

Agatha Christie was born in 1890 and died in 1976. She wrote a lot of very popular detective novels. She is – along with William Shakespeare – the best selling writer of all time. Her play, *The Mousetrap*, holds the record for the longest run in the world. The first performance in London was on 25 November 1952, and it is still running in the same theatre after more than 20,000 performances.



Agatha Christie did not go to school. During the First World War she worked in a hospital dispensary. There she learnt about chemicals and poisons. This knowledge became very useful to her in her later career of detective-story writer.

detective novel: roman policier
mousetrap: piège à souris
performance: représentation
dispensary: dispensaire
useful: utile
skill: habileté
several: quelques
successful: qui a du succès

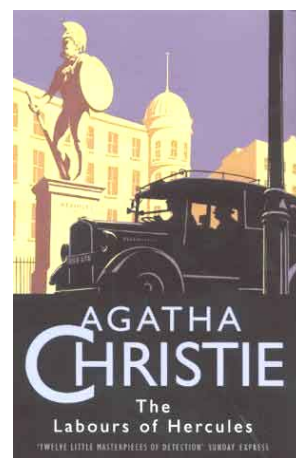
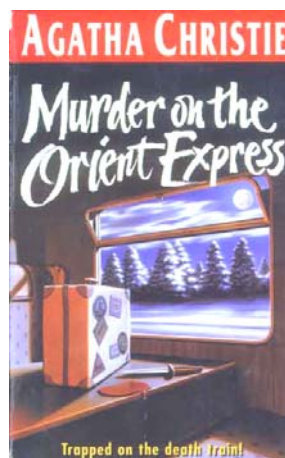
She was married twice. Her first husband was Colonel Archibald Christie. She divorced in 1928 and married an archaeologist. She helped him in his excavation of historical sites in Syria and Iraq. This activity gave her some detective skills.

She wrote a few plays and over 70 detective novels. Her books are excellent stories. Several of them have been successfully turned into films. Her two most famous detectives are Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot.

Three of these 15 titles are not books by Agatha Christie. Which are they?

- The Man in the Brown Suit
- The Mystery of the Blue Train
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- Murder on the Orient Express
- Death in the Clouds
- And Then There Were None
- The Body in the Library
- The Moving Fingers
- All Quiet on the Western Front
- They Came to Baghdad
- 4.50 from Paddington
- Cat Among the Pigeons
- Romeo and Juliet
- Passenger to Frankfurt
- Elephants Can Remember

- suit: costume
- mystery: mystère
- adventure: aventure
- murder: meurtre
- cloud: nuage
- none: aucun
- body: corps
- moving: mouvant
- quiet: calme
- Baghdad: in Iraq
- Paddington: London train station
- among: parmi
- Juliet: girl's name
- passenger: passager
- remember: se rappeler



Translate:

1. Elle n'alla pas à l'école
2. Ces activités lui donnèrent quelques habiletés.
3. Ses romans policiers sont très populaires.
4. Elle apprit beaucoup sur les produits chimiques.
5. As-tu vu "Piège à souris"?
6. As-tu lu "Meurtre sur l'Orient Express"?
7. Elle aida son mari pour ses fouilles.