the head of the household, Aristide, is murdered with a fatal barbiturate injection. Suspicion naturally falls on the old man's young

widow, fifty years his junior. But the murderer has reckoned without the tenacity of Charles Hayward, fiancé of the late millionaire's granddaughter.

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