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# Agatha Christie

## The Moving Finger (Miss Marple #4)



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## Description

The placid village of Lymstock seems the perfect place for Jerry Burton to recuperate from his accident under the care of his sister, Joanna. But soon a series of vicious poison-pen letters destroys the village's quiet charm, eventually causing one recipient to commit suicide. The vicar, the doctor, the servants—all are on the verge of accusing one another when help arrives from an unexpected quarter. The vicar's houseguest happens to be none other than Jane Marple.

## Insightful reviews

Durdles: I must have read this as a teenager in Devon during the 1970s but the fact that it was so obviously set down the road on the edge of Dartmoor completely passed me by at the time. I did see Agatha Christie in her garden at Greenway while on a boat trip down the river Dart from Totnes around that time - she was pointed out by the man on the public address system causing the whole party to swing round and stare in unison - but I was more concerned by the fact that my mother had somehow mixed up my French exchange student's packed lunch with mine forcing me to dine off his pate sandwiches, for which I had not at that time acquired a taste, while he tucked into my cheese and tomatoes with evident relish. Still, I beat him at tennis later on. So I'd read *The Moving Finger* before and decided to read it again because I liked the cover of my Fontana paperback with the pestle and glass by Tom Adams which is laden with menace. Had I remembered the identity of the murderer? No. So it's safe to read these books every 40 years or so. The plot is ingenious, a grown-ups version of Enid Blyton's *Mystery of the Spiteful Letters* in which I'm sure I did spot the culprit (the only character who was new to the series but I may be mistaken).

*TMF* is quite a short book - only 160 pages and can be read in an afternoon. I learn that the American version is even shorter. Apparently the book was serialised in the USA a year before it was published in book form in the UK (1943) and the abridged version is still the only one available in the States due to The Wartime Official Secrets Act. The US version lacks the classified detail of the first chapters of the UK version and also some entire characters are missing from the US book. The background to Mr Burton's flying injury in a training accident and the subsequent loss of a leg and his testicles is completely absent as is the whole Chinese bouncing bomb interlude over which Miss Marple made such a fuss insisting on trying to knit a cover. Frankly I prefer the shorter version and it may have been that American wartime readers were not ready for the narrator's lack of stiff upper lip and resolve regarding his impotence. (Are you sure about this? Ed)

none: Agatha Christie wrote *THE MOVING FINGER* during the horrific long nights of bombings in nineteen forty-three. The circumstances may have influenced her choice of narrator, Jerry Burton, an RAF pilot injured in a crash that would require six months recovery in a quiet, provincial town away from London. Doctor's orders!

Jerry's sister, Joanna, chose Lymstock and Little Furze as the ideal town and rented home for the convalescent. Upon arrival, two plot lines came to the new address: one was an

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anonymous, local letter filled with malicious, sexual content accusing the recipients of not being brother and sister, but rather living together "in sin".

The citizens of Lymstock were the second arrival. There was Mr. Symmington the lawyer, Dr. Griffith and his sister, Miss Emily Barton, the spinster, and the vicar and his wife who would eventually engage their friend Miss Marple to solve the mystery. Who knew dirty details on each person in town? What did the perpetrator hope to accomplish?

Poison pen letters! Suicide! Murder! Who will be next!

In her autobiography, Ms. Christie named THE MOVING FINGER as one of her personal favorites. Nice to know you agree with the twentieth century's Queen of mystery writers! Highly Recommended.

Carolyn: Jerry Burton, the protagonist and recently injured RAF pilot, moves to the countryside village of Lymstock with his sister Joanna to relax and recover. Here, he is not met with slow-paced living and quaint gossip but a mystery of anonymous letters accusing residents -- and himself and his sister -- of despicable deeds. Miss Marple takes the backseat in this book, hardly appearing at all in this mystery except at the end to tie the story together with a neat bow. She brought a Freudian/Jungian element of dream reading and psychoanalysis to the plot. Altogether a lovely book with a great ending. How could it not be? Agatha Christie is the Queen of Mystery, after all.

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?Emily : beautiful reread. this is often indexed as a Ms. Marple story, yet she performs a minimum position and does not even seem till the final 30 pages. I particularly loved the narrator, Jerry Burton. He used to be wounded in the course of global struggle II and is recovering. His health professional informed him to head leisure in a quiet English village the place little happens. The village that Jerry and his sister choose to reside in isn't a quiet village. Instead, there are a sequence of poison pen letter being despatched to varied citizens. this is often up by way of a suicide after which a murder. While some of these mysterious occasions are taking place, Jerry falls in love after which has to wonder whether his new love should be the letter writer. the affection curiosity is nice and innocent. I loved the ebook immensely. i used to be definite of the assassin all through the book, yet i used to be wrong. nice job, Agatha!

Julie: 3rd booklet in my ongoing "re-read leave out Marple" project. She was once offstage for many of this one, with the most character/sleuth the injured pilot Jerry Burton, getting better within the village of Lymstock with assistance from his sister Joanna. a chain of poisoned pen letters ends up in a extra stunning crime. As a facet note, Mrs. Dane Calthrop, the vicar's wife, is one among just a handful of Christie characters who seem in either a chain (Marple) and a standalone novel (The light Horse, considered one of my favorites). nice enjoyable and, as with

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the others, it have been see you later that i did not take into account or determine the ending!

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