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Famous for	
Social status	
Date of death	

Agatha Christie (1890–1976)

Synopsis

Born on September 15, 1890, in Torquay, England, Agatha Christie published her first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, in 1920, and went on to become one of the most famous writers in history, with mysteries like *Murder at the Vicarage*, *Partners in Crime* and *Sad Cypress*. She sold billions of copies of her work, and was also a noted playwright and romance author. She died on January 12, 1976.

Background

The youngest of three siblings, she was educated at home by her mother, who encouraged her daughter to write.

In 1914, she wed Colonel Archibald Christie, a Royal Flying Corps pilot, and took up nursing during World War I. She published her first book, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, in 1920; the story focused on the murder of a rich heiress.

Fame and Tumult

She dealt with tumult that same year, however, as her mother died and her husband revealed that he was in a relationship with another woman. Traumatized by the revelation, Christie disappeared only to be discovered by authorities several days later.

Christie would recover, with her and Archibald divorcing in 1928. In 1930, she married archaeology professor Max Mallowan, with whom she travelled on several expeditions.

Cast of Characters

Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple are Christie's most well-known detectives, with the two featured in dozens of novels and short stories.

Sold More Than Two Billion Copies

Writing well into her later years, Christie wrote more than 70 detective novels as well as short fiction. Christie's success as an author of sleuth* stories has earned her titles like the "Queen of Crime" and the "Queen of Mystery."

Christie was made a dame in 1971. Christie died on January 12, 1976.

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