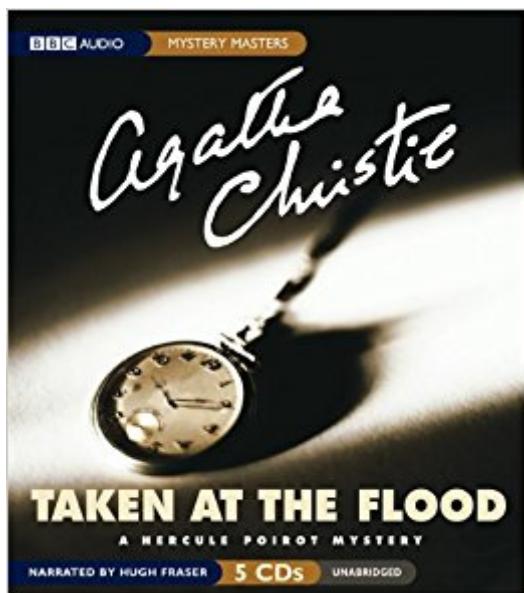


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Taken At The Flood: A Hercule Poirot Mystery



Synopsis

When Rosaleen Cloade comes to sleepy Warmsley Vale to collect on her late spouse's sizable inheritance, the Cloade family – who all rely in various ways on the funds from their dear departed Uncle Gordon – have other plans for the money.

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Customer Reviews

Hercule Poirot fans will be pleased to hear Hugh Fraser, who plays Captain Hastings on PBS's *Mystery!* and A&E's *Poirot*, recount Christie's intriguing 1948 novel (published in the U.S. as *There Is a Tide*). The celebrated Belgian sleuth visits the sleepy English village of Warmsley Vale to check into the background of Gordon Cloade, supposedly a victim of the London Blitz. He had wed an attractive young widow, the former Mrs. Underhay, now the sole possessor of the Cloade family fortune. The deceased's sister-in-law told Poirot that "spirits" informed her that the widow's first husband is still among the living, raising suspicions about Cloade's demise. Fraser's tone at once reassures listeners that, just as on television, they are in capable hands. He does a fine job creating a variety of character voices, distinguishing one from another with clarity but without excessive flamboyance. The release of any Christie is an event, and it does not take an abundance of "little gray cells" to deduce that this audio will be well-received. (June) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

'One of the best... her gift for blending the cosy with the macabre has seldom been more in evidence than it is here.' Elizabeth Bowen, *Tatler* 'Told briskly, vivaciously, and with ever-fertile

imagination.' Manchester Evening News 'One of the better Christies... Don't miss.' New York Herald Tribune --This text refers to the Digital edition.

Gordon Cloade tragically dies in a bomb blast. His widow seems to be dominated by her brother who is not very nice and is stingy with the money. The Cloade family is reeling from the loss of their benefactor. Poirot gets pulled in when a mysterious man is killed who might have been Mrs. Cloade's first husband who supposedly died in Africa. Can he figure out the whole mystery? Not her best story, but fairly interesting. I was disappointed in the very end. Thought it wasn't true to the story.

Dame Agatha seldom disappoints and although this novel is not in her top tier, it is very good. Set primarily in an English village just after the Second World War, it highlights the dislocation caused by the war for both those who served and those who did not. The Cloade Family has special problems. They had long relied on the one rich family member for help, but he married and was killed in an air raid. Now his young widow has a life estate and the Cloades have nothing as long as she lives. The author makes the most of this perilous state of affairs with a series of mysteries and surprises seasoned with wit. There is too much reliance on coincidence, the characters are stereotypical and the unnecessary last chapter is nonsensical, but none of this measurably subtracts from the delightful reading experience provided here.

I have always loved Agatha Christie, she deserves the Title, 'Queen of Mysteries.' Her characters are people we seem to have met somewhere, we trust some of them, and others we would not let out of our sight in a lighted room full of other people. I was amazed that I had never read this particular book. I do not like to give story lines away. If you are an Agatha Christie fan, it is a must read!

Hercule Poirot is called in to help a family identify a dead man who was blackmailing a recent widow and her brother. So many motives and the deaths keep piling up!

One of our favorite detectives. Thanks for offering it.

All Agatha Christies's books are throughly enjoying page turners! I have now read ever book and short storey collection she has written and have a wonderful time in doing so!!!! Great Great Great!

I recommend to all who love a great page turner!!!!!!

Agatha Christie has always been one of my favorites. Her characters are well-developed and humorous as well. I love, love, love her detectives and heroes. Always a perfect addition to my library.

As always Agatha controls the story line to keep you guessing

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