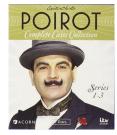
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Episode 1-1 The Adventure of the Clapham Cook (0:51) Episode aired 8 January 1989

Hercule Poirot is asked to investigate a most peculiar case: Mrs. Todd asks him to locate her cook. The previous Wednesday, Eliza Dunn left the Todd residence as she does every week to go to the market and simply didn't return. While concerned that accepting such a menial task as looking for a missing cook might adversely affect his reputation, Poirot is nonetheless fascinated by the case and accepts. When he does finally locate Mrs. Dunn, she tells him strange tale of an inheritance dependent on her not being in service. Poirot soon focuses on a lodger in the Todd household, Arthur Simpson, a bank employee.

Episode 1-2 Murder in the Mews (0:51) Episode aired 15 January 1989

Inspector Japp asks Hercule Poirot to assist him in investigating the death of Mrs. Barbara Allen. Although an apparent suicide, the death scene seems staged and the police have their doubts. She was found by her flat mate Jane Plenderleith and was engaged to a Member of Parliament, Charles Laverton West, who seems to be surprisingly blaze about her death. One of the last people to see her alive was retired Major Robert Eustace who now manages a risqué nightclub. The solution to the crime is found in a set of golf clubs. Meanwhile, Poirot is not pleased with the amount of starch being used in his collars and he tries to get Miss Lemon to do something about it.

Episode 1-3 The Adventure of Johnnie Waverly (0:51) Episode aired 22 January 1989

Hercule Poirot is hired by Marcus Waverly who has been receiving letters telling him to pay a large sum of money or his young son Johnny will be kidnapped at noon the next day. Together they call on Inspector Japp who claims not to have the manpower to deal with a crime that has not yet taken place. Poirot and Captain Hastings travel to the Waverly estate with the intent of preventing the crime. It is apparent that the Waverlys are having financial difficulties and Poirot soon realizes that there is something completely different going on. Meanwhile, Hastings is thrilled that he has been accepted to participate in the 24 hour race at Le Mans.

Episode 1-4 Four and Twenty Blackbirds (0:50) Episode aired 29 January 1989

Inspector Japp asks Hercule Poirot to assist him in investigating the death of Mrs. Barbara Allen. Although an apparent suicide, the death scene seems staged and the police have their doubts. She was found by her flat mate Jane Plenderleith and was engaged to a Member of Parliament, Charles Laverton West, who seems to be surprisingly blaze about her death. One of the last people to see her alive was retired Major Robert Eustace who now manages a risqué nightclub. The solution to the crime is found in a set of golf clubs. Meanwhile, Poirot is not pleased with the amount of starch being used in his collars and he tries to get Miss Lemon to do something about it.

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Episode 1-5 The Third Floor Flat (0:50) Episode aired 5 February 1989

Hercule Poirot is bored to tears and with three weeks since his last case, is worried that his little gray cells will stop working. Captain Hastings suggest a evening at the theater to see the latest murder mystery but even that doesn't help when Poirot finds the plot to be absurd. On their return home to Whitehaven Mansions, they learn that the new occupant of the flat two floors below Poirot's has been found shot. She had only moved in that very same day and was an unknown. Poirot puts his little gray cells to good use and assists Inspector Japp of Scotland Yard in identifying the murderer.

Episode 1-6 Triangle at Rhodes (0:50) Episode aired 12 February 1989

Just as his holiday on the island of Rhodes is coming to an end, Hercule Poirot finds himself investigating a murder when one of the hotel guests, Valentine Chantry, is poisoned in the bar. The drink she had was apparently meant for her husband and had been bought by Douglas Gold, with whom she had been carrying on since her arrival. Gold is arrested and everyone assumes he is the perpetrator but Poirot thinks otherwise however and looks to the other guests in the hotel as more likely suspects. When a local pathologist confirms that the poison used was local in origin, Poirot realizes that only when he learns who purchased the poison will he learn the killer's identity.

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Episode 1-7 Problem at Sea (0:51) Episode aired 19 February 1989

While on a Mediterranean cruise, Poirot is asked to investigate the murder of one of the passengers, Mrs. Clapperton who is found stabbed in the chest in her stateroom. She was somewhat haughty and generally disliked by the other passengers. Her henpecked husband, Colonel Clapperton, was ashore for the entire day with two other passengers. General Forbes, who admits to having been in love with the dead woman when they knew each other many years before, says he was having a nap. Then there is Miss Ellie Henderson, who is attracted to Colonel Clapperton but whose wife is in the way of any possible relationship. With everyone having a reasonable alibi, it is left to Poirot to find the killer.

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Episode 1-8 The Incredible Theft (1:00) Episode aired 26 February 1989

Tommy Mayfield is a British industrialist who has developed a new fighter plane. Up to now he has paid all development costs himself and he very much wants the government to contribute. It is reluctant to do so because of an apparent indiscretion some years before when Mayfield was supposed to have sold heavy artillery to the Japanese. In order to get back into the government's good books, he decides to lay a trap for Mrs. Vanderlyn, a known Nazi sympathizer and possible spy. The bait is the plans for the new fighter but Mayfield's wife is so concerned that she asks Hercule Poirot to spend the weekend at their house to make sure Vanderlyn doesn't get away with anything.

