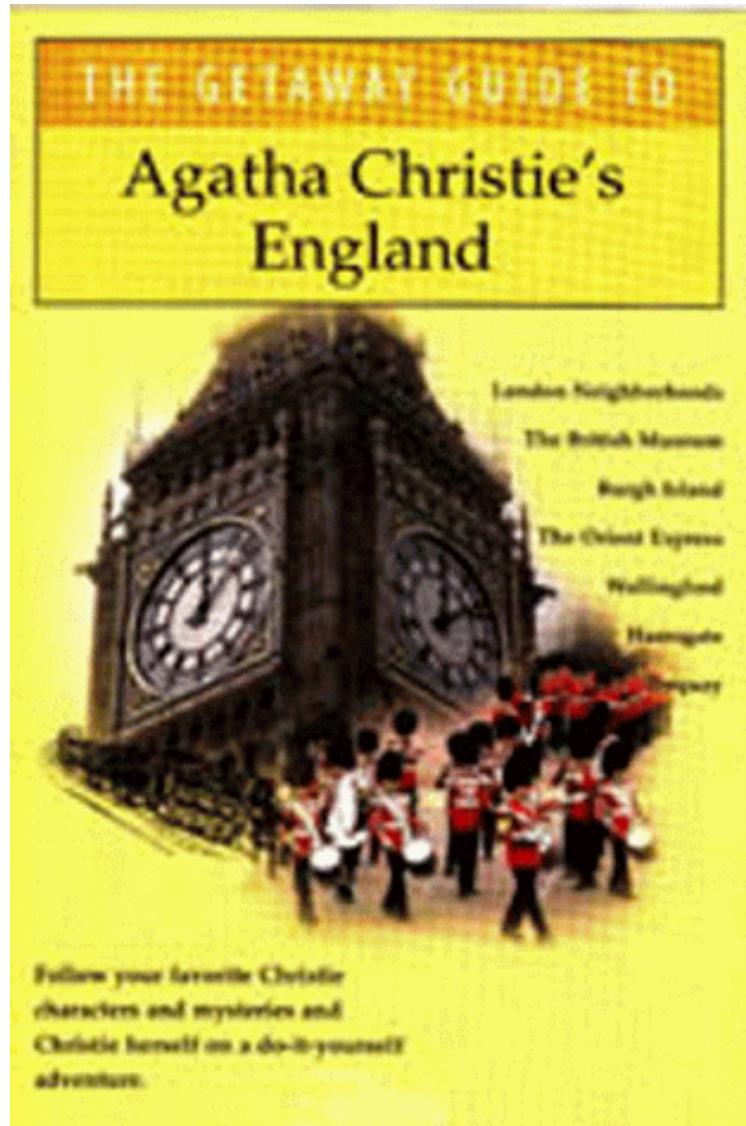


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Judith Hurdle : The Getaway Guide to Agatha Christie's England (Getaway Guides) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Getaway Guide to Agatha Christie's England (Getaway Guides):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. When you can't get enough of Christie's work, read this By Carol Chernega I've been a Christie fan for a long time - I've read all the bios, visited (and wrote about) her home in England, and of course, read all the books - I have British first editions of many of them. So I was thrilled to find this

