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The Mystery Of The Blue Train



Synopsis

The new-look series of Hercule Poirot books for the 21st century. When the luxurious Blue Train arrives at Nice, a guard attempts to wake serene Ruth Kettering from her slumbers. But she will never wake again - for a heavy blow has killed her, disfiguring her features almost beyond recognition. What is more, her precious rubies are missing. The prime suspect is Ruth's estranged husband, Derek. Yet Poirot is not convinced, so he stages an eerie re-enactment of the journey, complete with the murderer on board...

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Customer Reviews

"The Empress of the crime novel." Sunday Express

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The Mystery of the Blue Train was published in 1928. The brilliant Queen of Crime Agatha Christie (1890-1977) was in her sleuthing prime! The story is easy to read in a day and is a true Christie page turner. The novel occurs on the speeding Blue Train which is the Calais-Paris-Nice

Express whisking well heeled folks on their way to a fun-filled winter in the paradise of the French Riviera. The plot involves the theft of the priceless Heart of Fire necklace and the murder of the adultery minded Katherine Kettering. She is seeking divorce from her playboy money worshipping cad of a husband . Her father the millionaire Rufus Van Allen has given her the necklace as a gift. Ruth is murdered by strangulation on the Blue Train; Hercule Poirot is there to assist French police in the solving of the crime. Katherine Grey also assists in unmasking the murderer. Katherine is an attractive woman who has inherited a fortune from an old lady she had served as an aide while living in St Mary Mead. The book reads quickly and is filled with fascinating characters such as: Comte Armand De La Roche-the lover of Katherine Kettering. Derek Kettering-the husband of Katherine and a man infatuated with lovely ladies. He seeks to end his affair with Mirelle his exotic French mistress by falling in love with Katherine Grey. Demetrius Papopolous and his daughter Zia who deal in diamonds and have known Poirot for seventeen years. Ada Beatrice Mason: Lady's maid for Katherine Kettering who gets off the train in Paris. Major Richard Knighton-Assistant to Rufus Van Aldin. He is a wounded World War I soldier and is in love with Katherine Grey. Rosalie Tamplin-A rich Englishwoman living in France who is related to Katherine Grey. The Marquis-The mysterious jewel thief and master of crime! Who is the murderer? Follow the trail through the clues and watch Poirot solve the problem!

"The blue train" is an absolute delight and it goes straight to my personal top favourite Poirot mysteries..My enjoyment with Christie's Poirot novels always, always comes from the characters, their history, their reactions. It also comes from the rich accounts of the behaviours and customs characteristic of any milieu Christie chooses for her stories. If the revelation of the culprit is sometimes part of the pleasure, most of the time, like here in "The blue train", it almost doesn't matter to me - because everything that leads to it is such a delight.

I thoroughly enjoyed this classic Agatha Christie mystery. Jewels, infidelity, murder on a train, all elements of a good story well-told. I have to put this one at the top of the list as one of my AC favorites. Well worth reading. Highly recommended.

Amazing that this book was written by the beloved Agatha Christie over 85 years ago. It was first published in 1928. The book features the author's memorable Hercule Poirot. The plot involves a whodunnit with a murder by taking place on a train bound for the French Riviera. Suspects abound in this well crafted murder mystery. To date, I have not read a bad Agatha Christie novel. At

minimum, they are all good with some of them being great. This one falls squarely in the good category. Not to be missed, if you are seeking to read all of the Poirot books, as this is the 6th book in the series. Although, the Poirot books needn't be read in order to be enjoyed.

Another workmanlike offering from Dame Agatha. I would buy a lot more of these books if the price weren't so steep. For such old mysteries, ten dollars is much too high, so I've knocked off a star for that.

A woman is found murdered on the Blue Train. Was it her husband or the nefarious Count, and what happened to her famous ruby necklace? Hercule Poirot is on the case.

Ruth Kettering was unhappy even with a rich, doting father, a handsome husband, and a suave lover. The priceless rubies her father gave her disappeared the night she was murdered on the Blue Train. Hercule Poirot must help the grieving father find the truth, even if it is painful. Was it the husband or his lover? Could it have been the man Ruth had secretly loved for 14 years? There is no shortage of suspects or plot twists, but Hercule Poirot once again solves all, while assisting two lonely people to find love.

Like other period (i.e.'30ish) Christie novels, a bit complex. I enjoyed it.

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