Episode 1-9 The King of Clubs (0:50) Episode aired 12 March 1989

After a visit to Parade film studios with his friend Captain Hastings, Poirot finds himself investigating the murder of Henry Reedburn, the head of the studio. Reedburn was something of a tyrant who had fired a veteran actor, taken over a major film from a young director and had recently blackmailed actress Valerie Saintclair into signing a new contract. Upon finding the body, Saintclair ran to a neighboring house to seek help, interrupting the Oglander family's bridge game in the process. However, the lack of a king of clubs on the card table provides Poirot with only clue he needs to solve the crime.

Episode 1-10 The Dream (0:50) Episode aired 19 March 1989

Hercule Poirot is puzzled when Benedict Farley summons him to a late night meeting. Farley is known as the king of pies as his company manufactures a well-known brand of meat pies. At their meeting, he tells Poirot of a recurring dream where he takes a gun from his desk drawer, walks to his office window and commits suicide. His only question for Poirot is whether someone could be manipulating him psychologically. When Farley is found dead the next day - in circumstances that appear to match those in his dream - Poirot and Captain Hastings find themselves assisting Inspector Japp in a case that involves false identities and an affair. It is Miss Lemon, however, who provides Poirot with the vital information that allows him to solve the case.

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Episode 2-1 Peril at End House (1:43) Episode aired 7 January 1990

While enjoying a vacation at an exclusive resort on the Cornish coast, Poirot and Hastings meet beautiful young heiress Magdala Buckley. Known to her friends as Nick, she confides to them that she has recently survived several events that might have taken her life: a heavy-framed picture dropping on her head, a boulder falling off a cliff, and failed brakes. When Poirot notices a bullet hole in her hat, they put her under their protection and discover that her dead fiance, a noted aviator killed in a tragic accident, had named her as heir in his will. In the interim, his wealthy uncle is found to have died, making her the unexpected beneficiary of a great fortune. Poirot realizes this inheritance is the motive for continued attempts on her life, and in his quest for the the truth, he uncovers a tangled web of greed, forgery, drug addiction, fraud, poison, and murder.

Episode 2-2 The Veiled Lady (1:43) Episode aired 14 January 1990

Hercule Poirot is approached by a woman in a veil, seeking his help. She is Lady Millicent and she is being blackmailed by a Mr Lavington over a love letter she wrote as a 16-year-old. After confronting Mr Lavington and achieving nothing, Poirot resolves to break into Mr Lavington's house and steal the letter. He and Hastings break in, but Poirot is caught (and Hastings escapes). When Japp finds Poirot in jail, he mentions that Lavington was murdered several days earlier. In a seemingly unrelated case, the police are on the lookout for jewels that were stolen from a high street jeweller.

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Episode 2-3 The Lost Mine (0:50) Episode aired 21 January 1990

Hercule Poirot is hired by Lord Pearson, who happens to be the head of the bank where Poirot keeps his accounts, to find Mr. Wu Ling who was to have attended a meeting at the bank that morning, but who has disappeared. The missing man was to sell the bank a deed to a silver mine. When the man is found dead, Poirot finds himself searching for a killer. All of the evidence seems to point to an American, Charles Lester, but Poirot finds that to be just a little too convenient. At home, Poirot and Captain Hastings find themselves involved in a vicious game of Monopoly!

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Episode 2-4 The Cornish Mystery (0:50) Episode aired 28 January 1990

Poirot and Captain Hastings travel to Cornwall at the request of Mrs. Pengelly but arrive to find that the woman is dead. She had told Poirot the previous day that she feared her dentist husband, Edward Pengelly, had been having an affair with his pretty receptionist and that further, he was trying to poison her. Apart from her husband, she has a niece and her fiancé, but no other relatives in the village. When Inspector Japp arrests the husband for murder, the Belgian detective is convinced that the wrong person is in the dock..

Episode 2-5 The Disappearance of Mr. Davenheim (0:52) Episode aired 4 February 1990

A wealthy banker, Mathew Davenheim, disappears. He was last seen by his wife, leaving the grounds of his home. Suspicion falls on the head of Mr Davenheim's long-time business rival Gerald Lowen. Chief Inspector Japp gets Poirot involved in the case. However, due to some intellectual bravado by Poirot, he and Japp have a wager that Poirot can't solve the case without leaving his flat, resulting in Poirot being confined to his flat for seven days. This leaves Hastings to gather the clues, and we know how good a sleuth he is... Meanwhile, in between trying to solve the case, Poirot is working on conjuring tricks and looking after a friend's parrot.

