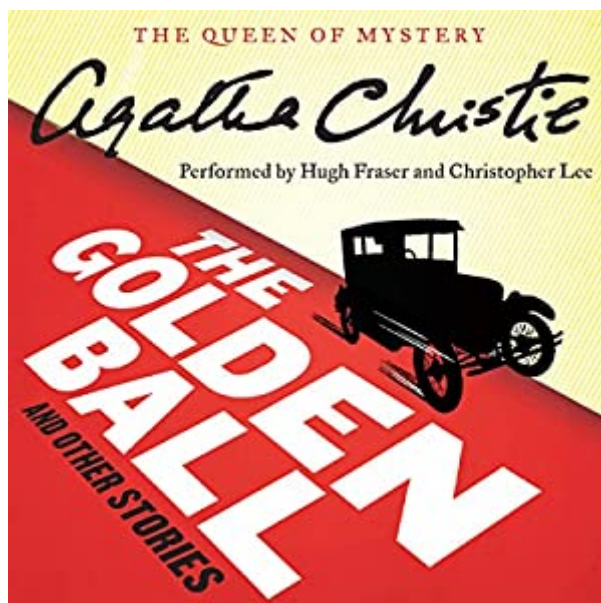


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The Golden Ball And Other Stories



Synopsis

Is it a gesture of goodwill or a sinister trap that lures Rupert St. Vincent and his family to a magnificent estate? How desperate is Joyce Lambert, a destitute young widow whose only recourse is to marry a man she despises? What unexpected circumstance stirs old loyalties in Theodora Darrell, an unfaithful wife about to run away with her lover? In this collection of short stories, the answers are as unexpected as they are satisfying. The Queen of Mystery takes bizarre romantic entanglements, supernatural visitations, and classic murder to inventive new heights.

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Customer Reviews

Dame Agatha Christie (1890-1976) is the queen of crime for many reasons. Christie had the elusive ability to be able to spin a story, add a twist as the reader is entranced by the excellent stories woven on the loom of her genius. The Golden Ball collection of fifteen stories will keep your interest from first to last. These tales were first published by the prolific Christie in the 1920s and 1930s. Christie was at the top of her creative genius. None of the stories involves Hercule Poirot or Miss Marple the author's two most famous creations. Instead they delve into the realm of the supernatural and are focused on young English men and women involved in love and theft and misunderstandings. Among the best stories in the collection are "The Listerdale Mystery: Mrs. St Vincent and her penurious daughter are saved from poverty as they are rescued by an unexpected Prince Charming. A fairy tale comes true in this clever tale. The Girl in the Train-A young Londoner finds romance and crime as he encounters a mysterious woman on a train. A Fruitful Sunday-A couple find a jewel in a piece of fruit bought at a roadside stand. Swan Song-As an opera buff I

found this short story of a fading Diva and her revenge on a real life Scarpia in Puccini's "Tosca" a gem of a tale! The Lamp- A mysterious tale about a haunted house and the screams of a long deceased boy. The Strange Case of Sir Andrew Carmichael- Shifting from a human to a cat is Sir Arthur's problem! The Call of Wings- A wealthy materialist businessman gives up his fortune and discovers the true meaning of life. Magnolia Blossom- Theodora Darrell, a rich wife, leaves her husband only to return to his side when he fears his crime will lead to his disgrace., Will she stay with him or return to her besotted lover? Next to a Dog is a poignant and beautiful gem of a story in which the impoverished Joyce Lambert and her aged terrier Terry seek to escape their plight. Get your hankies out of this one! If you have never read Agatha Christie before then this superb collection is a good place to begin your fictional journey with the best mystery author of all time! Enjoy!!!

This is a collection of early Christie short stories, before Poirot, Tommy and Tuppence, and Marple. They are all delightful, ranging from frothy romance to deadly revenge. There are stolen jewels, criminal masterminds, and hints of the supernatural. While these are early stories, and it's obvious that Christie was experimenting with her style, they are well worth reading.

I first heard this as an audio book from the library and fell in love. I now own it via kindle and the audio-ready edition. Both are fantastic mediums. I love the audio edition very much because I can select the short story I want to listen to again by simply looking at the chapter markers provided. I was surprised about this book by Agatha Christie. While it is a mystery, they are wonderful non-murder mysteries. It is a breath of fresh air and worth a read!

A collection of not so thrilling short stories. Nothing that requires page turning or suspense. These are all short stories previously published in other publications in the past. Interesting but not up to her usually masterly plot twists or suspense. A light diversion at best.

Since it consists of various stories the questions above are meaningless. There are stories in every category. They are all well written as are most if not all of Agatha Christie's stories. It is just a lot of good and fun short stories.

Great book. Really enjoyed. Short stories but very vivid details. Lots of fun. Another Christie classic stories. Must read book

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Classic Agatha Christie short stories - a must for Agatha Christie fans or for anyone who enjoys a good story with a twist!

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