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The Mystery Of The Blue Train: Complete & Unabridged



Synopsis

The new-look series of Hercule Poirot books for the 21st century. When the luxurious Blue Train arrives at Nice, a guard attempts to wake serene Ruth Kettering from her slumbers. But she will never wake again - for a heavy blow has killed her, disfiguring her features almost beyond recognition. What is more, her precious rubies are missing. The prime suspect is Ruth's estranged husband, Derek. Yet Poirot is not convinced, so he stages an eerie re-enactment of the journey, complete with the murderer on board...

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Customer Reviews

The Blue Train is an Agatha Christie mystery trying to solve the murder of an heiress on a luxury train traveling to the south of France. It is naturally filled with possible killers-her husband, desperate to not be divorced. Her husband's mistress, who has the idea that if the wife dies before she can divorce her husband, he gets all the money, the charming con man with whom she's in love but whom her father has forbidden. Add to that she had changed her plans at the last minute-leaving her maid in Paris, and several valuable jewels were stolen from her room. Most of the story is told from the view of Miss. Grey, a 33 year woman who has just come into a lot of money after spending ten weary years as a lady's companion and she wants to see the world. Indeed as so many moving parts all come together on the train, I started to wonder if this was one of those books that didn't have one of Christie's famous detectives but one of those stand alone stories like "Passage to Frankfurt" or "And then there were none." I sort of sucked it up and thought 'well we'll see how it goes.' I was enjoying the story, which picked up from the very slow start and once they were on the

train I was going along happily. Miss. Grey had had lunch with the soon to be murdered woman and hoped she would have a different companion for dinner. She and I were not disappointed. Nearly 40% of the way into the book she finds her dinner companion to be a small, fastidious man with a large egg shaped head. On reading that I let out a cheer, literally. I didn't need to read his name. I knew. Dropped into a mystery I was already enjoying, riding on the train was of course, Hercule Poirot.

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