Episode 2-6 Double Sin (0:51) Episode aired 11 February 1990

A bored Hercule Poirot announces that he is going to retire and suggests that he and Captain Hastings go to the seaside for a short holiday. While there, they meet a pleasant young woman who is delivering a set of miniature portraits to an American buyer on behalf of her aunt, an antiques dealer. When they arrive at their destination she is shocked to find that the miniatures are missing and that the American had already bought them from an elderly lady more than an hour before. As Poirot has retired he leaves the case in the hands of Hastings who slowly puts the facts together and not surprisingly comes to the wrong conclusion. In the end, it is left to Poirot to suggest the solution to the crime and brings all of the parties together for an interesting lunch.

Episode 2-7 The Adventure of the Cheap Flat (0:51) Episode aired 18 February 1990

Poirot finds himself working on two cases, the first of which is more of an amusement, or so it seems. After meeting a delightful young couple, Stella and James Robinson, at a party he sets out to prove to Captain Hastings that there must be a reason for their good fortune in getting a lovely flat at a ridiculously low price. He is also brought into a more formal investigation by Inspector Japp who is hosting a loud-mouthed American FBI Agent who is on the trail of thieves who have made away with secret US Naval plans for a new submarine. The American isn't too impressed that Scotland Yard have brought in a private detective or that Japp has taken away his gun. When Poirot sees the man the FBI is trailing, he also realizes it's the same man who he has seen lurking outside the Robinsons apartment block.

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Episode 2-8 The Kidnapped Prime Minister (0:51) Episode aired 25 February 1990

En route to the train station to attend a disarmament conference in Paris, the Prime Minister's car is attacked by what the press describe as ruffians. The PM is slightly injured and does make it across the Channel to French soil, but never arrives in Paris. Poirot is called in by senior government officials as it appears the Prime Minister has been kidnapped. He soon comes to the conclusion however that the evidence from the first attack doesn't quite add up and all is not what it seems.

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Episode 2-9 The Adventure of the Western Star (0:50) Episode aired 4 March 1990

Poirot is thrilled to receive an invitation from renowned Belgian actress Marie Marvelle. She has been receiving anonymous notes about the Western Star, a valuable diamond purchased by her husband at a cut-rate price several years before. The notes speak to the mystical nature of the diamonds and that they should be returned to their rightful owners. The next day, Lady Yardly claims to have received similar notes about her own fabulous diamond, the Eastern Star. When Poirot and Hastings visit Lord and Lady Yardly the diamond is stolen in a daring robbery. Needless to say, none of this sits well with Poirot who finds he has a very tight knot to untie.

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Episode 3-1 The Mysterious Affair at Styles (1:43) Episode aired 16 September 1990

In the summer of 1917 a convalescing Lt. Hastings runs into his old friend Hercule Poirot at an opportune moment. Hastings is visiting Sir John Cavendish at his family's estate near the village of Styles St. Mary. Cavendish and his siblings are not pleased that their mother, Emily Inglethorp, has re-married and there is ill feeling among several members of the family. Mrs. Inglethorp has recently received information that caused her to change her will, pieces of which Poirot has found burned in her fireplace. When Inspector Japp of Scotland Yard arrests John Cavendish and charges him with murder however, Poirot is convinced that an error has been made.

Episode 3-2 How Does Your Garden Grow? (0:50) Episode aired 6 January 1991

Poirot and Miss Lemon travel to Surrey to visit Miss Amelia Barrowby but arrive to learn that she has died during the night. Poirot had an odd encounter with her the previous day at a flower show when she made the odd gesture of giving him an empty seed packet. Upon returning home, he finds that she has written him seeking his assistance. Poirot suspects foul play and the pathologist confirms that the woman was poisoned with strychnine. Initial suspects are Miss Barrowby's niece and her husband, but when the dead woman's Russian companion runs away, Inspector Japp thinks he has the culprit. Poirot thinks otherwise.

Episode 3-3 The Million Dollar Bond Robbery (0:50) Episode aired 13 January 1991

London & Scottish bank officer Mr. Shaw is scheduled to ride the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary to transfer \$1 million in Liberty Bonds to the banks branch in America. But when Mr. Shaw is first almost run down in the street, and then poisoned, the assistant bank manager must take the bonds instead. The bank hires Poirot to accompany the bonds, so he and Mr. Hastings are able to ride the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary, much to Hastings delight. But when the bonds are stolen, suspicion falls on the assistant manager who has a history of large gambling debt.

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Episode 3-4 The Plymouth Express (0:50) Episode aired 20 January 1991

Poirot investigates the murder of Florence Carrington while traveling on the express train to Plymouth. Her father, mining entrepreneur Gordon Halliday, will spare no expense to have the crime solved. She had recently been approached by her estranged husband Rupert, asking for money and was seen having lunch with a one-time suitor, Armand de la Rochefort, of whom her father disapproves. However, the victim's jewelry was stolen and Poirot realizes that to find the murderer, they must first find the jewels.

Episode 3-5 Wasps' Nest (0:50) Episode aired 27 January 1991

At a village fête, Poirot runs into an old friend, John Harrison and his fiancé Molly Deane, a fashion model. Harrison invites Poirot and Hastings to tea the following week where Poirot learns that Molly had once been engaged to a local artist, Claude Langton. Poirot is puzzled by a number of apparently unrelated incidents but concludes that someone is being untruthful and that a murder is being planned. Courtesy of Hastings' new hobby, photography, Poirot knows exactly what is going to occur. Insp. Japp is hospitalized with a case of appendicitis.

