

Agatha Christie

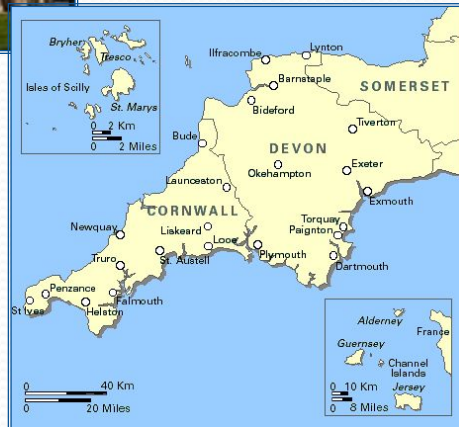


September 15, 1890 - January 12, 1976



Agatha Christie was one of England's most famous writers. Her crime and detective stories became famous for their clever plots. Agatha Christie was often called the Queen of Crime. She wrote 78 detective novels, 19 plays, 150 short stories and 6 romantic novels. Her books have been translated into 103 foreign languages.





Agatha Christie (full name Dame Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie) was born in Devon, England on September 15th, 1890 as the daughter of a British army captain. The girl was the youngest child in the family. She was educated at home and took singing lessons in Paris.



During the First World War she worked in a hospital as a nurse. Later on she got a job in a pharmacy. This influenced many of her crime stories because 83 victims were poisoned.



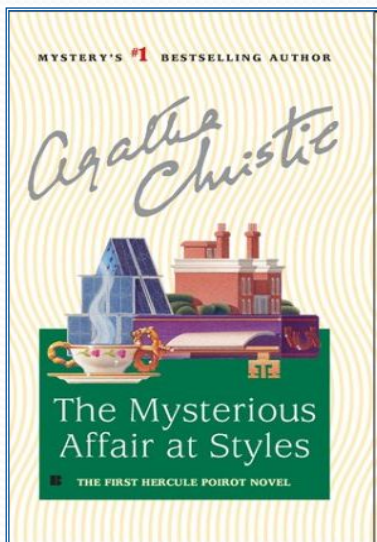
Agatha Christie was married twice

Agatha married an aviator Colonel Archie Christie, her first husband, in 1914, but in 1928 they divorced. Their daughter was born on 5th August 1919.

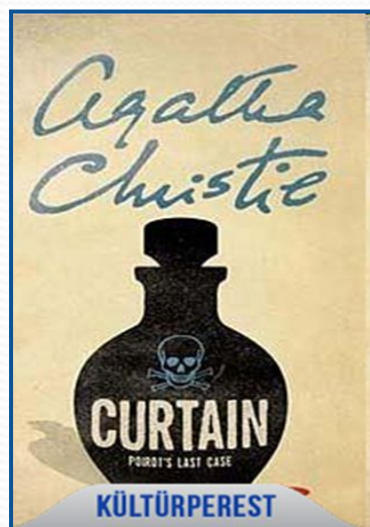


The second husband is the archaeologist Max Mallowan, who was younger than her 15 years. In this marriage Agatha lived from 1930 up to the rest of her life.





Her first novel, «The Mysterious Affair at Styles» was published in 1920. That was the first appearance of Hercule Poirot, who became one of the most famous private detectives since Sherlock Holmes. He was the main hero of 25 novels. The last Poirot book, «The Curtain» appeared shortly before the writer's death in 1975.

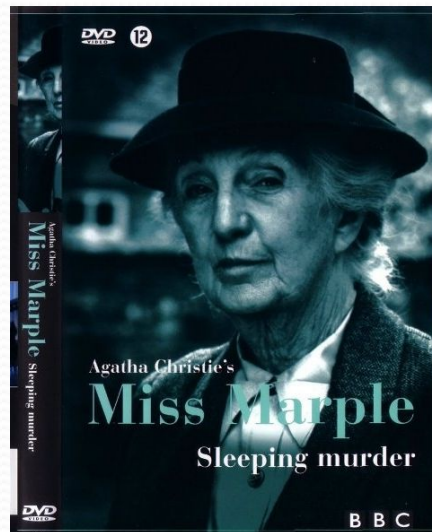


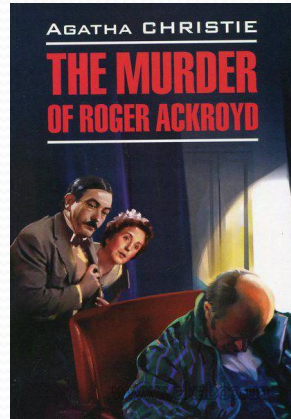
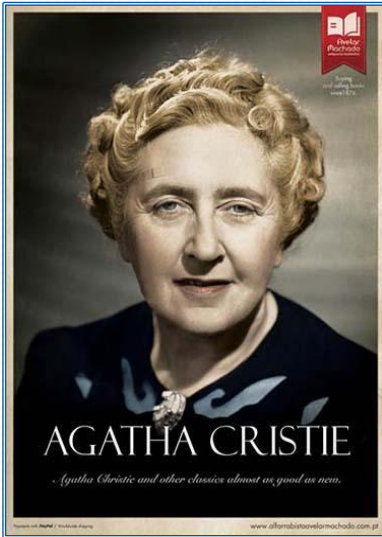


