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CHRISTIE'S EARLY YEARS

- Agatha Miller was born on September 15, 1890 in Torquay, Devon, in the South West England to the family of well to do American migrants Frederick Alvah Miller and Clara Boehmer. She was the third child in the family.



- The girl received a home education; she learnt to play the mandolin and piano at home. Her happy childhood was finished with the father's death – the sad demise led the family to financial crisis.

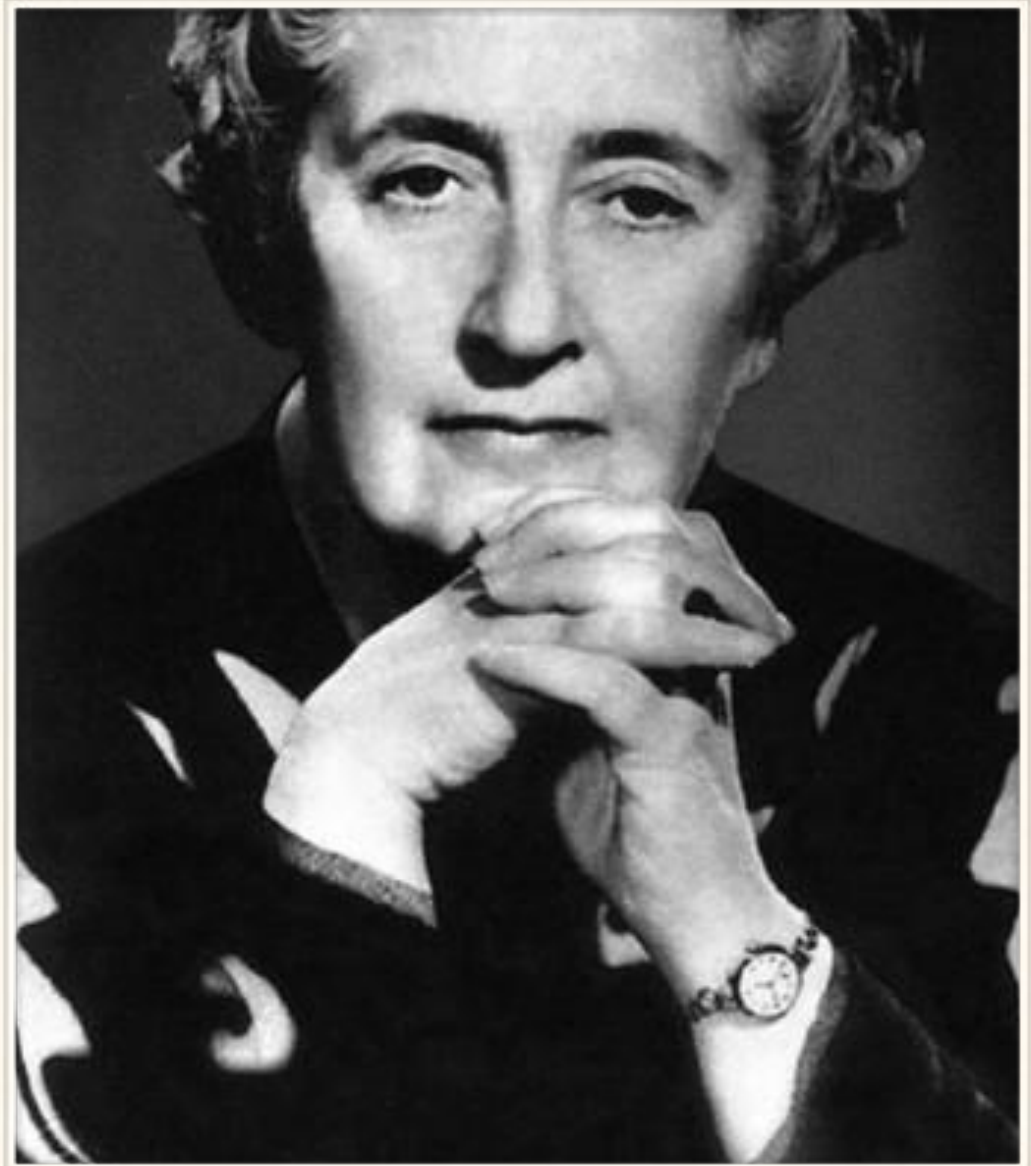


- During the First World War she worked in a hospital as a nurse. Later on she got a job in a pharmacy. This influenced many of her crime stories because some of her victims were poisoned.



AGATHA'S PERSONAL LIFE

- In 1914 Agatha married an aviator Archibald Christie. In 1919 their daughter Rosalind was born. In 1926 Agatha Christie's mother died, in the end of the same year her husband disclosed his affair with another woman. After a quarrel with her husband Agatha disappeared for eleven days. She was discovered at the Swan Hydropatic Hotel in Yorkshire. It is said that writer experienced a nervous breakdown.



- In 1928 her marriage ended in divorce. In 1930 Christie's married her second husband — archeologist Max Mallowan. Though their family didn't have children in common, that marriage was happier for famous writer.