Episode 3-6 The Tragedy at Marsdon Manor (0:50) Episode aired 3 February 1991

Having been lured to the village of Marsdon Leigh under false pretenses - the local hotel owner is unable to solve the crime in his own manuscript and so invites the detective to solve a "murder" - Poirot and Hastings are asked to look into the death of Mr. Maltravers, owner of the local manor house. The local rumor mill has it that the Marsdon Manor is haunted by several ghosts and Maltravers' wife is convinced that her husband was frightened to death. In the end, Poirot initiates a clever ruse to obtain a confession from the murderer.

Episode 3-7 The Double Clue (0:50) Episode aired 10 February 1991

Chief Inspector Japp, afraid that he will soon find himself unemployed, needs Poirot's assistance in solving a string of jewel robberies. Japp is under intense pressure to catch the thief but Poirot counsels patience. When the jewel thief strikes again, Poirot and Captain Hastings go to the home of Marcus Hardman, a jewelry collector from whom an emerald necklace was stolen. Poirot is apparently quite taken with the exiled Russian Countess Vera Rossakoff and to Japp's great consternation, days pass with no progress in the case. With the famous detective otherwise occupied, Hastings and Miss Lemon decide to investigate on their own. Poirot however knows well who the criminal is.

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Episode 3-8 The Mystery of the Spanish Chest (0:50) Episode aired 17 February 1991

Lady Chatterton asks for Poirot's assistance when she comes to fear for the safety of her friend, Marguerite Clayton. Specifically, she is convinced that Marguerite's husband Edward Clayton, known for his violent temper, will kill her. Poirot is invited to a party in order to meet Clayton, but he never shows up. The next day, Poirot finds himself being interviewed by Inspector Japp when Edward Clayton's body is found hidden in an elaborate Spanish chest located in the same room as the party the previous evening. When Marguerite's friend Major Rich is arrested for the murder, Poirot correctly deduces the true nature of the crime and the identity of the culprit.

Episode 3-9 The Theft of the Royal Ruby (0:50) Episode aired 24 February 1991

When Prince Farouq of Egypt foolishly lets a tart wear a fabulously valuable royal ruby, she simply walks away with it. With Hastings away in Scotland for the Christmas holidays, Poirot finds himself spending Christmas with the Lacey family. Colonel Lacey, a well-known Egyptologist, was one of the few people who knew the ruby was in England. As Poirot investigates, he learns that the Colonel is having financial difficulties and also that one of the house guests, Desmond Lee-Wortley, may not be of the soundest character. With the help of the children in the household, Poirot sets a trap for the thief.

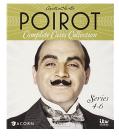
Episode 3-10 The Affair at the Victory Ball (0:51) Episode aired 3 March 1991

Poirot attends the Victory Ball, a costume party where you are expected to dress as someone famous, as himself. However, when two members of a party of six dressed as characters from classical Italian comedy are subsequently found dead, Poirot finds himself working with Chief Inspector Japp to solve the case. The solution to the deaths of Viscount Cronshaw and Coco Courtney is to be found in determining the correct time of death and identifying an impostor at the ball. Poirot takes to the airwaves and reveals the identity of the killer on a live BBC radio broadcast.

Episode 3-11 The Mystery of Hunter's Lodge (0:50) Episode aired 10 March 1991

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Episode 4-1 The ABC Murders (1:43) Episode aired 5 January 1992

Hastings returns to Britain after a long absence to find Poirot anxious for a new case which will challenge his gray cells. Poirot quickly gets his wish in the form of taunting letters from a serial killer who has dubbed himself ABC and who leaves an ABC railroad schedule at the scene of each crime. The victims as well as the crime scenes appear to be chosen randomly, but maintain an obsessive adherence to alphabetical order. However, Poirot grows to believe that the killer is not the madman the authorities believe, but a methodical murderer with a very tangible motive.

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Episode 4-2 Death in the Clouds (1:43) Episode aired 6 January 1991

Hercule Poirot is on a plane from Paris to London when one of the other passengers, Madame Giselle, is murdered. The murder weapon appears to be poison, delivered from a dart fired from a South American blowpipe. On board was Lady Horbury who owed the murdered woman a great deal of money - she is the prime suspect. Soon after Madame Giselle's death is announced, her daughter appears in Paris to claim her inheritance, but then soon disappears. A cross-channel investigation into Madame Giselle's murder, involving Chief Inspector Japp, the French police and Poirot, commences.

