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Previously published in the print anthology *Three Blind Mice and Other Stories*.

The patrons and residents of the newly opened guesthouse Monkswell Manor find themselves trapped by a snowstorm and threatened by a psychotic killer. With a finite cast of characters in this "locked room" mystery, it is not long before suspicions are voiced, and, under growing pressure, even newlyweds Molly and Giles each start to suspect the other of being a killer.

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Siddharth Chakravarthy says

This is the first time I'm reading Agatha Christie's Book.

The story is pretty small and simple when compared to her other books. Of course even the book is titled "Three Blind Mice: A short Story" .

It was Simple yet interesting and it kept me wondering about the Murderer throughout the course of the book. The Climax was Great and It surely wont leave you disappointed.

I really liked this book and I'm looking forward to read more books by her.

Josh says

Tensely plotted, generally unpredictable, and thoroughly enjoyable. The story and characters definitely feel like a murder mystery rather than something that might actually happen, but that's a minor complaint overall.

Marta says

I enjoyed it!

Tracy says

I kept trying to figure out who it was and I was so wrong! Loved it!

Anne says

There's a reason she's the best.

Timothy Coplin says

"Major Metcalf praised the coffee..."

One of Christie's stories themed off of childhood nursery rhymes; this has always been a favorite of mine.

Even after reading this several times, over the years, I'm always doubting my memory as accusations fly. Could it be him? No, it must be her.

Roughly two hour read that paints a fine picture of humanities motley of personalities in everyday life.

Ana says

A short murder mystery with the unforgettable Agatha Christie style.

It does take you to the english countryside and to winter days full of snow (which I can only imagine for it doesn't snow where I live). Also, one can find out the culprit if paying attention to the little details in which Christie is master.

Brigi says

Read for the Popsugar 2018 Reading Channel: a book with song lyrics in the title.

I didn't plan on reading this, but a friend told me about the play based on this (The Mousetrap), and since Kindle isn't selling that one in Europe, I read the short story instead. It's so weird, but it's my first Agatha Christie read? Even though I've seen tons of Poirot and Miss Marple...

Anyway, this was really interesting and if I hadn't read a summary before, I wouldn't have realised who the murderer was. Everyone was suspicious! I can't believe how many details there were about each character. Masterfully written.

Stephanie Anze says

Molly and Giles Davis, a newlywed couple, inherit Monkswell Manor. Though interested in selling the house at first, the Davis decide to turn it into a boarding house instead. Shortly before they are to receive their first guests, a bitter cold and storm descends. Along with the cold, comes a murder. A Mrs. Lyon is murdered and clues suggest that the killer is headed to Monkswell Manor next. Trapped in by a snowstorm, the killer needs to be unmasked before it's too late.

The "Three Blind Mice" rhyme is the inspiration for this Christie short story. A young couple opens a boarding house, a murder takes place nearby and with a limited amount of suspects, the killer is among them. In this regard, this work reminded me of 'And Then There Were None', where murder(s) take place in a secluded area and the basis of the story is a children's rhyme. I have said this before but I will say it again, I love Agatha Christie. Whether a full length novel or short story, Christie delivers. There was no shortage of red herrings or misdirection in this brief book. The plot builds gradually to reveal a more complex story than initially expected. The characters are given interesting backstories. The reveal was very much satisfying. Fun fact, this book is based on real events.

This short story is the basis for 'The Mousetrap', a play that has now been running in West End, London for the past 65 years. Requested by Queen Mary herself (as a gift for her 80th birthday), Christie turned 'Three Blind Mice' into 'The Mousetrap' and in 1952 it showed its first performance. And it does not appear to be stopping its showings anytime soon. It was in one of these performances that Christie made her last public appearance, at the age of 84. She died shortly after. I would love to see it live.

Lou says

That was pretty funny! I really liked it

Jeannette McCalla says

Really fun read!

Deepika Ramesh says

This's my third book for #24in48readathon, and my first Agatha Christie. I loved it.

Kathy Worrell ? says

I kind of suspected who was the murderer in this short novella, but I enjoyed it anyway.

Katherine says

First Agatha Christie story, and I did really enjoy it! Falls along quite quickly and I found myself spending the entire time trying to guess the murderer. Each character has their own possible motives and own odd traits that seem to say they are the murderer. I still managed to guess entirely wrong, but it was enjoyable to get to the conclusion. I only hated that the book ends mere paragraphs after the killer is found, but that is the nature of a short story.

Selah Pike says

I can see why The Mousetrap is the longest running play in history. :)
