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Miss Marple In: A Caribbean Mystery (BBC Radio Collection)



Synopsis

The tiny Caribbean island of St Honoré is a tropical paradise. But for Miss Marple, enjoying a well-earned rest from her busy life in the village of St. Mary Mead, it is a place where nothing ever seems to happen. Then old Major Palgrave tells her the strange story of a suspected double murderer. As rumors begin to circulate, the elderly sleuth is not alone in suspecting that things are not as they seem. And when a death that is indisputably murder occurs, Miss Marple finds an unlikely ally in the cantankerous crippled millionaire Mr. Rafiel. Together, can the pair discover the truth? June Whitfield stars as Miss Marple, with Windsor Davies as Major Palgrave in this BBC Radio 4 dramatization from the world's best-known mystery writer. 2 CDs. 2 hrs 10 mins.

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"Throws off false clues and misleading events as only a master of the art can do.' (New York Times)"

Agatha Christie, the acknowledged 'Queen of Crime' (The Observer) was born in Torquay in 1890. During the First World War she worked as a hospital dispenser, and it was here that she gleaned the working knowledge of various poisons that was to prove so useful in her detective stories. Her first novel was *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, which introduced Hercule Poirot to the world. This was published in 1920 (although in fact she had written it during the war) and was followed over the next six years by four more detective novels and a short story collection. However, it was not until

the publication of *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* that Agatha Christie's reputation was firmly established. This novel, with its complex plot and genuinely shocking conclusion, attracted considerable public attention and has since been acknowledged by many experts as a masterpiece. In 1930 the sharp-witted spinster sleuth Miss Marple made her first appearance in *The Murder at the Vicarage*. In all, Agatha Christie published over 80 novels and short story collections. The brilliance of Christie's plots, and her enduring appeal, have led to several dramatisations of her work on radio, television and film. In 1930 she was one of a number of crime writers asked to contribute a chapter to a mystery, *Behind the Screen*, that was broadcast on BBC radio on 21st June that year. More recently, June Whitfield portrayed Miss Marple on BBC Radio 4, whilst John Moffat starred as Hercule Poirot. On screen, Peter Ustinov, David Suchet, Margaret Rutherford, Joan Hickson, Geraldine McEwan and Julia McKenzie have all memorably played Agatha Christie's famous sleuths. As her play *The Mousetrap* (the longest-running play in the history of theatre) testifies, Agatha Christie's detective stories are likely to appeal for a long time to come. Agatha Christie was awarded a CBE in 1956 and was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1971. She died in 1976.

All that I expected. I like the multiple voice dramatization. It adds a dimension that isn't as effective when one person is reading in different voices.

This is a Christmas gift for an Agatha Christie fan. The CD is a good way to listen to a book when you don't have time to sit down and read a book.

I'm a great Christie fan from way back, and having the books on CD is simply wonderful! Read well.
Thanks

This CD did not appeal to me as much as others I have of Miss Marple, I think because of the way it was read.

Miss Marple is at her best.

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