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Episode 4-3 One, Two, Buckle My Shoe (1:43) Episode aired 19 January 1992

Poirot pays what appears to be a routine visit to Dr. Morley, his dentist, but shortly after he leaves the clinic, the doctor is found dead with a gunshot wound to his temple, an apparent suicide. Poirot suspects foul play, and all those who entered the doctor's offices after Poirot left are suspect. They include Alaistair Blunt, a prominent and very influential bank director, Frank Carter, a young fascist thug with a personal grudge against Morley, Mr. Amberiotis, an enigmatic recent arrival from India suffering from a toothache, and Mabelle Sainsbury-Seale, a charity worker also recently returned from India. When Amberiotis is found dead in his hotel room from an overdose of Novocaine and Sainsbury-Seale disappears, Poirot rightly expands his list of suspects and connects the crime to events that occurred in India 12 years earlier.

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Episode 5-1 The Adventure of the Egyptian Tomb Episode aired 17 January 1993

Hercule Poirot is called upon to solve a series of mysterious deaths that are centered around the Valley of the Kings in Egypt. Sir John Willard died moments after he and a group of archaeologists entered an ancient tomb. The expedition's physician, Dr. Ames, concluded it was a heart attack but soon other members begin to die in mysterious circumstances. One dies of blood poisoning from a relatively mild cut while another dies of tetanus. One member who has returned to New York has taken his own life. Rumors are soon circulating that an Egyptian curse is felling all those who desecrated the ancient tomb. Poirot and Captain Hastings set off for Egypt to determine what is happening and who might be behind it.

Episode 5-2 The Underdog (0:50) Episode aired 24 January 1993

Invited to the home of chemical company CEO Reuben Astwell for dinner and to view Mr. Astwell's collection of Belgian miniatures, Poirot finds Astwell universally disliked and shortly thereafter murdered. But the murder is only one piece of the puzzle when Poirot discovers Astwell's chemical company has developed synthetic rubber so precious that someone has broken into the company to try and steal the formula. Astwell himself is more than willing to sell it to the highest bidder, even the Nazis.

Episode 5-3 The Yellow Iris (0:51) Episode aired 31 January 1993

Hercule Poirot has a rare opportunity when he gets a second chance to solve a murder circumstance prevented him from solving two years before. On his way to visit Capt. Hastings in the Argentine, Poirot had stopped in Buenos Aires. While out for dinner, a young woman named Iris Russell was poisoned. The police found cyanide in her purse and ruled her death to be suicide, something her husband Barton Russell refuses to accept. When Poirot agrees with him and raises objections to the hasty police verdict, he is quickly ordered deported. Now, two years later, Russell Barton is hosting a dinner in London on the anniversary of his wife's death with everyone who was present invited to the event. This time, Poirot has no intention of letting the killer get away.

Episode 5-4 The Case of the Missing Will (0:51) Episode aired 7 February 1993

While on a visit to Cambridge, Poirot's old friend Andrew March confides in him that he will be changing his will in favor of his ward, Violet Wilson, whom he had specifically excluded from his will 10 years before. He also asks him to be the executor of his estate. Unfortunately, Marsh is found dead the next morning and it appears that Poirot is the only man to question the cause of death. The local physician says it's a heart attack, but his foundation stood to inherit 75% of Marsh's estate. The local police constable, whose wife works for Marsh, is too eager to concur as his son also stood to inherit a small sum. When Marsh's original will also disappears, it appears that someone may be preparing a claim to be his illegitimate son and claim the entire estate as his own.

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Episode 5-5 The Adventure of the Italian Nobleman (0:51) Episode aired 14 February 1993

Poirot and his friend Captain Hastings find themselves investigating the murder of Count Foscatini, who was found in his flat. As it turns out, the dead man's valet, Mr. Graves, has been dating Miss Lemon and has been less than honest with her about his profession. As for the dead nobleman, the police believe he was being blackmailed. The Italian Embassy denies any knowledge of the man and denies that he had any official role in the country. Poirot doubts the veracity of their claims but also concludes that others are lying as well.

Episode 5-6 The Chocolate Box (0:50) Episode aired 21 February 1993

Accompanying Inspector Japp to Brussels, who is receiving an award from the Belgian government, Hercule Poirot tells him a case from 20 years before. Poirot was a young policeman at the time and at the request of Virginie Mesnard, agrees to investigate the death of rising young politician, Paul Deroulard. The courts had already ruled that he had died of a heart attack, but she believes he was murdered. Poirot believed Deroulard had been poisoned, likely from a box of chocolates he had been given by an aristocrat, Xavier St. Alard. In the end, Poirot identified the killer, even obtaining a confession, but chose not to make it public, for reasons that he explains to his colleagues.

Episode 5-7 The Dead Man's Mirror Episode aired 28 February 1993

Hercule Poirot is hired by Gervase Chevenix and accepts his offer to travel to his country home and take on a case. Chevenix believes he has been defrauded by a business partner, John Lake. Unknown to Chevenix is that his adopted daughter Ruth has secretly married Lake. Gervase is manipulative and generally disliked by those around him. His nephew Hugo Trent hopes that his uncle will invest in his new enterprise but Chevenix insists that he marry Ruth first. Hugo has no intention of doing so and is engaged to Susan Cardwell. Chevenix is found dead in his study, an apparent suicide, but Poirot isn't convinced. When Inspector Japp finds that the dead man had drawn up a new will, not yet signed, Poirot is convinced they are dealing with murder.

