Prison Reading Groups
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Book Talk

Hercule Poirot's Christmas
by Agatha Christie
Number of pages: 288

On Christmas Eve at a secluded country house, the Lee family gathering is violently interrupted by the sound of crashing furniture and a blood-curdling scream. Upstairs, the cruel Simeon Lee has been murdered.

Private detective Hercule Poirot is called to investigate and is met with a thick air of suspicion. It quickly becomes clear that each family member harbours their own dark secrets, and private motivations for the death of Simeon Lee…

Whilst this murder mystery stands alone, we recommend reading if you enjoyed other books in Agatha Christie's Poirot series, such as ***The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*** or ***The Mysterious Affair at Styles***.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think Simeon Lee's death reveals about the other characters' relationships with him?

2. What do you think are the Lee family members' motivations? Which of these did you find the most sympathetic, and/or suspicious?

3. How do you think the setting of Christmas affects the mood of the story?

4. How do you think Christie manipulates the reader's perception of who might be guilty? What clues or red herrings did you find most convincing, or misleading?

5. Were you surprised by the ending?

6. Have you ever read an Agatha Christie book before, and would you read one again?