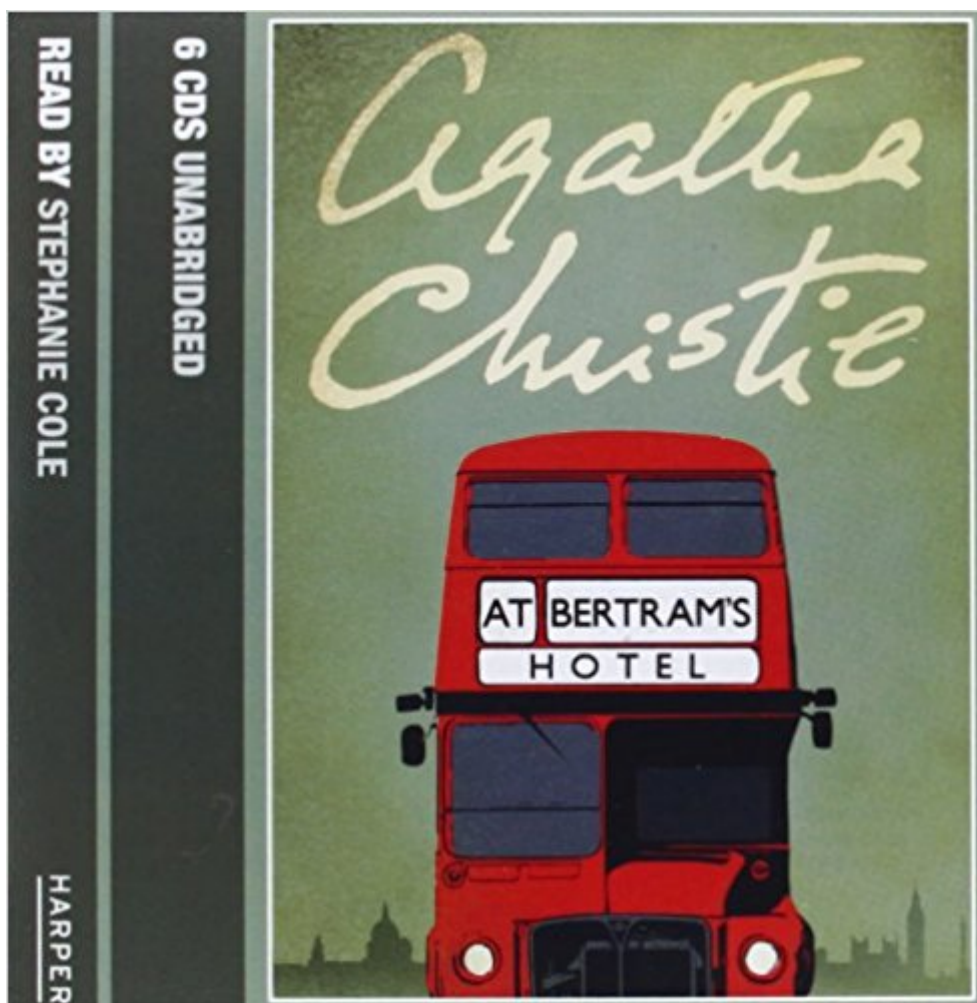


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'One of the author's very best productions, with splendid pace, bright lines.' Saturday Review of Literature 'A joy to read from beginning to end, especially in its acute sensitivity to the contrasts between this era and that of Miss Marple's youth.' New York Times 'Miss Christie's pearly talent for dealing with all the words and pomps that go with murder English-style shimmers steadily in this tale of the noisy woe that shatters the extremely expensive peace of Bertram's famously old-fashioned hotel.' New Yorker

Agatha Christie is known throughout the world as the Queen of Crime. Her books have sold over a billion copies in English with another billion in over 70 foreign languages. She is the most widely published author of all time and in any language, outsold only by the Bible and Shakespeare. She is the author of 80 crime novels and short story collections, 20 plays, and six novels written under the name of Mary Westmacott.

This has proven to be the most difficult Miss Marple book to obtain on audiobook and I can't understand why. There isn't a high body count or a lot of exciting action sequences--it is after all a Miss Marple Mystery--but the story is engaging and the characters interesting. Miss Marple goes on holiday to Bertram's Hotel (where she'd stayed as a child) and takes a nostalgic trip down memory lane only to find out that things aren't exactly what they seem. The narrator does a good job capturing Miss Marple's personality. You won't find the usual characters in this book, and none of it happens in the village of St. Mary Meade--but the characters presented are well drawn. Miss Marple is reinvigorated when compared to *The Mirror Crack'd*--but her lethargy in that book could be more attributed to a temporary depression rather than any real change in her vitality. Although I wouldn't consider it the best of the Miss Marple series, it's a definite must read for all Miss Marple fans.

Agatha Christie is great with writing murder mysteries. This story is fantastic and only Miss Marple can solve it.

Great to listen to in the car.

Miss Marple is not the main character in the story. I felt it was much more of a Scotland Yard detective story in which Miss Marple plays a rather minor part. It was not a bad story, just not much of Miss Marple.

Stephanie Cole does a superb job of reading all the parts. She's a great actor and reader!

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