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A murder-suicide in a small village mimics events that took place years before.

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Sandra D says

I really enjoyed this mystery. It was complex, and tangled.

Kathy Worrell ? says

The Dr. tells a good tale, he kept my interest.

Trudy Pomerantz says

This is one of the stories published also as part of The Thirteen Problems.

L.S. says

I listened to the audio version of this, with Joan Hickman at the helm.
A great little story, very much of its time and with the charm of old-fashioned storytelling.

Cathy Cole says

This time my reaction to this little puzzler was decidedly lackluster. I found the mystery surrounding the lady and her companion easy to solve, and Miss Jane Helier the actress thought it was utterly utterly charming to be completely obtuse, and that never sits well with me!

Susan says

This Miss Marple short story begins in the way so many of them start – with Miss Marple and a few neighbours chatting to each other. A beautiful actress is among the group and she asks the local doctor for a ‘creepy story.’ Trying to oblige, Dr Lloyd tells of two British women he encountered in Las Palmas (a good deal more exotic in 1930 when this story was written than it is now). He assumed the two middle aged, thoroughly respectable women, would never have anything exciting happen to either of them. However, before long, tragedy strikes and one of the two women – the travelling companion to her wealthy employer – is drowned. Is it an accident or murder? Of course, Miss Marple finds a comparison to the crime on the very doorstep of St Mary Mead and very easily explains the circumstances without leaving her armchair. The twist in this story is a little easy to spot, but that does not make the reading of the story any less enjoyable and you always feel that Agatha Christie truly enjoyed writing Jane Marple.

Stephanie says

Finally! A Miss Marple story that I actually had figured out before the sweet old dear unraveled everything for me!

Abeer Albossany says

Although I figured the whole thing, it didn't seem to be anything remarkable. At any rate, it's a good short story and interesting as well.

twice_baked👉? says

3.5 stars. Surprisingly, I actually really enjoyed this. It's probably only three stars, but since I actually did enjoy this more than it should be enjoyed, I'm giving it a generous review.

Bekah says

Well, this was a confusing one, but purposefully so. Even the other dinner guests kept getting turned around on the facts. Was all very clever, as is expected from a Christie work.

Jennie says

Fast read short story. I figured out part of the mystery.

Sifat's Book Kingdom says

How cunning can a criminal be in terms of erasing his/her own existence ! That's what this story teaches us. This is a short story by the "Mystery Queen" Agatha Christie. Miss Marple lovers would love it. I loved the plot and would recommend the story to everyone.

One of the other supper visitors, a Doctor Lloyd recounts his story. Proceeding with the sharing of secrets with this new gathering of supper visitors, Dr. Lloyd recounts occasions that happened when he was living in the Canary Islands. He had seen a couple of moderately aged ladies who were visitors from England. His underlying idea was that nothing intriguing could ever happen to both of them. Obviously he wasn't right. The following day he happened upon an unsettling influence at the shoreline. It appears that Miss Durrant was out swimming and Miss Barton said she'd called for offer assistance. At the point when Miss Barton swam out to help her she additionally started to battle and should have been protected by a man with a

vessel. Miss Durrant who was the paid buddy to Miss Barton suffocated. What was upsetting was that one of the witnesses swore that she had seen Miss Barton holding Miss Durrant submerged instead of helping her. A while later Miss Barton herself suffocated in the wake of leaving a suicide note admitting to a wrongdoing. Her legacy went to some far off cousins in Australia. Miss Marple is normally the just a single of the supper visitors to get on the misdirections behind the story.

Cyndi says

Dang it! She stumped me again! And it was so simple when Miss Marple explained it.

Serena says

Miss Marple: the Complete Short Stories

Rating System:

* couldn't finish, ** wouldn't recommend, *** would recommend, **** would read again, ***** have read again

Patricia Gulley says

This was a very quick read. Talk about a time when people actually sat around telling stories. A doctor remembering a possible murder, that played out as he moved around the world. Well worth reading.
