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## AGATHA CHRISTIE

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English writer. “Queen of Crime”. Agatha Christie was born on 15 September 1890, Torquay, Devon, England. After her father was dead, she took care of her mother. In 1914 she married a pilot Colonel Archibald Christie. During the First World War, Agatha Miller worked as a nurse in a military hospital and studied pharmacology. At the same time she began to write detective stories. In her own words, Agatha started to compose from imitation to sister, already published in magazines. A young writer believed that readers would react with prejudice to the fact that the author of the detective is a woman, and wanted to take the pseudonym Martin West or Mostyn Gray. The publisher insisted on preservation her own name and surname of the writer and assure her that the name Agatha was a rare and memorable. Novels that didn't belong to the detective, were published under the pseudonym Mary Westmacott. Just under this pseudonym 10 novels were published. The first Agatha Christie's novel “The Mysterious Affair at Styles” appeared in 1920. At the same time a private Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, trapped in a further hero of 25 detective novels of Agatha Christie "appeared". The debut of another "private detective" - Miss Marple - took place in 1930, when she published the novel “Murder at the Vicarage”. A real literary success came to Agatha Christie in 1926, when the novel “The Murder of Roger Ackroyd” was released on the shelves. The popularity of the writer was facilitated by the fact that her detectives were published not only as separate books, but they also appeared on the pages of the periodical press in Britain and the USA. In 1957 the first film based on a play by Agatha Christie “Witness for the Prosecution” was released. In 1926 Agatha's mother died and her husband, Colonel Archibald Christie, demanded a divorce. The reaction of Agatha Christie was so unexpected that the writer could explain in the future with difficulty: Agatha disappeared. At the hotel she registered under the name of the woman, who was going to marry her husband. In 1928 the daughter Rosalind was born. In 1930 Agatha Christie married a second time, to the archaeologist Sir Max Mallowan. She spent several months a year in Syria and Iraq in expeditions with her husband. Agatha Christie died on 12 January 1976 in Wellington, Oxfordshire, currently the home of her grandson - Mathew Prichard, in England.