Miss Marple First appeared in 1927 in «The Tuesday Club Murders». The prototype of Miss Marple was Agatha Christie's grandmother.

The last Miss Marple story, «The Sleeping Murder» and her autobiography were published after her death.

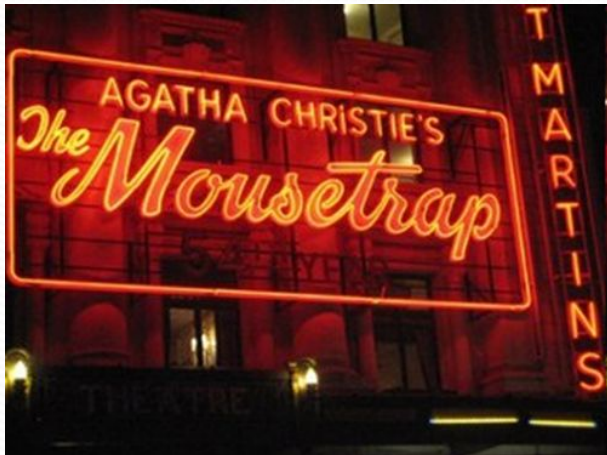
She was the President of the English Club of Detectives from 1958 up to her death.

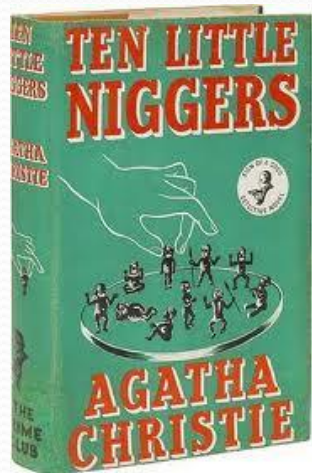




Agatha Christie became generally recognized in 1926, after the publishing of her novel «The Murder of Roger Ackroyd». It is still considered her masterpiece. Her stage play «The Mousetrap» is the longest running play in history. It was first performed in 1952 and after a record 23000 performances it is still running today.

In 1975 Christie has transferred all rights to his most successful play «The Mousetrap» to his grandson.





The novel «Ten Little Niggers» was edited in 1939, the writer considered this novel her best work, and in 1943 wrote the play on it. This novel is also the best-selling Agatha Christie's novel: about a hundred million books were sold around the world.

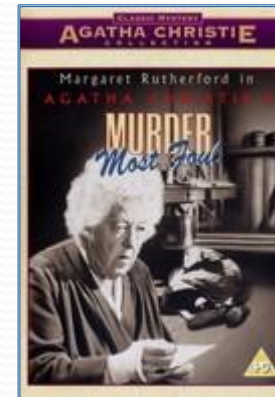
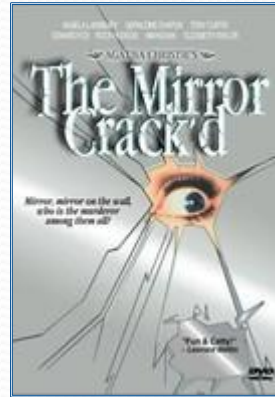




Agatha Christie's language is simple and good and it is pleasant to read her books in the original. Her plots always mislead the reader and keep him in suspense. He cannot guess who the criminal is. Fortunately evil is always conquered in her novels.

Her works are the third best-selling books in the world (after Shakespeare's works and the Bible). Many of her novels and short stories have been filmed.

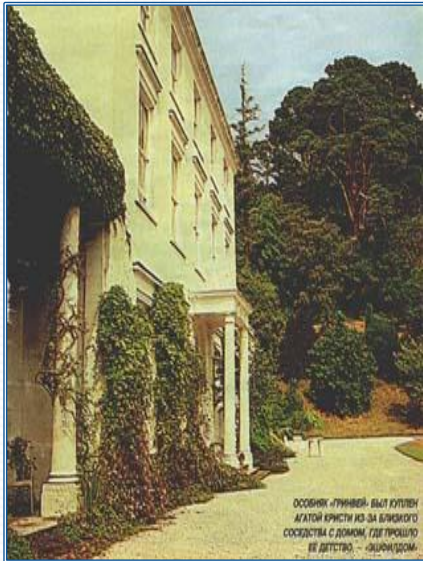
Many her books and stories have been turned into successful movies





In 1956, Agatha Christie was awarded the Order of the British Empire, and in 1971 for achievements in the field of literature Agatha Christie was awarded Kavalerdama of the Order of the British Empire, whose owner also acquires a noble title «lady».





