

Agatha Christie was born in 1890 and died in 1976. She wrote a lot of very popular detective novels. She is – along with William Shakespeare – the best selling writer of all time. Her play, *The Mousetrap*, holds the record for the longest run in the world. The first performance in London was on 25 November 1952, and it is still running in the same theatre after more than 20,000 performances.



Agatha Christie did not go to school. During the First World War she worked in a hospital dispensary. There she learnt about chemicals and poisons. This knowledge became very useful to her in her later career of detective-story writer.

She was married twice. Her first husband was Colonel Archibald Christie. She divorced in 1928 and married an archaeologist. She helped him in his excavation of historical sites in Syria and Iraq. This activity gave her some detective skills.

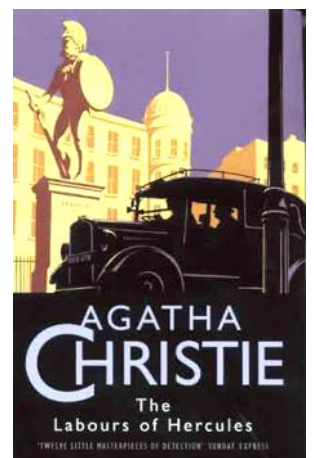
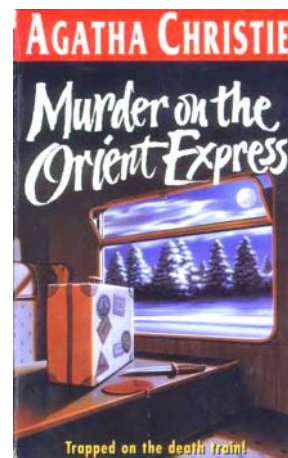
**detective novel:** Kriminalroman  
**mousetrap:** Mausefalle  
**performance:** Vorstellung  
**dispensary:** Apotheke  
**poison:** Gift  
**useful:** nützlich  
**divorce:** scheiden  
**excavation:** Ausgrabung  
**site:** Ort, Stelle  
**skill:** Geschick  
**excellent:** ausgezeichnet  
**several:** mehrere  
**successful:** erfolgreich

She wrote a few plays and over 70 detective novels. Her books are excellent stories. Several of them have been successfully turned into films. Her two most famous detectives are Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot.

**Three of these 15 titles are not books by Agatha Christie. Which are they?**

The Man in the Brown Suit  
 The Mystery of the Blue Train  
 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
 Murder on the Orient Express  
 Death in the Clouds  
 And Then There Were None  
 The Body in the Library  
 The Moving Fingers  
 All Quiet on the Western Front  
 They Came to Baghdad  
 4.50 from Paddington  
 Cat Among the Pigeons  
 Romeo and Juliet  
 Passenger to Frankfurt  
 Elephants Can Remember

suit: Anzug  
 mystery: Rätsel  
 adventure: Abenteuer  
 murder: Mord  
 cloud: Wolke  
 none: keines  
 body: Leiche  
 moving: bewegend  
 quiet: ruhig  
 Baghdad: in Iraq  
 Paddington: London train station  
 pigeon: Taube  
 Juliet: girl's name  
 passenger: Passagier  
 remember: sich erinnern



## Translate:

1. Sie ging nicht zur Schule .....
2. Diese Tätigkeiten gaben ihr einiges Geschick. ....
3. Ihre Detektivromane sind sehr beliebt. ....
4. Sie lernte viel über Chemikalien. ....
5. Hast du die „Mausefalle“ gesehen? .....
6. Hast du „Mord im Orientexpress“ gelesen? .....
7. Sie half ihrem Mann mit den Ausgrabungen. ....