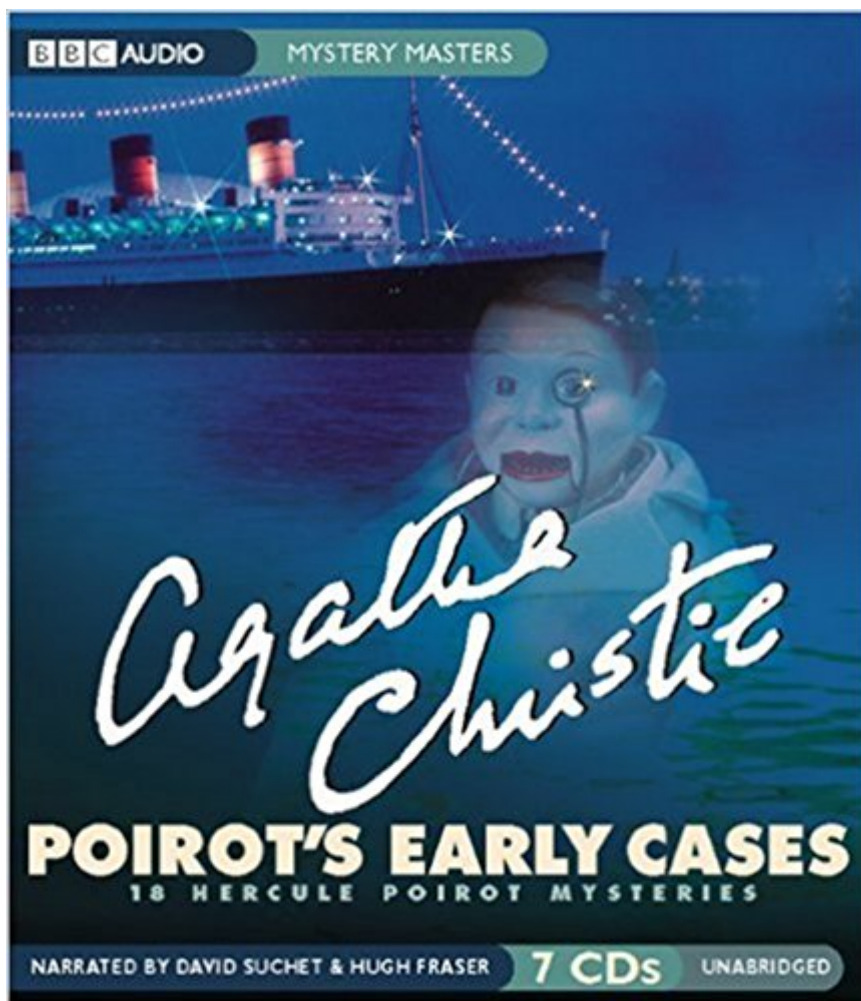




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Poirot's Early Cases: 18 Hercule Poirot Mysteries



Synopsis

The unabridged tales in this Mystery Masters audiobook include all the ones in the print book first published in 1974. With each case, Poirot further proves his reputation as the greatest mind in detective fiction. In "The Plymouth Express," the body of the daughter of a wealthy American industrialist is found stuffed under a train seat. "Problem at Sea" finds a disliked rich woman murdered in a locked room on a ship. "The King of Clubs" involves a prince, his dancer fiancée, and a fiendish bit of blackmail. These gems are alternately read by David Suchet and Hugh Fraser, whose roles as, respectively, Poirot and his sidekick, Captain Hugh Hastings, in PBS's Mystery! series and the Arts and Entertainment's Poirot series are considered definitive.

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Customer Reviews

These 18 cases were first gathered together in 1974, but they represent the early portion of Agatha Christie's career, as well as Poirot's. David Suchet and Hugh Fraser, who played Belgian detective Hercule Poirot and friend Captain Hastings on TV, do the voice work here. Since they don't switch off within any of the stories, but each does all the voices in a given story, that leaves both Suchet and Fraser doing a more exaggerated voice for Poirot, since Hastings actually does most of the narration in the stories. Otherwise, the reading is excellent, and the more interesting cases offer insights into Poirot's heart as he makes moral choices regarding his findings. J.A.S. © AudioFile 2006, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine

I have the audio book and it was great. I like the stories with their twists and clever solutions and I

enjoyed one of the narrators. One was great, he used his voice to bring the characters to life and the other was just reading a book, he made no effort to differentiate the character, he just read what was on the page. The thing I liked about the stories is that they expanded how the reader saw Poirot's world by showing him interacting with "friends" which show him in a different light. I enjoyed this book and would recommend it for persons who just have a few minutes and want to read a story that presents a puzzle .