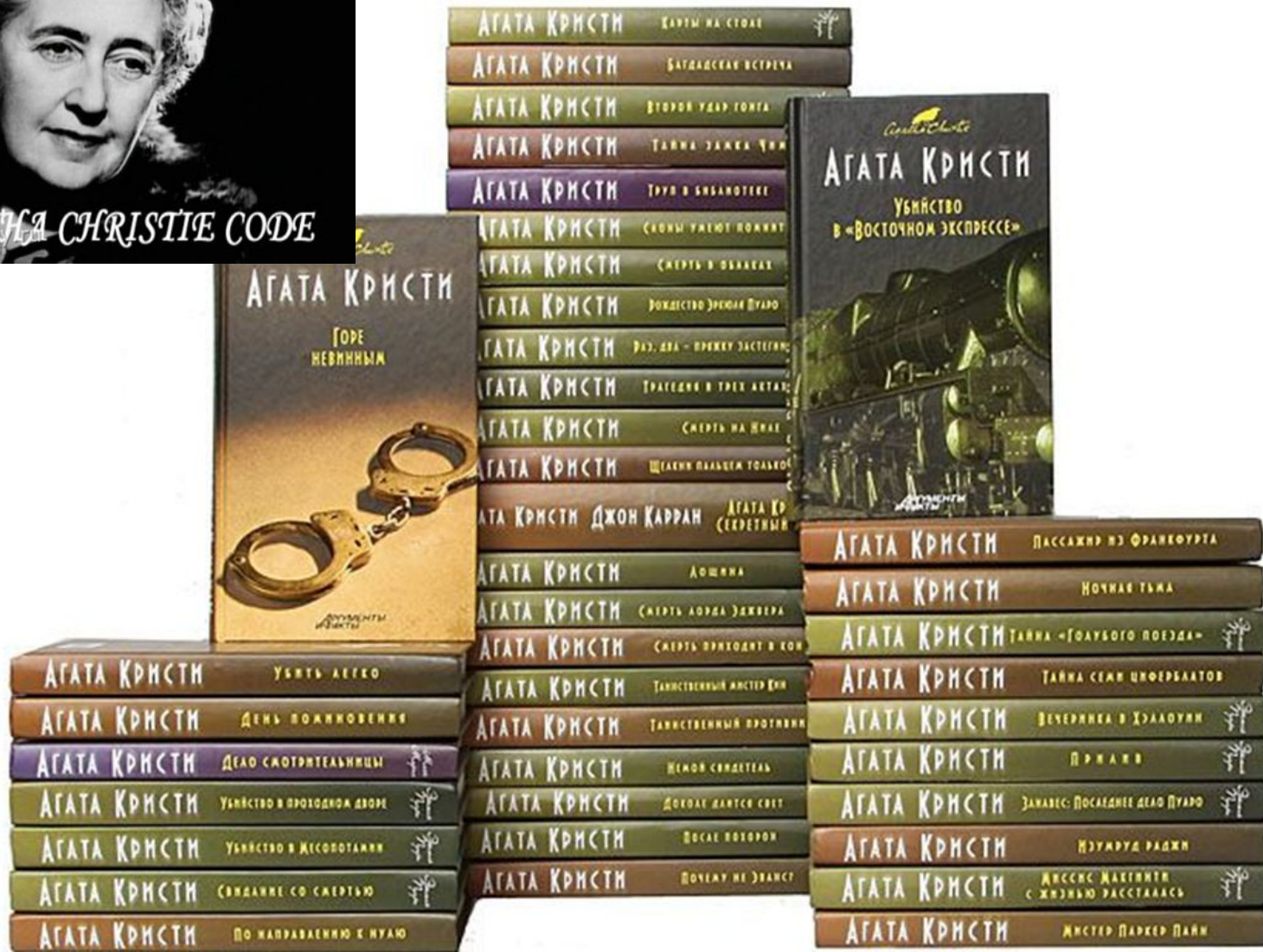
At the beginning of the 1970 Agatha Christie became ill, but she went writing. The writer died on January 12, 1976 in the town of Wallingford, Oxfordshire, after a short cold and was buried in the village Cholsey.





Agatha Christie's autobiography, which the writer graduated in 1965, ends with the words:
«Thank you, God, for my good life and for all the love that was granted to me».





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