Episode 5-8 Jewel Robbery at the Grand Metropolitan (0:51) Episode aired 7 March 1993

Under doctor's order to take a rest, Poirot heads to the seaside for a stay at the Grand Metropolitan hotel. Across the hall from him is a theatrical producer, Ed Opalson and his actress-wife Margaret. Something of a showman, Opalson has recently purchased an extremely valuable string of pearls to be used in his new play about theft of just such a piece of jewelry. When the jewels go missing, Opalson would like Poirot to investigate but with Captain Hastings reminding him of his doctor's instructions, he refuses. Unfortunately, a local newspaper is running a contest where anyone who finds "Lucky Len", whose image is printed in the paper and who bears a striking resemblance to Poirot, will receive £10. Unable to get any peace, he takes on the case.

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Episode 6-1 Hercule Poirot's Christmas (1:47) Episode aired 25 December 1994

Poirot had hoped for a quiet Christmas at home but two events put an end to that. The first is that the boiler in his apartment building breaks down and there is no chance of its repair until after the holiday. The second is a call from the wealthy Simeon Lee asking Poirot to come and stay at his estate as he feels his life is in danger. Lee had made his fortune in diamonds in South Africa and will be hosting a bevy of guests over the holidays. They include his three sons, including Harry Lee who hasn't been in England for may years and is the black sheep of the family and his granddaughter, Pilar. When Lee is found murdered in his study, Poirot rescues Inspector Japp from a Christmas with his in-laws and they investigate. Lee was universally disliked by all of his relatives but as our detectives learn, it is equally important to learn the identities of unknown relatives.

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Episode 6-2 Hickory Dickory Dock (1:43) Episode aired 12 February 1995

Hercule Poirot finds himself helping Miss Lemon's sister following a rash of thefts at the student rooming house she manages. The stolen objects are of only minor value - a stethoscope belonging to a medical student is perhaps the most valuable - but this adds all the more interest as far as Poirot is concerned. He soon learns that there is far more going in the residence than was first imagined including a strange looking character who works at a shop selling rucksacks and the presence of an undercover customs officer investigating a diamond smuggling ring illegally importing jewels from Amsterdam. With Mrs. Japp away, Poirot insists that Inspector Japp move in with him, setting the groundwork for an amusing clash of cultures.

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Episode 6-4 Murder on the Links (1:34) Episode aired 11 February 1996

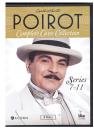
In Deauville, France with Captain Hastings for a holiday Poirot finds himself drawn into a murder investigation. He is approached by wealthy local businessman Paul Renaud who tells him he is in fear of his life. They agree to meet the next day but when he arrives at Renaud's home, he learns that Renaud was kidnapped in the night and his wife Eloise was found bound and gagged in their bedroom. He also meets Giraud, the French policeman in charge of the case. They are soon investigating a murder when Hastings finds Renaud's body on the golf course. Giraud doesn't appreciate Poirot's intervention in the case and they make a wager on who will first solve the case: Giraud's pipe against Poirot's famous mustache. Giraud suspects Renaud's stepson Jack, especially after the young man lies about his whereabouts the night his stepfather was killed. Poirot however believes that the case is far more complex involving trickery, hidden identities and ties to an infamous murder that occurred 10 years before.

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Episode 6-1 Dumb Witness (1:43) Episode aired 7 March 1993

Under doctor's order to take a rest, Poirot heads to the seaside for a stay at the Grand Metropolitan hotel. Across the hall from him is a theatrical producer, Ed Opalson and his actress-wife Margaret. Something of a showman, Opalson has recently purchased an extremely valuable string of pearls to be used in his new play about theft of just such a piece of jewelry. When the jewels go missing, Opalson would like Poirot to investigate but with Captain Hastings reminding him of his doctor's instructions, he refuses. Unfortunately, a local newspaper is running a contest where anyone who finds "Lucky Len", whose image is printed in the paper and who bears a striking resemblance to Poirot, will receive £10. Unable to get any peace, he takes on the case.

SERIES 7



Episode 7-1 *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* (1:43) Episode aired 2 January 2000

Hercule Poirot is happily retired in the picturesque village of King's Abbott even if in the last year, he has been unable to grow the perfect marrow. When his friend and local industrialist Roger Ackroyd is found murdered in his study, Poirot is reunited with his old friend Chief Inspector Japp of Scotland Yard. Poirot is convinced that Ackroyd's death must somehow be connected to the suicide of Mrs. Dorothy Ferrars who had died the previous day and whom Roger Ackroyd had admitted was the love of his life. He also believed she was being blackmailed by someone. There are many secrets in the Ackroyd household, not the least of which is a secret marriage, but Poirot pieces it all together and identifies the killer.

