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# Agatha Christie: The Lost Plays: Three BBC Radio Full-Cast Dramas: Butter In A Lordly Dish, Murder In The Mews & Personal Call



## Synopsis

A triple bill of archive BBC radio dramas, believed lost for over half a century and only recently rediscovered. *Butter in a Lordly Dish*, written specially for radio in 1948, features Richard Williams as Sir Luke Enderby KC, whose infidelities lead him into trouble when he goes to meet his latest flame. Williams also stars as Hercule Poirot in *Murder in the Mews*, a 1955 adaptation of a short story. A young woman is found dead in her flat, the day after Guy Fawkes night. Did she die by her own hand, or someone else's? In *Personal Call*, also written specially for radio by Agatha Christie, a disturbing telephone call from a woman named Fay has consequences for both Richard Brent and his wife Pam. This 1960 production stars Ivan Brandt and Barbara Lott.

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## Customer Reviews

Agatha Christie, the acknowledged "Queen of Detective Fiction" (The Observer) was born in Torquay in 1890. During the First World War she worked as a hospital dispenser, and it was here that she gleaned the working knowledge of various poisons that was to prove so useful in her detective stories. Her first novel was *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, which introduced Hercule Poirot to the world. This was published in 1920 (although in fact she had written it during the war) and was followed over the next six years by four more detective novels and a short story collection. However, it was not until the publication of *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* that Agatha Christie's reputation was firmly established. This novel, with its complex plot and genuinely shocking conclusion, attracted considerable public attention and has since been acknowledged by many experts as a masterpiece. In 1930 the sharp-witted spinster sleuth Miss Marple made her first

appearance in *Murder at the Vicarage*. In all, Agatha Christie published 80 crime novels and short story collections. The brilliance of Christie's plots, and her enduring appeal, have led to a number of dramatizations of her work on radio, television and film. Agatha Christie was awarded a CBE in 1956 and was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1971. She died in 1976.

Always enjoy radio plays. The sound quality is excellent.

Great audio-drama!

Love Agatha Christie - always great!

Nice!

Enjoying the CD. I listen to it before I go to sleep at night

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has finished listening to "Agatha Christie - The Lost Plays" released by BBC Radio. This CD collection consists of three of Agatha Christie's full cast audio dramas by the original cast that had been previously "lost" until they were rediscovered somewhere in one of the BBC's dusty and moldy archives - and thank goodness. Agatha Christie certainly knew how to build horror and suspense as she so aptly does in "Butter in a Lordly Dish," in which a grieving widow gets revenge on the barrister who successfully prosecuted her husband by playing on his weakness for beautiful women. In "Murder in the Mews," there is almost a perfect murder, but Poirot unravels it with his usual elegant style. "Personal Call" is a murder mystery wrapped up in a ghost story that haunts the listener at the very end. Resounding and confounding mysteries all! Highly Recommended! Ten Stars!

First off there are only 3 stories and some random Agatha Christie speeches (pretty short and confusing why it's thrown in the middle of the stories). But the most confusing and really bizarre part is the last chapter where they are interviewing a minor character in the last short drama story and he talks primarily about his work as a set designer?? What does that have to do with AC or her stories?? Two of the stories "Butter in a Lordly Dish" and "Personal Call" I would say are the "lost plays" but if you are any type of AC fan than you have heard/read "Murder in the Mews" before (and probably

heard it read/acted better than this one). That's my 2 cents, I don't really think it was worth buying but if you can't get enough of AC than maybe it will be worth it for you. Cheers

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