

Mystery Train A2 A2+



Hildegarde Schmidt, the princess's German servant.

Hector MacQueen, the gangster's secretary.

Gerhard Hardman, the Austrian university professor.

Mary Debenham; the English governess.

Caroline Hubbard, the rich American widow

Pilar Estravados, the Spanish missionary.

Natalia Dragomiroff, the Russian princess.

Hercule Poirot, the Belgian detective

Edward Ratchett, the American gangster.

All the people in the First Class carriage are suspects in the murder of Ratchett (Johnny Depp).

Bouc, the English train manager.

Edward Masterman, the English butler.

Dr Arbuthnot, the military doctor.

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Fifteen people are travelling from Istanbul to London in the First Class carriage of the prestigious Orient Express train. But the train is blocked by an avalanche and one of the passengers is murdered. The murderer must be in the carriage. Luckily one of the passengers is the famous detective Hercule Poirot.



Can the detective Hercule Poirot find the murderer on the train?

Agatha Christie was one of the most popular detective story writers in the world and *Murder on the Orient Express* (1934) is one of her most popular books. A new film shows that her story is still intriguing, more than 80 years after she wrote it.

The murder victim is an American, Edward Ratchett (Johnny Depp). He introduced himself to Hercule Poirot at the beginning of the journey and said someone was trying to kill him.



Johnny Depp plays Ratchett, who is murdered.



The other passengers seem very respectable and they are from many different countries. They have no connection to Ratchett. So why did someone violently murder him with a knife?

A Famous Detective

Hercule Poirot was one of Christie's most famous creations. He appears in 36 books.

He is Belgian but lives in London. He uses his difference as an advantage. He likes to wear very smart clothes

and has a very flamboyant moustache. Like Sherlock Holmes, he is a private detective, not a policeman, and he solves crimes using his intelligence.

He needs all his intelligence to solve the mystery of the Orient Express while the train, the passengers and the murderer are blocked by the snow. He doesn't want the assassin to escape before the train moves again. ■

BIO BOX

Agatha Christie (1890-1976)

- English with an American father.
- Wrote more than 80 detective books starting in 1921.
- Her most famous detectives are the Belgian Hercule Poirot and the elderly English woman Miss Marple.
- Christie worked in a hospital pharmacy in World Wars One and Two. She learned a lot about poisons – very useful for her books!
- Christie was married to a pilot and then an archaeologist and had one daughter.
- *Then There Were None* (1939) is the bestselling detective novel ever – more than 100 million copies.