I had this audiobook in my shopping cart for months but was reluctant to buy it because I was not able to find the answer to my questions regarding the product. Recently however, I made up my mind and went ahead to buy it. Now, I have the answer to all my questions. There might be others out there who have the same questions, so I will address them.1. The audiobook consists of 7 CDs housed in two folded black cardboard cases. The box is slim (about 1 inch width) which makes it convenient to carry around.2. The cardboard cases inside have no design or writings. Very disappointing as I was used to seeing the Harry Potter sleeves with a lot of drawings.3. The 18 stories are listed at the back of the cd box and are the same stories that appeared in the book. However, the order of play in the CDs does not coincide with the order in this list.4. There is no list of the particular stories contained in each CD.5. Upon listening to the entire collection, I found out that the order of the stories is different from the book. So, these are the contents: Disc 1 The Adventures of Johnny Waverly The Double Sin The Submarine Plans part 1 Disc 2 The Submarine Plans part 2 The Cornish Mystery The Market Basing Mystery Disc 3 Problem at Sea How Does Your Garden Grow Disc 4 The Lost Mine The King of Clubs The Affair of the Victory Ball part 1 Disc 5 The Affair of the Victory Ball part 2 The Wasp's Nest The Chocolate Box The Adventure of the Clapham Cook part 1 Disc 6 The Adventure of the Clapham Cook part 2 The Double Clue The Third-Floor Flat Disc 7 The Lemesurier Inheritance The Veiled Lady The Plymouth Express

It is wonderful to have these unabridged short stories on CD. This collection has two readers- sometimes the story is read by Hugh Fraser, sometimes by David Suchet. Suchet is definitely the better reader, as he uses more distinctive voices for each character, enabling the listener to follow the conversations a little better. However, all the stories are clearly presented, and each one is a delight- and better yet, most are solvable. Another problem I had with this collection is that the stories are sometimes split between two CDs. This makes this particular collection harder to use in the car, when you have to change CDs to hear the end of a story.

These are a must-have for anyone who loves the genre, Agatha Christie, or Hercule Poirot. They're unabridged (complete), and are wonderfully read by David Suchet and Hugh Frasier, the leading duo from the well-known "Agatha Christie's Poirot" TV series aired from the mid-80's to 2013 when they closed out the last of the stories. Absolutely a treat for collector or mystery-lover.

Quite a nice collection of short stories from Christie. She calls them early cases, but Poirot is not stumbling around making mistakes. He's still Poirot, just not the famous, arrogant, self-promoting Poirot of later years. Very fun collection. I can't wait to listen again.

This is an audio recording of 18 short stories by Agatha Christie. The cast and narrator are excellent, the voices are distinguishable. The audio quality is good. With several stories in the collection, finding a particular story among the 7 CDs is a bit more of a challenge than I'd like to see. There is no index in the packaging or on the CDs. The CDs are packaged in cardboard folders in a cardboard box. So the indexing problem and the packaging are the reasons I dropped one star...otherwise these make a very nice collection.

Except for one brief audio garble on one disk, all seven disks have played quite nicely. The disk slips are in very good condition. The box is in fair-good condition. No complaints here. We especially enjoyed that the stories were read\narrated by David Suchet and Hugh Fraser of whom we are fans viv a vis portrayals of Poirot and Hastings. I don't think we could have expected any more from a pre-owned CD set than we received. Thanks.

I spend 4-7 hours driving at night when I am working. These stories made the time fly by. I could see the action in my head and although read by only one male voice per story it sounded like different people male and female. I have listened through all the discs twice and intend to listen to them many more times, even though I know "who done it".

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