Episode 7-2 Lord Edgware Dies (02:00) Episode aired 19 February 2000

Lady Edgware, the well-known stage actress Jane Wilkinson, has a dilemma in that her husband has consistently refused to give her a divorce. She asks Hercule Poirot to visit the man to see if there is any possibility of convincing him. Lord Edgware is nothing short of nasty, treating all those around him very badly. When he is found dead, there is no great surprise, but there certainly are a good number of suspects. The police believe Lady Edgware to be the culprit, but she has a cast-iron alibi, having attended a private dinner over the time her husband was killed. There is also the man's nephew, who would inherit his fortune, and his personal assistant, whom he treated very badly; and then there is the family butler, who clearly has his own interests at heart.

SERIES 8

Episode 8-1 Murder in Mesopotamia (1:40) Episode aired 8 July 2001

Hercule Poirot attends the grand opening of the El Ranchero restaurant at the invitation of one of its new owners, none other than Capt. Hastings. He collapses however and is rushed to hospital only to be told that for a man his age, he needs to lose weight or risk a worsening heart condition. The doctor and Miss Lemon soon book him into the Sandy Cove hotel, a health spa, for two weeks with Hastings going along to keep him company. The hotel hosts the usual assortment of guests but also includes a well known actress, Arlena Stuart. She is disliked by many at the hotel including her husband and stepson, whom she treats badly; Christine Redfern whose husband Patrick is carrying on a flirtation, if not more, with her; and a fanatical Minister who sees her as the embodiment of sin. As a result, Poirot has no shortage of suspects when she is found strangled on the beach. He does however have a very difficult knot to untangle.

Episode 8-2 Evil Under the Sun (1:40) Episode aired 13 July 2003

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SERIES 9 DISC 1

Episode 9-1 Five Little Pigs (1:40) Episode aired 14 December 2003

Fourteen years after her mother, Caroline Crale, was hanged for the murder of her artist father Amyas Crale, Lucy Crale asks Hercule Poirot to investigate her father's death. She is convinced that her mother was innocent but is prepared to accept the truth, whatever that may be. Poirot visits in turn all five persons present when the murder took place including Amyas' best friend, Philip Blake, who was visiting the Crales when Amyas was killed; Philip's brother Meredith from whom Caroline supposedly stole the poison used to kill her husband; Elsa Greer, who was sitting for a portrait and with whom Amyas was supposedly in love; Caroline's half sister Angela who despised Amyas but believed her sister to be innocent; and Miss Williams, the governess. Having heard the tale from five different perspectives, Poirot reunites them all to identify the murderer.

Episode 9-2 Sad Cypress (1:34) Episode aired 26 December 2003

When Elinor Carlisle receives an anonymous letter indicating someone is trying to gain control of her seriously her ill Aunt's estate, she shares the information with the family physician Dr. Peter Lord who in turn asks Hercule Poirot for his expert assistance. Elinor's aunt, Mrs. Welman, has suffered a number of strokes so her eventual death is of no surprise to anyone. As her only living relative, Elinor inherits her aunt's substantial estate, but she has other problems. Her fiancée, Roddy Winter, has taken a liking to Mary Gerrard, someone they both knew as children who has grown into a very attractive young woman. When Mary is poisoned, Elinor is convicted and sentenced to hang. It is up to Poirot to determine the identity of the killer and the motive behind the crime.

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Episode 9-3 Death on the Nile (1:38) Episode aired 12 April 2004

While on their honeymoon in Egypt, newlyweds Simon Doyle and Linett Ridgeway are constantly harassed by Simon's exfiancée Jackie De Bellefort who feels her ex-best friend has stolen the love of her life. A holidaying Hercules Poirot counsels Jackie to put an end to her antics, fearing that all of this can only end in tragedy. When one of the passengers is killed while on a cruise down the Nile, Poirot must sift through an odd assortment of passengers, all of whom may have something to hide. There is Linett's financial advisor from the US, her French maid who clearly has something to hide, the Austrian doctor who keeps mostly to himself and the left leaning philosopher who despises the rich.

Episode 9-4 The Hollow (1:29) Episode aired 26 September 2004

While spending the weekend at his cottage outside London, Hercule Poirot is invited to dinner by Sir Henry and Lady Angkatell. Leaving immediately after dinner, he returns the next day to find that a weekend guest, John Christo, has been shot dead. There is any number of suspects: his former lover, Veronica Cray whom he had not seen for 12 years but suddenly turned up at a nearby cottage; his wife, Gerda who was deeply hurt by his womanizing; his current mistress Henrietta Savernake; Midge Hardcastle, who was very much in love with him, but whom he constantly ignored; and Edward Angkatell, who was in love with Midge. What Poirot finds however is that the evidence equally implicates everyone just a little too equally for it all to be just by chance.

SERIES 10 DISC 1

Episode 10-1 The Mystery of the Blue Train (2:00) Episode aired 11 December 2005

After traveling on the Blue Train from Calais to Nice, Hercule Poirot is pressed into service to help solve the murder of heiress Ruth Kettering who is found savagely beaten in her compartment. She was the daughter of wealthy industrialist Rufus Van Alden and very much wanted a divorce. Both her husband and her lover were on the train but she had changed rooms with another passenger, Katherine Grey, so the question naturally arises as to whether she was the intended victim. Grey may also have had enemies as she had recently inherited a very large sum of money and greedy relatives had suddenly taken a interest in her. When an attempt is subsequently made on Grey's life, this appears to the case but Poirot methodically sifts through all of the clues to determine the motive and identify the killer.

