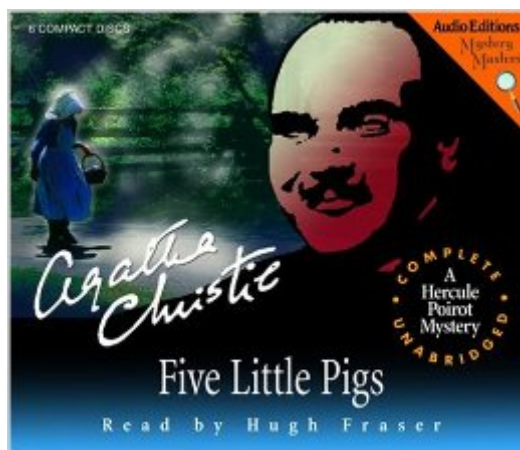


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Synopsis

A young woman named Carla Lemarchant needs Hercule Poirot's help. Sixteen years earlier, her father died from poison. Her mother was convicted of the crime and died after a year in prison. Carla fears that the man she is about to marry will always view her with suspicion unless her mother's name can be cleared. Poirot must delve deep into the past to find the real truth. Was it really murder? Suicide? Or, for sixteen years, has someone lived with the knowledge that he — or she — has committed the perfect crime?

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Five Little Pigs was published in 1942 during the period when Agatha Christie (1890-1976) was writing at the top of her murderous genius. The novel is the first of a quartet of novels in which the original murder being investigated occurred in the past. In this case it was 16 years prior to the time when Hercule Poirot stepped in and solved the case. The Plot: Carla Lemarchant, a young Canadian woman planning on being married in the near future, visits England to hire Hercule Poirot. Sixteen years in the past her mother Caroline had been arrested for the murder of her husband Amyas Crale. Crale was a famous painter. His poisoned body was found in the garden of his estate Hardcross Manor in Devonshire. The five suspects (hence the "five pigs" designation) are: Phillip Blake-The best friend of the victim. Blake is a businessman. He tells Poirot that Mrs. Crale was guilty. Meredith Blake-Phillip's brother who informs Poirot that Amyas Crale was having an affair with Elsa Greer a sexpot who was several years his junior. "Merry" is an expert on herbs and

poisons. Elsa Greer-the much married wealthy woman who was Crale's lover. She was posing for Crale on the September day when the painter was found dead after drinking a cold beer. Cecilia Williams-the elderly nursemaid for Carolyn Crale's half sister. She believes in Mrs. Crale's innocence, (Mrs. Crale died in prison). Angela Warren-The half-sister of Mrs Crayle. Mrs Crayle through a paperweight at Angela causing her to be blind in one eye. Every since this childhood act of violence Mrs. Crale has taken good care of her Miss Warren. What makes this Christie thriller of special note is: a. Each of the five suspects writes a summary of the events surrounding the murder.

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