

Book Review by Charles

Book Review: *ABC Murders* by Agatha Christie

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Many of the great movies that are known today are stories that come from books. For example, fans of Harry Potter are well aware that sometimes the movies can be as intriguing as the books. In the mystery genre, Agatha Christie's books are some of the most riveting books that have ever been written. Fans of Agatha Christie might disagree and say that the movies are better than the books. Although the movies captivate the viewers, the books provide a great feel of what suspense is like and they all take place in older times. Some parts keep readers wanting to devour the whole book and forget about everything else. Agatha Christie's "ABC Murders" is a fascinating read because the suspense is gripping and the author displays multiple characters' perspectives throughout the book.

"ABC Murders" is thrilling because of the suspense. Every page has something new that is unexpected and catches the reader's attention. Christie puts little clues around the book that suggest who the murderer might be, although of course the reader finds out in the end. Each time Inspector Poirot opens the letters that the murderer sends, the plot gets thicker and thicker. When the murderer kills the wrong person, it throws the readers off the track of the murderer and is a strategic move. Christie does a great job of confusing the readers and hiding the murderer's identity. This preserves the suspense until the end when Poirot rambles on about the murderer's plan. Reading this book, suspense keeps readers on the edge of their seats and it makes them want to finish the book before doing anything else.

As the book goes along, different people's perspectives are shown that allow the reader to see things that Hercule Poirot does not. Poirot thinks he knows everything, but as Agatha

Christie shows, things aren't always as they seem. The police think that the murderer is Cust but we see his perspective of things, and it clearly shows that he isn't the murderer. Poirot does doubt that Cust is the murderer, as he finds other clues that suggest otherwise. The concept of showing other people's perspective is compelling, as it allows the readers to use their creativity to make multiple endings. In this book, Captain Hastings, Hercule Poirots, and Cust's perspectives are shown. This is a superb feature which not many books have.

Agatha Christie's "ABC Murders" is a fascinating read because the suspense keeps the readers on the edge of their seats and because multiple characters' perspectives are displayed throughout the book. This book's suspense is like no other book because the way it is written allows the readers to imagine what's going to happen but then something completely different occurs. Each perspective shown is another perspective Poirot doesn't know which allows the reader to try and solve the mystery. This duo of book and movie is a rare find as each of them is a great read and a great watch after.