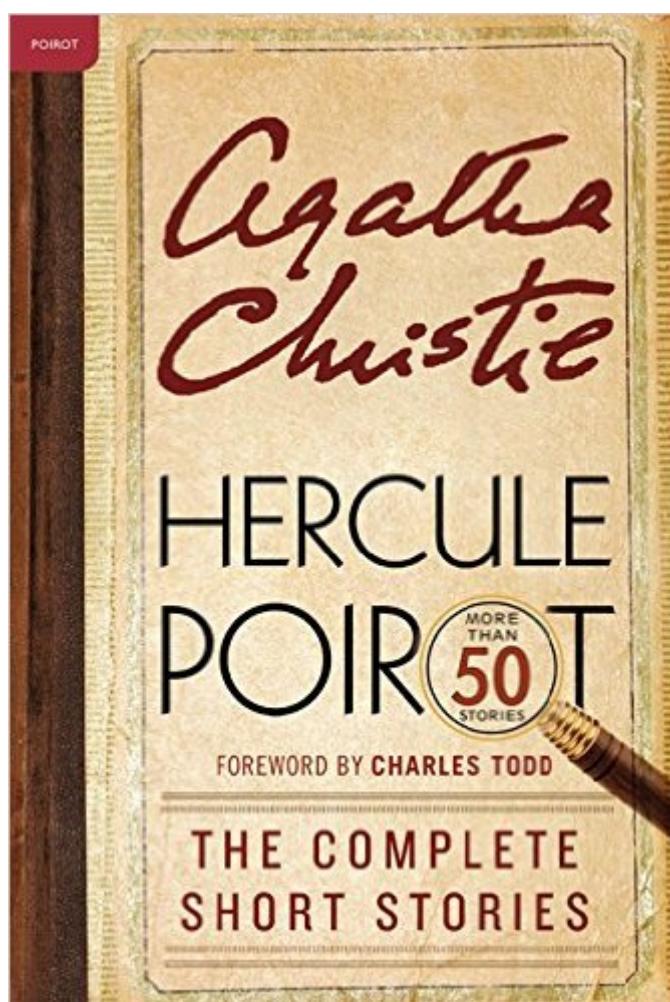


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Hercule Poirot: The Complete Short Stories: A Hercule Poirot Collection With Foreword By Charles Todd (Hercule Poirot Mysteries)



Synopsis

At last, a single volume that gathers together all of the short stories featuring Agatha Christie's most famous creation: Hercule Poirot. The dapper, mustache-twirling little Belgian with the egg-shaped head and curious mannerisms has solved some of the most puzzling crimes of the centuryâ "and, in his own humble opinion, is "probably the greatest detective in the world." In this complete collection of stories, ranging from short tales to novellas, Poirot faces violent murders, poisonings, kidnappings, and theftsâ "all solved with his characteristic panache. Only Agatha Christie could have devised cases worthy of Hercule Poirot's skill and "little gray cells."

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This book is a great collection and a great bargain. Now you don't have to buy a bunch of seporate books to get all of these stories -- just one book. Agatha Christie is still one of the best mystery writers available!

How can you go wrong with Agatha Christie? I love having all these stories in one place. Especially when traveling.

The Complete Short Stories is a collection every Poirot fan should own, that much all of us can agree on. We know full well Poirot is egotistical and vain. We know that once on the trail of a

miscreant or killer, he does not let go. Poirot has gained a legendary status equalling Sherlock Holmes and the Saint. We know David Suchet has gained a legendary status as well for the filming of All the Poirot stories. Now the question - what makes this book unique and not just a simple gathering of all the short stories? For One, they are presented in chronological order from the very first *The Affair at the Victory Ball* in 1923 to *Four and Twenty Blackbirds* in 1940. Those astute readers out there will see the progression that Agatha Christie imbued in her character. Poirot begins using the little gray cells in more society stories with a smattering of thefts of political documents to the more unusual stories from *The Labours of Hercules*, excellent in their own way. They begin with Hastings and brings in some of the other characters we've met in the novels once Hastings is out of the picture. Two, the stories represent the astute mind of Christie herself in penning the mysteries designed to fool us and teaching us to look at the evidence and thinking outside the obvious. Yes, we were fooled before and determined not to be fooled again, if we can help it. Still, Dame Agatha holds the final word. Three, These stories show Poirot from the beginning and watches as he ages and becomes a clever old man, many times in personal danger. He begins to become what Christie would call as "creepy." Read through the stories from the first to the last, no skipping, and you get a good sense of who is Hercule Poirot. This book is essential for all Christie fans and highly suggested to keep in paperback for your own library for continued dippings. Get it and treasure it.

All of the Hercule Poirot short stories and novellas are conveniently here in one volume, and they appear in chronological order written from 1923-1940. For instance, all stories in these separate volumes are included in this book: *Poirot Investigates* *Poirot's Early Cases* *Murder in the Mews* *The Labours of Hercules* *The Under Dog and Other Stories* There is a helpful Foreward by Charles Todd and brief publication information is provided at the beginning of each of the 51 stories. This Kindle edition is nicely done and this book also makes a nice companion to the recently released complete 70 episode Poirot series starring David Suchet. I had pre-ordered that Blu-ray set and read this book along with other Christie titles in preparation for that release. I was very happy with both; this book and the Blu-ray set are excellent. Quality varies for individual stories but Poirot fans and mystery lovers should find much to enjoy here.

If you like Hercule Poirot, you don't want to miss this collection of short stories. Each is prefaced with where it was first published. Some are a bit trite but all are enjoyable. Hours of reading fun. Recommended.

This is a wonderful book: we don't have many free moments to read, but having a book with small stories that you can read just before sleep is the best way to disconnect and rest. Many of these stories are new for me, which was a complete delight.

It is amazing how Agatha Christie was able to utilize a few simple plots and weave them into so many compelling tales. What is equally surprising is that although the stories are mostly set in the nineteen thirties they are so well written that they do not seem dated. In fact I found this collection more entertaining than most of the five star rated stories by modern authors that I purchased for my Kindle.

It's terrific to have the complete set of short stories on my Kindle so I can grab one when I want. The edition is technically fine unlike some bundles you might find. All in all, a very good value for the price.

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