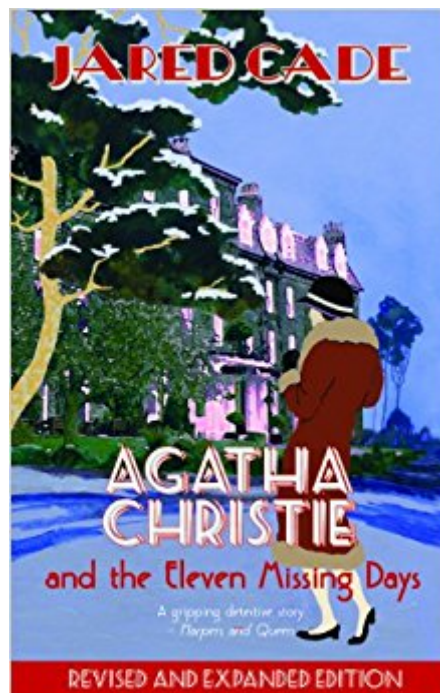




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Agatha Christie And The Eleven Missing Days: The Revised And Expanded 2011 Edition



Synopsis

NOW UNDER OPTION TO A HOLLYWOOD FILM COMPANYIn December 1926, Agatha Christie disappeared in bizarre circumstances from her home in Berkshire, England. The discovery of the crime writer's abandoned car led to the biggest manhunt in British history for a missing person. Eleven days later she was found over two hundred miles away in a northern spa town, claiming to be the victim of amnesia. Up till the publication of this book in 1998 none of her biographers had come up with conclusive evidence as to what she did during the first twenty-four hours after she disappeared or whether her memory loss was genuine. Although the newspaper headlines made Agatha Christie famous, the private anguish that surrounded the episode ensured she made no reference to it in her memoirs.

Jared's Cade's number one bestselling biography - on which a BBC television documentary has been based - provides the answers to the mystery, including Agatha Christie's long forgotten explanation of the notorious episode, along with startling accounts by her relatives that reveal for the first time why she staged the disappearance with the help of a co-conspirator and how it all went terribly wrong. His sympathetic investigation reveals the incidents that shaped her character and how the fall-out from the disappearance affected the rest of her life. Illustrated with 48 photographs, many of them from private albums, this fully expanded 2011 edition draws on a newly discovered cache of family papers, diaries and letters, to which Jared Cade was given exclusive access, and reveals even more fascinating secrets about her life and works. Agatha Christie and the Eleven Missing Days: The Revised and Expanded 2011 Edition is a must for all Christie devotees. 'Jared Cade is an authority on Christiana, and Agatha Christie and the Eleven Missing Days has received much acclaim for its impressively detailed examination of the Queen of Crime's disappearance.' - Crime Time

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Customer Reviews

Agatha Christie's bizarre 11-day disappearance in 1926, an episode that seems right out of one of her detective novels, has elicited endless speculation, a 1997 BBC documentary (for which Cade was a research consultant) and the 1979 movie *Agatha*, starring Vanessa Redgrave and Dustin Hoffman. Most biographers assume Christie suffered a nervous breakdown; others believe she pulled off a major publicity stunt, noting that the nationwide search that led to her sensational discovery in a posh Yorkshire hotel catapulted her from moderately well-known crime writer to household name. Christie told the police she had amnesia, a story reiterated by her husband, dashing WWI flying hero Colonel Archibald Christie, but Cade charges coverup most foul.

Marshaling the available evidence from eyewitnesses, police records and surviving friends and relatives (most notably Nan Watts, Agatha's sister-in-law), Cade builds a credible case that the writer's disappearance was an ill-conceived attempt to exact revenge on her cheating husband by publicly embarrassing him and throwing suspicion of murder his way. By this account, Agatha's discovery that Archie was having a clandestine affair with a young woman, Nancy Neele, and wanted a divorce drove her to stage a reckless vanishing act. Unfortunately, there is no smoking gun and Cade's riveting, stylish procedural gives way, in the last 70 pages or so, to workmanlike biography along with an analysis of tantalizing, alleged allusions to the 11-day disappearance in Christie's fiction. It's a case to challenge Miss Marple. Photos, map. (July) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A sympathetic biography of the celebrated mystery writer that focuses on her strange disappearance in 1926. Londoner Cade, who researched a BBC documentary about Christies disappearance, pored through archives and interviewed scores of friends, relatives, police officials, and others connected to the event. On December 4, 1926, Christie vanished from her home only to be found 11 days later living in a posh hotel under a false name. The implausible story she and her husband gave out at the time was that she was suffering from amnesia. Cades simple, quite convincing explanation is that, having been informed by her husband that their marriage was over,

Christie staged the disappearance to punish him. By creating clues that suggested murder, she hoped the police would pick him up for questioning, thus embarrassing him and ruining his weekend with his mistress. Cade reveals how her closest friend helped her concoct her plan and carry it out. What she had not anticipated was the length of time required to locate her, the sensational press coverage that ensued, and the intense public interest and speculation that were aroused. She embarrassed not just her husband but herself and was deeply chagrined at being suspected of arranging a publicity stunt to help her book sales. Cade recounts particulars of the search, Christie's anguish over the divorce that followed, and her subsequent marriage to another, also unfaithful husband. In tiresome detail he relates the plots, characters, and feelings expressed in her literary creations—some unremarkable romances under the pseudonym Mary Westmacott as well as the scores of mysteries for which she is best known—to painful episodes in her real life. First published in England in 1998, this uncritical biography provides a glimpse into the anguish of a writer who tried hard to keep her unhappy private life from public view. Ardent fans may be enthralled; she would be appalled. (31 b&w photos) -- Copyright ©1999, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gives sufficient background on the family without getting bogged down with details. Provides thoughtful reflections on characters and relationships without bias. Plenty of factual information presented as such but yet it isn't boring. The author seems to have a sense of humor about many aspects of the whole affair. This book didn't stagnate, it really moved along. Interesting event that needed exposure, glad I read it.

On the other hand, if you just want to remember the name of one of your favorite books, this could be the best tool. Through research and deduction, the author tells the story of the most prolific author ever.

I felt that Mr. Cade did a very thorough job of detective work himself in producing this book. He was respectful to Mrs. Christie and yet he found a way to tell the story that mystified people for decades. I have read her autobiography and she never mentions her problems with her husbands and I found it very sad that she never had the love she deserved. I feel she was such a strong woman that her men looked elsewhere because she was their better. She was always a lady and remained so until the end. I appreciate the effort that Mr. Cade made and I found this a fascinating read.

A must have for serious Agatha Christie fans. She was quite a dame!

Love her Marple and Poirot TV versions. Knew nothing of this life episode until I saw the Dustin Hoffman movie about it. Although the book answers the mystery, the motive of which is different than that portrayed in the movie, most of the book was a biography of her life, which I found interesting and a satisfying read.

Interesting research. Got kind of boring at the end with his analysis of other bio writers. However KINDLE VERSION HAS NO PHOTOS. I felt ripped off especially with the high Kindle price and then no photos.

Good book! Well worth your time to read!! learned quite a little about my favorite author! She is easily one of the greatest story tellers that ever lived!

I've read all of Agatha Christie's mysteries. They are still my go-to books when I want to relax. I've read a lot of versions of why and how she went missing. None sounded very convincing. Cade's explanation is the only one that makes logical and emotional sense. It also was so interesting to read about Christie's marriage to Max Mallowan. She had iffy luck with husbands, but overall an interesting life. I genuinely recommend this book if you like Christie, mysteries and books about authors and writing.

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