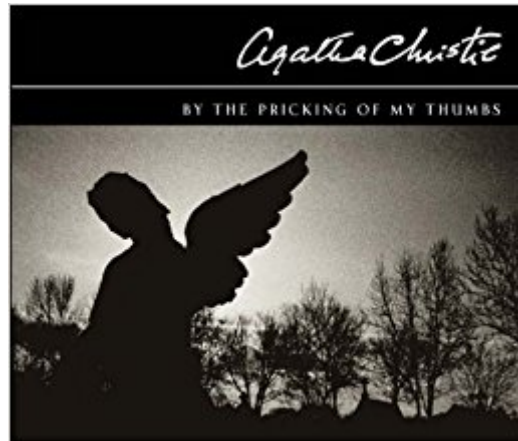




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# By The Pricking Of My Thumbs



## Synopsis

While visiting Tommy's Aunt Ada at Sunny Ridge nursing home, Tuppence encounters some odd residents, including Mrs. Lancaster, who mystifies her with talk about 'your poor child' and 'something behind the fireplace'. When Aunt Ada dies a few weeks later, she leaves Tommy and Tuppence a painting. Tuppence is sure she has seen the house in it before, a recognition that takes her on a dangerous adventure involving a missing tombstone, diamond smuggling and a horrible discovery of what Mrs. Lancaster was talking about.

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## Customer Reviews

"Masterly storytelling"[Times Literary Supplement](#)"Agatha Christie has surpassed herself"[New York Times](#) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Narrator Information: Alex Jennings enjoyed a highly-successful run at the Old Vic in *Too Clever By Half* for which he won an Olivier Award, the Drama Magazine Award, and the Plays and Players Award for Actor of the Year. He has also won the Olivier Award for Best Actor in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *Peer Gynt*. Among his numerous television credits are *Inspector Alleyn*, *Hard Times* and the lead role in *Bad Blood*. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book was delivered to my Kindle with no issues. The storyline was very captivating and

enjoyable to read. Each character was easy to follow and most of them were interesting. I definitely was not expecting the ending to unfold in the way it did. The reason I rated the book only three stars was because of the resolution. It was very dark and a bit creepy; just not the type of ending I enjoy. I am a fan of light, happy endings and prefer the books with nice resolutions. So, if you like Christie's darker books then this one is for you. If you are an extreme Christie fan as I am, I suppose you will read this one eventually. But, if you are a first time Christie reader I would not start with this one because many of her books are far better to read than it.

Tommy & Tuppence are aging and almost at retirement. Tommy's Aunt Ada lives in a retirement home and they go visit. During that visit, Tuppence meets an old lady who says some very curious things. When the aunt dies, she leaves them a painting and they also find out the old lady has left. When Tommy goes to a meeting, Tuppence sets out to find this house, the old lady and, of course, uncovers something big. Not the best of Agatha Christie, but did have some great twists.

"By the Pricking of My Thumbs" by Agatha Christie is a pure joy to read, it's marvelously devious narrative is immersive, the richly developed characters quirky and original, and the atmospheric backdrops place you in the community where the story takes place. It's no wonder that Agatha Christie's stories have sold over 2 billion copies. This is the first Tommy and Tuppence series book I have read and it not only met but exceeded my lofty expectations, it's brilliant. For lovers of mystery this is a must read so pull up a chair, get comfortable, and prepare yourself for a pure unadulterated reading experience...5 stars!!!!

Fascinating read. Quite different from Miss Marple and Poirot, in a way that the detectives are a husband and wife team. Tuppence is completely like Miss Marple and Poirot, listening to her instinct and would not stop investigating until she is satisfied. Tommy is always there to be the sounding board for Tuppence. Thoroughly enjoyed it. The story is different from Agatha Christie's other stories. It has some kind of a haunting aspect of it.... I like it very much.

Agatha Christie at her best, Tuppence is like Miss Marple but more active.

in good condition Arrived sooner than expected

Agathe Christie is one of the greatest mystery writers--and this is one of her great books. It also has

one of the scariest climaxes she ever wrote!

I'm a huge fan of the books featuring Tommy & Tuppence who are, by far, my favourite Agatha Christie characters. This book [like all of them] is a mystery with a light hearted touch. Well worth reading.

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