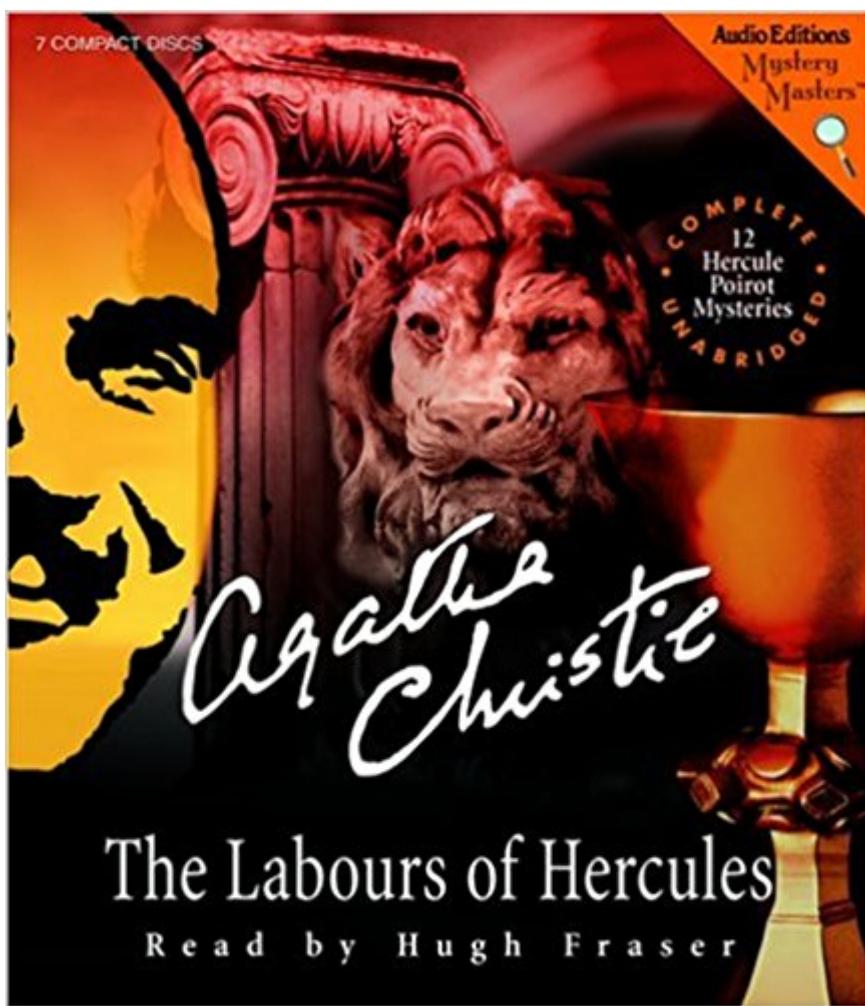


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# The Labours Of Hercules: 12 Hercule Poirot Mysteries



## **Synopsis**

First published in book form in 1947, The Labours of Hercules comprises an even dozen mysteries starring Christie's most popular sleuth, the ever-dignified Hercule Poirot. The introductory chapter of the collection sets up the rest of the book. At a dinner party, another guest compares the labors of Poirot to those of Hercules, and the little Belgian is not amused. He has already decided to retire, but makes up his mind to take on 12 great cases ; each somehow reflecting the labors accomplished by Hercules ; as a farewell to crime solving. All of the cases are quite different from each other, from searching for a lost poet to hunting down a particularly ferocious murderer, from solving mysterious deaths of religious cult members to saving a young would-be politician from potential blackmailers. Frequent Christie interpreter Hugh Fraser brings stories like "The Cretan Bull" and "The Apples of the Hesperides" to dazzling life.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Agatha Christie was born in Torquay in 1890 and became the bestselling novelist in history. She wrote 79 crime mysteries and collections, and saw her work translated into more languages than Shakespeare. Hugh Fraser is known to millions as Captain Hastings, assisting Hercule Poirot in A&E's Poirot and in the Agatha Christie Mystery! series on PBS. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Hercule Poirot attempts to read about the Greek heroes, only to be bored witless. Then he hits upon a plan: Why not compare himself with the mighty Hercules and correspondingly begin his own 12

labors? So we have this fun series of 12 short mysteries. Hugh Fraser is an old hand at the Christie stories, and it's a pleasure to turn oneself over to this capable and talented actor. Fraser is able to paint a blustering dandy at once overblown and loveable. He is a master at creating little moments of humor with just a stutter or hesitation--his timing is perfection. He presents an Hercule who is our old friend and whom we are always happy to invite back into our lives. D.G. © AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine

This audiobook is really no where as good as the movie. Really disappointed in the presentation and I am easy to please. The presentation is never close to describing the villain, Probably spends more time skipping around a large volume of characters

If you ever watched any of the Poirot tv episodes, you know that Hugh Fraser played Hastings to David Suchet's Poirot. Hugh has recorded the novel "Labours of Hercules" with style and a variety of voices. He does a wonderful job of it, as he did on other Agatha Christie recordings. I have Prime and so received it within 2 days of ordering and have been listening every time I get in the car. Delightful! Much better than most of what is on the radio, and I don't get speeding tickets while tapping out the rhythm of music. Works very well for me. The price was right and the shipping was free...who could ask for anything more?

As a long time fan of all things Agatha Christie, this audio CD seemed the perfect thing for our recent long car ride from Texas to California. I had read the book a long time ago, but these individual stories on a theme - Hercule Poirot's decision to take 12 last cases before retirement, and his naming them after the 12 labours of Hercules make for an enjoyable listening experience - and as they are individual stories, you can stop and start them easily.

While I really like Hugh Fraser and his ability to change character voices instantaneously, this set is not as good as the stories are not on separate discs. One gets the first story and then only part of the second story on the first disc losing something from the story when one changes the discs. Other than that, I have no complaint.

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Can't get enough of the Hercule Poirot Mysteries? You've probably already experienced Hercule

Poirot in book form, DVD version and on television, but here's a fourth method. It is great fun. I just pop one of these disks in my car CD player and my tedious commute to and from work becomes a time of pure enjoyment as I roll along the highway. The Labours Of Hercule Poirot is by far my favorite. As usual, did a great job of processing and mailing me this order in a timely manner. I highly recommend this product.

Agatha Christie Audio CD (BOOKS ON TAPE) are absolutely wonderful . I have purchased all of mine from .com and will be purchasing more in the future from . Her Mysteries of Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot and other characters are absolutely wonderful . When listning on CD with head-phones on and your eyes closed you start an unbelievable journey every time . If you love Great Mysteries you have to try these , you'll love every exciting minute of these ("SITTING ON THE EDGE OF YOUR CHAIR") stories ! If you want the best price , look no furter than .com as they have the best prices I have ever seen on these wonderful CD series . You can buy with Confidence and Trust from , there the Best. Sincerely, Pat Simmons

These are twelve short stories of about half an hour each. Many are split between two CDs. Since they are short stories, the plot and character development is not as extensive as in novels. Hugh does a good job of changing his voice for each character which makes following the story easy.

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