book. Judith Hurdle does a fantastic job of giving you a lot of options to satisfy your Christie addiction. If you're only in London, you can visit the homes she lived in and visit the places she wrote about. If you're able to travel about the country, Hurdle shows you how to visit the places where Christie wrote, where she was inspired to write, where her characters lived, and where you'll learn more about Christie. There are two suggested travel itineraries - one for London and one outside of London. As with most travel guides, this one's a bit out of date (Christie's home Greenway, for example, is now open to the public), but don't let that stop you from buying this book. Even if you're not planning a trip to England, the author gives plenty of insight and tidbits about Christie's life and work. You might also like *A Dream House: Exploring the Literary Homes of England* by RCM. Numerous books have been written regarding the Queen of Mystery, Agatha Christie. The majority of these books are those that expound upon her stories and relate almost solely to her mysteries. "The Getaway Guide to Agatha Christie's England" by Judith Hurdle is unique in that it explores the places Christie lived and loved, and also used within her novels, however disguised in her descriptions. After a brief overview of Agatha Christie's life, the book is divided into three categories. The first two deal with sights to see in London and then the towns and locales beyond London. Hurdle lists former residences of the author (whether still standing or not), favorite shops and places to eat, and memorably offers two possible real settings for the imagined hotel in "At Bertram's Hotel". One memorable section is devoted to the British Museum, which has a collection of artifacts from Christie's second husband that she helped assemble and clean. In the section dealing with towns and locations outside of London, Hurdle examines how important trains were to the author (and which ones are still in service today), her beloved town of Torquay, and her literary trips abroad. The book finishes with a Getaway Guide, offering practicalities of traveling to see the places mentioned in the book, with sample itineraries to follow. Judith Hurdle has done a commendable job in condensing the vast array of homes, towns, memorials and artifacts that there are to see that have some connection to Agatha Christie. As an avid mystery reader, she is able to pull quotes and scenes out of novels that use these various places as their settings. "The Getaway Guide to Agatha Christie's England" is essentially a travel book, but it also works as a companion to the places Agatha Christie lived and loved and always included in her novels. 18 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Plan a trip!! Go armchair travelling! Use as a reference. By A Customer Charmingly written as if the author is sharing tea with the reader. So whether you actually head to Christie's England or stay in your comfy armchair, this is a nice way to bring literature to life. Actual locations from Christie's stories are pinpointed. Explanations are provided for some aspects of British life that have Americans puzzled. One could really explore London or Harrogate or other Christie places with the assistance of addresses and phone numbers included. Maps provided are okay for the armchair traveller. Towns and villages outside of London are given as much attention as suggestions in the city. I can't wait to ride the Orient Express myself!!

A thorough exploration of the British locales made famous by Agatha Christie. Ranging from London to Wallingford to Torquay, from Harrogate to Burgh Island. These itineraries create a travelling companion for the millions of Christie fans wanting to walk in the footsteps of Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot.

From Library Journal Hurdle, an English teacher and avid mystery reader, provides most of the information a fan will need while visiting the England Christie lived in and wrote about. Stay at Brown's Hotel or Flemings, one of which was probably the model for the setting of At Bertram's Hotel. Shop where Agatha and her characters shopped (golf equipment at Lillywhites, chocolates from Charbonnel et Walker). Explore the Devon of her childhood and see the artifacts collected by her second husband, which are on display at the British Museum. Unfortunately, her many homes are in private hands. Most of the travel information Hurdle offers is standard fare, and information about hotels and restaurants is minimal, although she offers detailed seven- and 21-day itineraries for Christie's England. This guide is a pleasant read, but an optional supplement to Fodor's, Frommer's, or Eyewitness travel guides to England.

Recommended for public libraries. -Linda M. Kaufmann, Massachusetts Coll. of Liberal Arts Lib., North Adams
Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Publisher Recommended in major dailies coast to coast, this is the only book that takes you to the hometowns and favorite British haunts that inspired Christie's the world's leading mystery writer. The journey of a lifetime for Christie buffs and armchair travelers alike. Filled with fascinating new biographical information. From the Back Cover Don't Be Clueless on Christie. Hundreds of millions of people around the world love to read Agatha Christie mysteries, yet few of them know much about her life, secret passions, romances, family or extraordinary talents. Join Judith Hurdle on the journey of a lifetime to Christie's well-known London neighborhoods, her secret hideaways and her favorite country retreats. From market villages to Devon resorts you'll be able to unlock the secrets of a lifetime that rival the excitement of her Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple mysteries. A walking tour and an armchair read, this book makes it easy to follow in Christie's footsteps. With Judith Hurdle's book no sleight of hand is required to find: Where Christie went to finish her first detective story- page 9. Why she returned regularly to Torquay - page 99. Where she created the biggest author event of her time - page 91. Where she got her knowledge of poisons - page 8. Where she got the idea for her two island mysteries - page 95. How she was almost born an American - page 4. Why she lived in nine London homes - page 23. Why she hung onto a

house she seldom occupied - page 26. How to ride the Orient Express without leaving England - page 87. How to sample a London Gentleman's club, even if you're not a gentleman - page 66. How to take tea where Miss Marple took her last cup - page 112.