

## The Body in the Library by Agatha Christie Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person narration?
2. The book was published in 1942, does it feel dated?
3. Is Mrs. Bantry's dream about winning at the flower show a good way to start the mystery?
4. Is the maid, Mary, coming into the room and announcing that there is a body in the library an interesting inciting incident?
5. What do you think of Dolly Bantry calling Miss Marple to come to her house to see the body?
6. Why do you think that Dolly says the body doesn't seem real?
7. What do you think of the competency of the police officers?
8. Does the gossip in the book feel realistic and add to the story?
9. What do you think of the plethora of suspects?
10. Do you think adopting an 18 year old girl is odd?
11. In a modern mystery, would you suspect a serial killer?
12. Did you expect a second amateurish sleuth to appear in the form of the retired Sir Henry Clithering?
13. Do you agree with Miss Marple that there's no fool like an old fool and old lonely men will be silly for young, poor, pleasant girls?
14. Did you expect the second murder?
15. Are Mark and Addie such good suspects that they can't be guilty?
16. How does this book expose the class lines in the British society in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century?
17. Why do you think the police arrested Basil Blake?
18. Do you believe Blake that he just moved the body but didn't murder the girl?
19. What do you think of Miss Marple knowing who the killer is but not letting the reader know until she can prove it?
20. Were you surprised by the murderers?
21. What did you think of the switch of victims?
22. Did you like the book?
23. Would you read more in the series?