AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Agatha Christie

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

90 books · 3 series · List updated November 14, 2026

Hercule Poirot

Series · 38 books · 1920–2014

- ☐ 1920 *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*
  Novel
  Her first novel, which introduced Hercule Poirot; first published in the US in 1920.
- ☐ 1923 *The Murder on the Links*
  Novel
- ☐ 1924 *Poirot Investigates*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1926 *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*
  Novel
  Its centenary in 2026 was part of HarperCollins's "Year of Christie."
- ☐ 1927 *The Big Four*
  Novel
- ☐ 1928 *The Mystery of the Blue Train*
  Novel
- ☐ 1932 *Peril at End House*
  Novel
- ☐ 1933 *Lord Edgware Dies*
  Novel
- ☐ 1934 *Murder on the Orient Express*
  Novel
- ☐ 1935 *Death in the Clouds*
  Novel
- ☐ 1935 *Three Act Tragedy*
  Novel
- ☐ 1936 *Cards on the Table*
  Novel
- ☐ 1936 *Murder in Mesopotamia*
  Novel
- ☐ 1936 *The A.B.C. Murders*
  Novel

- [ ] 1937 *Death on the Nile*
  Novel
- [ ] 1937 *Dumb Witness*
  Novel
- [ ] 1937 *Murder in the Mews*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1938 *Appointment with Death*
  Novel
- [ ] 1938 *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*
  Novel
- [ ] 1940 *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe*
  Novel
- [ ] 1940 *Sad Cypress*
  Novel
- [ ] 1941 *Evil Under the Sun*
  Novel
- [ ] 1942 *Five Little Pigs*
  Novel
- [ ] 1946 *The Hollow*
  Novel
- [ ] 1947 *The Labours of Hercules*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1948 *Taken at the Flood*
  Novel
- [ ] 1952 *Mrs McGinty's Dead*
  Novel
- [ ] 1953 *After the Funeral*
  Novel
- [ ] 1955 *Hickory Dickory Dock*
  Novel
- [ ] 1956 *Dead Man's Folly*
  Novel
- [ ] 1959 *Cat Among the Pigeons*
  Novel
- [ ] 1963 *The Clocks*
  Novel
- [ ] 1966 *Third Girl*
  Novel

- [ ] 1969 *Hallowe'en Party*
  Novel
- [ ] 1972 *Elephants Can Remember*
  Novel
- [ ] 1974 *Poirot's Early Cases*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1975 *Curtain*
  Novel
  Poirot's last case; after it was published, his obituary ran on the front page of the New York Times.
- [ ] 2014 *Hercule Poirot and the Greenshore Folly*
  Novella
  A novella first published in 2014.

Tommy and Tuppence

Series · 5 books · 1922–1973

- [ ] 1922 *The Secret Adversary*
  Novel
- [ ] 1929 *Partners in Crime*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1941 *N or M?*
  Novel
- [ ] 1968 *By the Pricking of My Thumbs*
  Novel
- [ ] 1973 *Postern of Fate*
  Novel

- [ ] 1924 *The Man in the Brown Suit*
  Novel
- [ ] 1925 *The Secret of Chimneys*
  Novel
- [ ] 1929 *The Seven Dials Mystery*
  Novel
  Adapted by Netflix in 2026.

Miss Marple

Series · 14 books · 1930–1979

- [ ] 1930 *The Murder at the Vicarage*
  Novel
- [ ] 1932 *The Thirteen Problems*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1942 *The Body in the Library*
  Novel

- [ ] 1943 *The Moving Finger*
  Novel
- [ ] 1950 *A Murder Is Announced*
  Novel
- [ ] 1952 *They Do It with Mirrors*
  Novel
- [ ] 1953 *A Pocket Full of Rye*
  Novel
- [ ] 1957 *4.50 from Paddington*
  Novel
- [ ] 1962 *The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side*
  Novel
- [ ] 1964 *A Caribbean Mystery*
  Novel
- [ ] 1965 *At Bertram's Hotel*
  Novel
- [ ] 1971 *Nemesis*
  Novel
- [ ] 1976 *Sleeping Murder*
  Novel
  Miss Marple's last case, published after Christie's death.
- [ ] 1979 *Miss Marple's Final Cases and Two Other Stories*
  Story collection

- [ ] 1930 *The Mysterious Mr Quin*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1931 *The Sittaford Mystery*
  Novel
- [ ] 1933 *The Hound of Death*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1934 *Black Coffee*
  Play
- [ ] 1934 *Parker Pyne Investigates*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1934 *The Listerdale Mystery*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1934 *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?*
  Novel
- [ ] 1939 *And Then There Were None*
  Novel

- [ ] 1939 *Murder Is Easy*
  Novel
- [ ] 1944 *Death Comes as the End*
  Novel
- [ ] 1944 *Towards Zero*
  Novel
- [ ] 1945 *Sparkling Cyanide*
  Novel
- [ ] 1949 *Crooked House*
  Novel
- [ ] 1951 *They Came to Baghdad*
  Novel
- [ ] 1954 *Destination Unknown*
  Novel
- [ ] 1954 *The Mousetrap*
  Play
  First staged in 1952; the longest-running play in theatre history.
- [ ] 1954 *Witness for the Prosecution*
  Play
- [ ] 1957 *Spider's Web*
  Play
- [ ] 1958 *Ordeal by Innocence*
  Novel
- [ ] 1958 *The Unexpected Guest*
  Play
- [ ] 1958 *Verdict*
  Play
- [ ] 1960 *The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1961 *The Pale Horse*
  Novel
- [ ] 1967 *Endless Night*
  Novel
- [ ] 1970 *Passenger to Frankfurt*
  Novel
- [ ] 1973 *Akhnaton*
  Play
- [ ] 1977 *An Autobiography*
  Memoir

- [ ] 1991 *Problem at Pollensa Bay and Other Stories*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1997 *While the Light Lasts and Other Stories*
  Story collection
- [ ] 2012 *The Grand Tour: Around the World with the Queen of Mystery*
  Nonfiction