

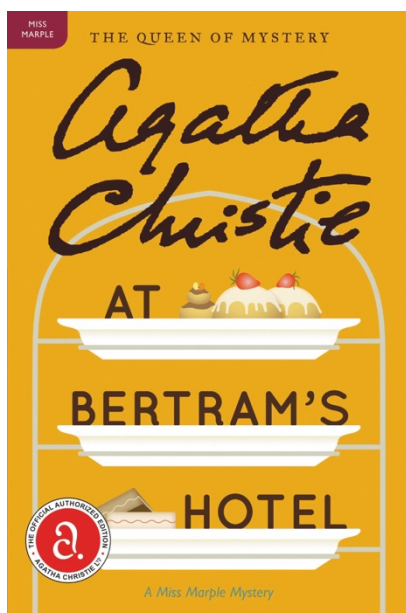


Prison Reading Groups
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Book Talk

At Bertram's Hotel by Agatha Christie

Number of pages: 224



Miss Marple hops to London for a gifted break and is staying at the London hotel, Bertram's. While there, she notices the most unusual of occurrences with the staff and guests and it seems something is afoot...

Meanwhile, Chief Inspector Davy is investigating a series of obnoxious and seemingly easy robberies and follows a trail that leads to Bertram's. Disregarded as another doddering old lady, CI Davy does not realise quite how useful Miss Marple's observations will be to cracking the case!

We recommend this book if you enjoyed Agatha Christie's other classics, such as *Murder on the Orient Express* or *Death on the Nile*, or, The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series by Alexander McCall Smith.

Discussion questions:

1. If you could design a hotel from any era, or any country, which would you choose and why?
2. At what point did you realise Lady Sedgwick's role in the investigation?

3. How did Miss Marple help solve the mystery?

4. Agatha Christie was one of the most successful murder mystery authors of all time and loved by many. Why do you think generations old and new keep reading her work?

5. *At Bertram's Hotel* is commented to be quite unusual for Agatha Christie, in that the murder happens very late in the book. What did you think of this?