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A classic Agatha Christie short story, available individually for the first time as an ebook.

Hercule Poirot is about to tuck into a very traditional English supper with his old friend Bonnington, when the habit and ritual of a lone diner sparks his interest more than the chestnut turkey. The lone diner has eaten there on Thursdays and Tuesdays for the last ten years like clockwork, but, no one at the restaurant even knows his name. However, 'Old Father Time,' as they have fondly nicknamed him, suddenly stops coming and Poirot believes that he might have picked up that one essential clue that could shed light on a man who no one really knows. Could what Old Father Time strangely ordered as his final meal prove to be the only thing that makes this suspicious?

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From Reader Review Four and Twenty Blackbirds for online ebook

Margaryta says

A tricky murder that had me guessing till the very end. Agatha Christie continues in the same manner that continues to amaze and grip me, how every single murder can become so twisted and complicated.

The setting however wasn't one of my favourites so that is why I had given this book 4 out of 5 stars. I'm not a big fan of these kinds of murders and the plotline but I still enjoyed it.

Captain Hastings still manages to make me burst out laughing at how clueless he can be along the way and how Poirot actually manages to deal with him in these kinds of situations.

My brother (4 years old) and I are completely hooked on the TV Series and won't watch anything other than it.

Coni Peck says

Poirot notices things, that is why he is such a good detective. And then he connects the dots. We can all learn from him!

Amy says

A fun, quick read.

Heather says

I love the attachment to a nursery rhyme.

A.N. Mignan says

Fun read except that the explanation is given too fast. Also I feel more could have been done with the twin story. Finally not enough characters to really get surprised.

twice_baked👉? says

The murderer was obvious because they didn't mention enough characters, and the reasons for murder was just kind of boring.

All in all an ok short story when you want something quick and not too thought provoking, but nothing to

come back to.

Lou says

Well... Right now I feel that I like Poirot more than before because this case was really interesting.

Elena Santangelo says

This is an audio version of 3 of Christie's short mysteries. David Suchet doesn't simply read them, he acts them. His voices for all the characters are distinct and have such energy, you'd swear you were listening to an entire cast. The stories in the collection are "4 and 20 Blackbirds," "The Third Floor Flat," (both Poirot stories), and "The Love Detectives," a Mr. Quin story. The Poirot stories are good mystery, typical of Christie's puzzle stories. The Third Floor Flat was one of my favorites even before I heard it read aloud. I was glad to find a Mr. Quin story in the bunch. It's rare to find them outside their original publications. I highly recommend the collection. As I said in my review of last Christie short story audio book, I wish it had been longer.
