

Cards On the Table

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Mr. Shaitana was famous as a flamboyant party host. Nevertheless, he was a man of whom everybody was a little afraid. So, when he boasted to Poirot that he considered murder an art form, the detective had some reservations about accepting a party invitation to view Shaitana's private collection. Indeed, what began as an absorbing evening of bridge was to turn into a more dangerous game altogether....

Agatha Christie is the most popular mystery writer of all time. In a career that spans over half a century, her name is synonymous with brilliant deception, ingenious puzzles, and the surprise denouement. By virtually inventing the modern mystery novel she earned her title as the Queen of Crime.

Read by Geraldine James

Geraldine James depicts renowned investigator Hercule Poirot with confidence and a delightful Belgian accent. Poirot searches for a murderer who wielded a stiletto during a bridge game. In precise, thoughtful tones, Poirot makes deductions from a collection of bridge scores left on the card table. James seamlessly switches to an impeccable British accent when Superintendent Battle enters the room. An eye-witness account is given by a window washer in a charming working-class accent. Christie fans will find the story intriguing as they follow the clues that Poirot adroitly drops as he inches toward a surprising conclusion. G.D.W. ? AudioFile 2004, Portland, Maine-- Copyright ? AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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Card Games Around the World. A leading inventor and collector of games, Sid Sackson is also an expert on game history. For this highly entertaining volume, the self-proclaimed "game addict" has selected over 60 popular games from around the world. A brief but fascinating introductory chapter to the history of card playing is followed by a valuable glossary of terms associated with this popular pastime. Additional chapters supply instructions, detailed illustrations, and an abundance of clear examples for playing such intriguing diversions as Sampan, Kowah, Kabu, Cha Kau Tsz' and Khanhoo from Asia; Skat, Blackjack, Old Maid, Fan Tan, Eights, Klondike, La Belle Loucie, Accordion, and Hearts from Europe; Whist, Blackout, Cribbage, Spoil Five, and Casino from the British Isles; Pif Paf, Samba, Bolivia, and Canasta from Latin America; and Poker, Pinochle, Contract Bridge, Rummy, and Oklahoma Gin from the United States. Most games can be played by children or adults with a common deck of 52 playing cards (a few will need additional cards from a second deck).

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