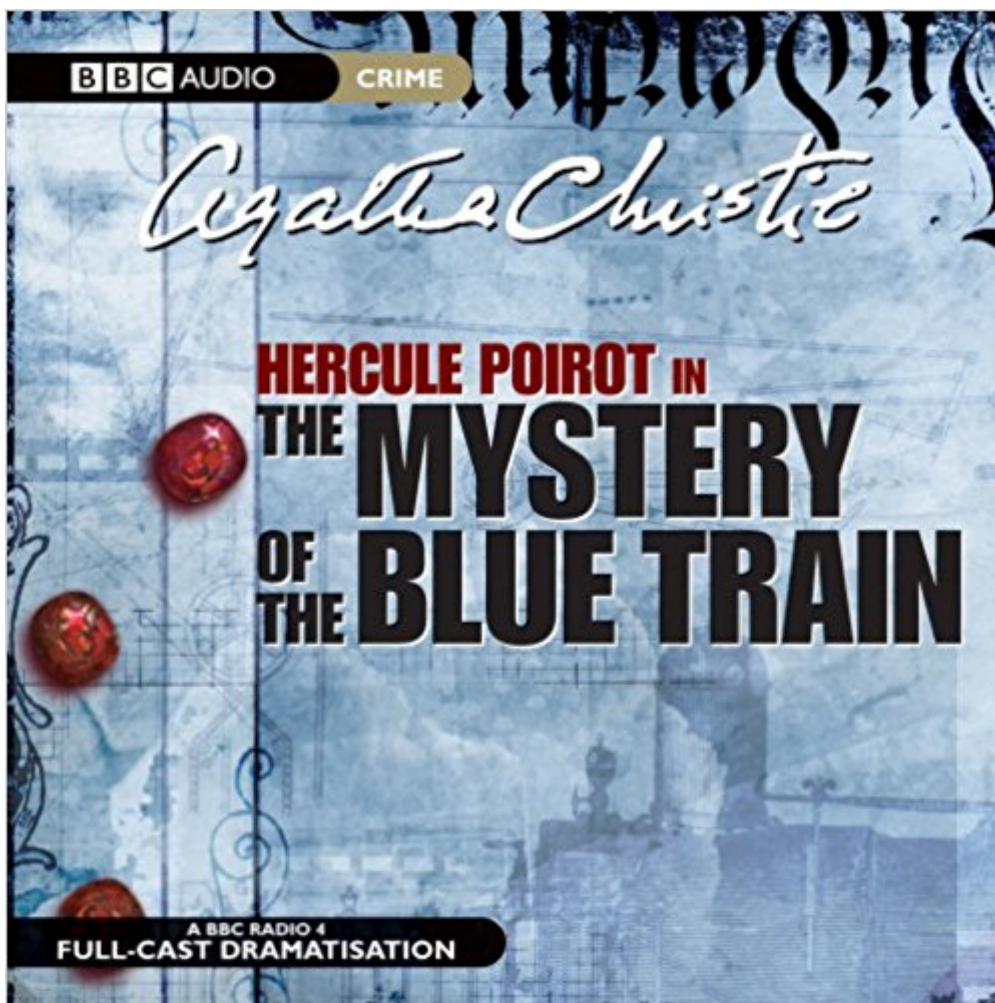


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Synopsis

A millionaire strikes a deal on the seedier side of Paris and gives to his heartsick daughter, Ruth Kettering, the "Heart of Fire," one of the world's legendary jewels that once adorned the crown of the Tsars. Legend has it that the possession of the jewel leads to death—but despite her father's protests, attractive young Ruth decides to take it with her when she boards the luxurious Blue Train to the French Riviera, where she has planned a reunion with her former lover. But the legend proves true and a few days into the journey, Ruth is found dead and her priceless rubies stolen. The suspects line up: could the murderer be Derek, her weak and greedy husband; Ruth's former lover, the Comte de la Roche, who has a well-known weakness for ladies and expensive gems; or the beautiful but tempestuous dancer Mirelle, Derek's scheming and expensive mistress? Only master sleuth Hercule Poirot can unravel the mystery and find the truth. Another perplexing mystery from the Queen of Crime, dramatized with a full cast including Anthony Smee and Judy Buxton. 2 CDs. 2 hrs 35 mins.

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Customer Reviews

Agatha Christie was born in 1890. During the World War I she worked as a hospital dispenser, where she gleaned the working knowledge of various poisons. Her first novel was *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, published in 1920, 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. 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. As her play *The Mousetrap* (the longest-running play in the history of the theater) testifies, Agatha Christie's detective stories are likely to appeal for a long time to come. Agatha Christie was awarded a CBE in 1956 and was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1971. She died in 1976.

Katherine Grey's life changes dramatically after she inherits a large sum of money. A trip to the Riviera on the Blue Train is her first adventure. When she meets Hercule Poirot, she's thrown into the investigation of a wealthy American's murder. This successful dramatization by BBC Radio is enhanced by appropriate sound effects, such as train whistles, gun shots and clinking glasses. The American, British and French accents are well done and make it easy to identify the main characters. This presentation will appeal to audio listeners as well as theater fans who will feel like they have a front-row seat. C.W. (c)AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I got the wrong thing , I wanted the DVD in it. LORETTA HOLT

Before "*Murder on the Orient Express*", there was the murder on the Blue Train, a luxury train which took the rich and famous across France to the Riviera. An American millionaire's daughter is garrotted, and he calls in Hercule Poirot to solve the murder. The cast of suspects is much smaller than in "*Orient Express*", but Poirot faces a "Herculean" task in sorting out the clues and bringing the killer to justice. An excellent plot and interesting characters make for great entertainment, but Christie once again gives her audience the idea that she really knows nothing about the mechanics of real-world murders. I can't discuss the details without giving away too much of the plot, but suffice it to say that the mechanics of ligature strangulation are such that the the killer would probably not have had to provide Poirot with the linchpin clue which helped solve the case. I audited the tape as I drove on a long business trip and enjoyed it tremendously. The reduced cast of suspects made the story much easier to keep up with than in most other Poirot mysteries I have audited.

Not bad at all. A story you can follow with all the British, French even Russian nuances, accents, sophistication, stylish, wealth, romance. Mirelle is my favorite with her delicious French and femininity full of intrigue. And Katherine Gray, very sweet (strong country shoes) very aware how her relatives are scheming for her inheritance. Mason with her heavy accent. The train itself rolling

along huffing and puffing. A very international flavor with all the British manners and proper etiquettes. I hope to find another version of "Blue Train" since this most excellent avante garde avarice storyline is hard to beat.

Okay now I'm only 13, but I have to say that I love Agatha Christie's books. This one, was very very good. It was interesting throughout the whole book, and the end was very surprising, you'll never guess it. It was a pretty easy read, but it is still a must read, and I really recommend it to anyone.

I love old radio dramas, and a few years back I happened upon this series from BBC Radio. They are done with full casts, sound effects, and music just like the old radio shows of yesteryear. I love them all! Mystery on the Blue Train is not my all-time favorite, but it comes close.

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