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Five Little Pigs: Complete & Unabridged



Synopsis

A brand new publication of this crime classic read by Hugh Fraser who plays Captain Hastings in the Poirot TV series, designed to follow the new look Hercule Poirot titles for the 21st Century. Beautiful Caroline Crale was convicted of poisoning her husband, yet there were five other suspects: Philip Blake (the stockbroker) who went to market; Meredith Blake (the amateur herbalist) who stayed at home; Elsa Greer (the three-time divorcee) who had roast beef; Cecilia Williams (the devoted governess) who had none; and Angela Warren (the disfigured sister) who cried 'wee wee wee' all the way home. It is sixteen years later, but Hercule Poirot just can't get that nursery rhyme out of his mind...

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Five Little Pigs was published in 1942 during the period when Agatha Christie (1890-1976) was writing at the top of her murderous genius. The novel is the first of a quartet of novels in which the original murder being investigated occurred in the past. In this case it was 16 years prior to the time when Hercule Poirot stepped in and solved the case. The Plot: Carla Lemarchant, a young Canadian woman planning on being married in the near future, visits England to hire Hercule Poirot. Sixteen years in the past her mother Caroline had been arrested for the murder of her husband Amyas Crale. Crale was a famous painter. His poisoned body was found in the garden of his estate Hardcross Manor in Devonshire. The five suspects (hence the "five pigs" designation) are: Phillip Blake-The best friend of the victim. Blake is a businessman. He tells Poirot that Mrs. Crale was guilty. Meredith Blake-Phillip's brother who informs Poirot that Amyas Crale was having an affair with

Elsa Greer a sexpot who was several years his junior. "Merry" is an expert on herbs and poisons. Elsa Greer-the much married wealthy woman who was Crale's lover. She was posing for Crale on the September day when the painter was found dead after drinking a cold beer. Cecilia Williams-the elderly nursemaid for Carolyn Crale's half sister. She believes in Mrs. Crale's innocence, (Mrs. Crale died in prison). Angela Warren-The half-sister of Mrs Crayle. Mrs Crayle through a paperweight at Angela causing her to be blind in one eye. Every since this childhood act of violence Mrs. Crale has taken good care of her Miss Warren. What makes this Christie thriller of special note is:a. Each of the five suspects writes a summary of the events surrounding the murder.

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