

## Suggested Reading order for Christie's Poirot novels and short story collections

The most important point to note is – make sure you read *Curtain* last. Other points to note are:

1. *Lord Edgware Dies* should be read before *After the Funeral*
2. *Five Little Pigs* should be read before *Elephants Can Remember*
3. *Cat Among the Pigeons* should be read before *Hallowe'en Party*
4. *Mrs McGinty's Dead* should be read before *Hallowe'en Party* and *Elephants Can Remember*
5. *Murder on the Orient Express* should be read before *Murder in Mesopotamia*
6. *Three Act Tragedy* should be read before *Hercule Poirot's Christmas*

Otherwise, it's possible to read the Poirot books in any order – but we suggest the following:

*The Mysterious Affair at Styles* 1920

*Murder on the Links* 1923

*Christmas Adventure* (short story) 1923

*Poirot Investigates* (short stories) 1924

*Poirot's Early Cases* (short stories) 1974

*The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* 1926

*The Big Four* 1927

*The Mystery of the Blue Train* 1928

*Black Coffee* (play novelisation by Charles Osborne) 1997

*Peril at End House* 1932

*The Mystery of the Baghdad Chest* (short story) 1932 (original)

replaced by *The Mystery of the Spanish Chest* expanded version (1960)

*Second Gong* (short story) 1932

*Lord Edgware Dies* 1933

*Murder on the Orient Express* 1934

*Three Act Tragedy* 1935

*Death in the Clouds* 1935

*The ABC Murders* 1936

*Murder in Mesopotamia* 1936

*Cards on the Table* 1936

*Yellow Iris* (short story) 1937

*Murder in the Mews* (four novellas) 1937

*Dumb Witness* 1937

*Death on the Nile* 1937

*Appointment with Death* 1938

*Hercule Poirot's Christmas* 1938

*Sad Cypress* 1940

*One, Two Buckle my Shoe* 1940

*Evil Under the Sun* 1941

*Five Little Pigs* 1943

*The Hollow* 1946

*The Labours of Hercules* (short stories) 1947

*Taken at the Flood* 1948

*Mrs McGinty's Dead* 1952

*After the Funeral* 1953

*Hickory Dickory Dock* 1955

*Dead Man's Folly* 1956

*Cat Among the Pigeons* 1959

*The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding* (short stories) 1960

*The Clocks* 1963

*Third Girl* 1966

*Hallowe'en Party* 1969

*Elephants Can Remember* 1972

*Curtain: Poirot's Last Case* 1975

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Four Poirot short stories appear in non-Poirot short story collections: *Second Gong* (1932) and *Yellow Iris* (1937) appear in *Problem at Pollensa Bay and other stories* (1991) in the UK and in *Witness for the Prosecution and other stories* (1948) and *The Regatta Mystery and other stories* (1939) respectively in the US.

*Christmas Adventure* (1923) and *The Mystery of the Baghdad Chest* (1932-short version) appear in *While the Light Lasts and other stories* (1997) in the UK and in the US *The Mystery of the Spanish Chest* (1960-expanded version) replaced *The Mystery of the Baghdad Chest* in *The Harlequin Tea Set and other stories* (1997).

*Christmas Adventure* has not been published in this version in the USA.

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