# Agatha Rex Lindsay Price: The Unsung Heroine of Mystery Fiction

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Price was born in London, England, in 1876. She began writing in her early twenties, and her first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, was published in 1920. The novel was a critical and commercial success, and it introduced the world to Hercule Poirot, one of the most beloved detectives in fiction.

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Price wrote over 60 novels and short stories featuring Poirot, and she also created several other popular detective characters, including Miss Marple and Tommy Beresford. Her work is known for its clever plots, its welldeveloped characters, and its witty dialogue. Price was a pioneer in the mystery genre, and her work helped to break down the barriers between male and female writers. She was one of the first women to write detective novels that were taken seriously by critics, and her work helped to pave the way for other female mystery writers.

Today, Price is considered one of the greatest mystery writers of all time. Her work has been translated into over 100 languages, and her novels and short stories continue to be enjoyed by readers around the world.

### Early Life and Career

Agatha Rex Lindsay Price was born in Torquay, Devon, England, on September 15, 1876. Her father, Frederick Alvah Miller, was a wealthy American businessman, and her mother, Clara Boehmer, was a German immigrant. Price had a happy childhood, and she was educated at home by governesses.

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#### The Golden Age of Detective Fiction

The 1920s and 1930s were known as the Golden Age of Detective Fiction, and Price was one of the most popular writers of the era. Her work was

praised by critics for its clever plotting and its well-developed characters.

Price was a member of the Detection Club, a group of British mystery writers that included G.K. Chesterton, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Ngaio Marsh. The Detection Club met regularly to discuss their work and to solve puzzles.

Price was also a close friend of Dorothy L. Sayers, another popular mystery writer of the Golden Age. The two women often exchanged ideas and collaborated on projects.

#### Later Career and Legacy

Price continued to write mystery novels and short stories until her death in 1976. She wrote over 100 novels and short stories during her career, and her work has been translated into over 100 languages.

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### **Adaptations of Price's Work**

Price's work has been adapted for film, television, and radio. The first film adaptation of a Price novel was *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, which was released in 1928. Since then, there have been over 50 film and television adaptations of Price's work.

Some of the most popular adaptations of Price's work include:

- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (1926)
- Murder on the Orient Express (1934)
- Death on the Nile (1937)
- And Then There Were None (1939)
- The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (2005)
- Death on the Nile (2022)

Price's work has also been adapted for radio. The first radio adaptation of a Price novel was *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, which was broadcast in 1947. Since then, there have been over 100 radio adaptations of Price's work.

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