AGATHA CHRISTIE'S CAREER

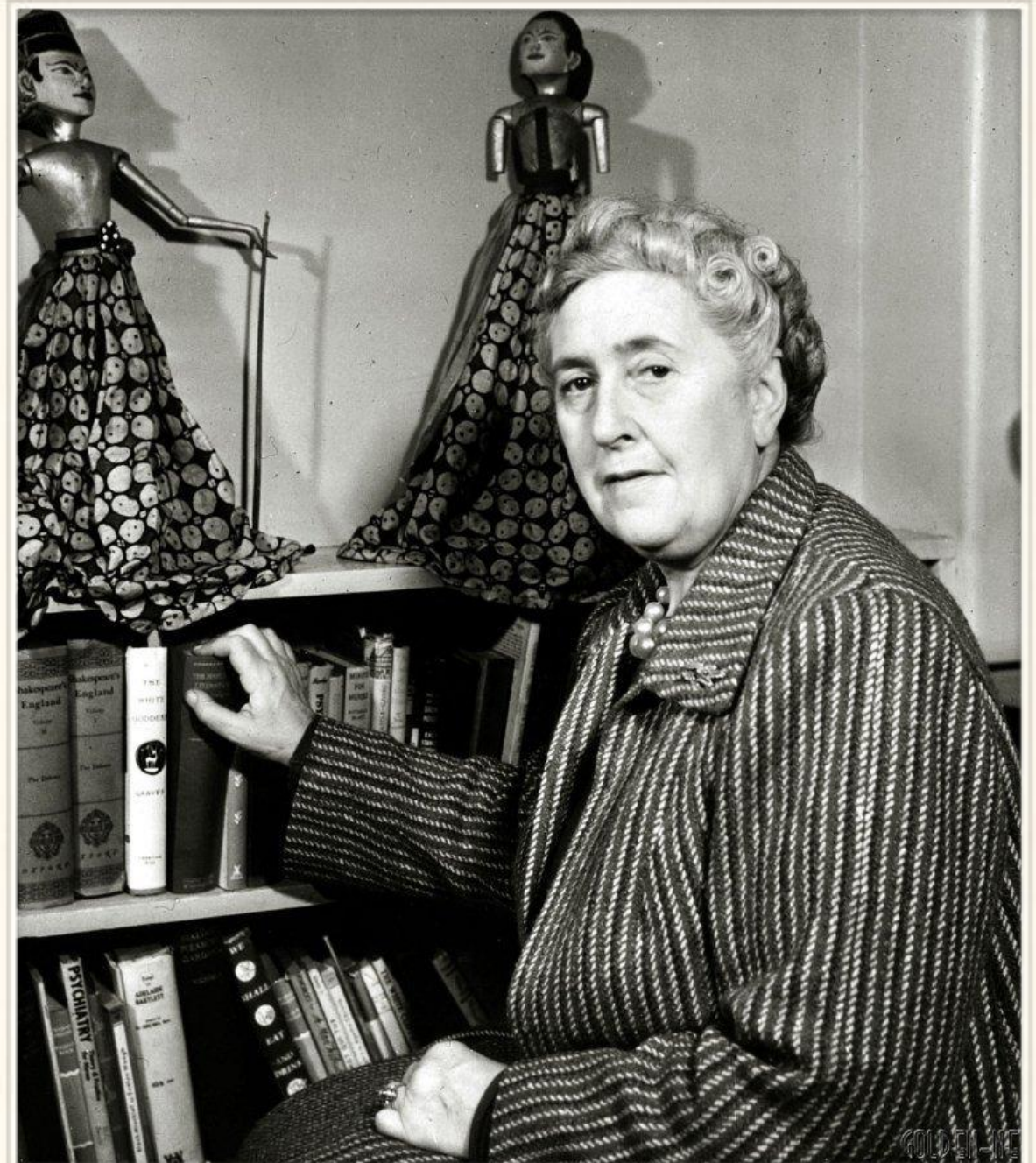
- She began to write being married to Archibald Christie. The first published detective story was 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles' (1920). In this novel readers got to know the character of Hercule Poirot. The writer created over 40 novels featuring Hercule Poirot, the readers liked him very much, but Christie had not great love for her own creation. She created another great detective — Miss Marple, which she liked much more.



- Agatha Christie is known all over the world as the Queen of Crime. She wrote 78 detective novels, 19 plays, and 6 romantic novels. Her books have been translated into 103 foreign languages. They are the third best-selling books in the world (after Shakespeare's works and the Bible). Many of her novels and short stories have been filmed. The Mousetrap, her most famous play, is now the longest-running play in history of world theatre.



- Agatha Christie's success with millions of readers lies in her ability to combine clever plots with excellent character drawing* and a keen sense of humour with a great observation. Her plots always mislead the reader and keep him in suspense. He cannot guess who the criminal is. Fortunately, evil is always conquered in her novels.
- Agatha Christie's language is simple and good and it is pleasant to read her books in the original.



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT AGATHA CHRISTIE

- The manuscript of 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles' was rejected by six publishers before it was published.
- For her first story Agatha received 25 pounds.
- The books of Christie were adapted 27 times into films.
- Agatha Christie wrote not only detective stories but also romances, she published them under the name Mary Westmacott.

CHRISTIE DIED AT THE
AGE OF 85, JANUARY 12,
1976.