Episode 10-2 Cards on the Table (2:00) Episode aired 19 March 2006

Hercule Poirot finds himself investigating the murder of his dinner host, Mr. Shaitana, who was stabbed in the heart while his guests played bridge. There are eight guests and Poirot finds himself in the company of three other investigators. The foursome interview each of the other guests in turn but make little headway until Poirot manages to reconstruct the various bridge hands played at the suspects' table. In doing so, he is able to identify one particular action that leads him to identify the killer.

SERIES 10 DISC 2

Episode 10-3 After the Funeral (2:00) Episode aired 26 March 2006

His friend, solicitor Gilbert Entwhistle, asks Hercule Poirot to help solve a riddle and a murder. The riddle has to do with Richard Abernethie's will. It would seem that he changed his will immediately prior to his death, distributing all of his wealth equally among family members but excluding George Abernethie who, in all previous wills, had been the sole beneficiary. The two had supposedly argued recently, but Entwhistle suspects the new will may be a forgery. As for the murder, he would like Poirot to investigate the death of Cora Galaccio, who was violently beaten to death the day after Richard's funeral. She too had inherited from the suspect will, but are the two deaths and the will all part of a greater plot, or is there a simpler explanation?.

Episode 10-4 Taken at the Flood (1:33) Episode aired 17 December 2006

Hercule Poirot finds himself trying to solve the mystery of the Cloade family. Rosaleen is the young widow of Gordon Cloade who was killed in a gas explosion in his London home. Rosaleen has inherited her late husband's substantial fortune and she and her brother David Hunter are refusing to share it with other members of Gordon Cloade's family. There have been persistent rumors that Rosaleen's first husband, an intrepid explorer, is still alive and as such would nullify her marriage to Gordon. What Poirot learns however is of a far greater deception that will alter everyone's perception of what they believe to their reality.

SERIES 11 DISC 1

Episode 11-1 Mrs. McGinty's Dead (1:33) Episode aired 11 December 2005

After James Bentley is convicted and sentenced to hang for the murder of Mrs. Abigail McGinty, the lead investigator in the case, Supt. Harold Spence, begins to have doubts. Concerned that he may have been instrumental in sending a possibly innocent man to the gallows, he asks Hercule Poirot if he would investigate further. Accompanied by his friend, the writer Ariadne Oliver, Poirot sets off and soon takes up residence where Mrs. McGinty worked as a cleaning lady. While going through her few remaining possessions he finds a newspaper dated only a few days before her death but with two photos cut out. He traces the photos and Mrs. Upward, his hostess admits to recognizing one of the photos but an attempt on his life and a second murder leads Poirot to ask why Mrs. McGinty was killed and concludes it had to be because of something she knew.

Episode 11-2 Cat Among the Pigeons (1:23) Episode aired 21 June 2009

Hercules Poirot visits the prestigious Meadowbank school for girls to present the Pemberton Shield to the winners of an international lacrosse tournament. He is asked to stay on by his good friend, the school's headmistress Miss Bulstrode, who tells him that she has decided to retire and would like his advice on selecting her successor. He soon finds himself trying to solve a murder when the sports mistress, Miss Springer, is found dead in the sports pavilion. One of the students, Princess Shaista, tells the police that she was the likely victim as there was political unrest in her home country recently. Poirot won't dismiss the young girl's claims but there are many suspects who might benefit from having a major disruption at the school or alternatively, have something to hide. Even when the Princess is apparently kidnapped and a second murder takes place, Poirot believes that the answer lies among the staff.

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Episode 11-3 Third Girl (1:33) Episode aired 18 July 2010

Poirot is approached by a young woman, Norma Restarik, who says she thinks she murdered someone. Before he can get any information from her however, she shouts that he's too old and rushes out of his flat. It turns out that she was referred to him by his good friend, the author Ariadne Oliver. Margot and two other girls live in the flat above hers and she had only recently attended a party there. The dead woman in question is Norma's one-time nanny, Lavinia Seagram, who is found dead in her bed in what is initially believed to be a suicide but subsequently proves to be murder. Norma is a bit unstable, the product of a broken home and having discovered her own mother, also a suicide, dead in the bathtub. She is confused and while she has no recollection of having committed the murder, believes she must have done it. Poirot has many suspects to choose from: either of Norma's roommates; her father Andrew who returned to England a year ago having abandoned the family 20 years before; an artist, David Baker whose interest in Norma seems to have come about only after he's learned of her huge inheritance; and a blind uncle, Sir Roderick Horsefield, who has taken up with a much younger woman. With the help of Ariadne Oliver, Poirot deciphers the various clues to identify the murderer.

Episode 11-4 Appointment with Death (1:20) Episode aired 25 July 2010

At an archaeological dig in the Middle East, Hercule Poirot finds himself investigating the death of Lady Boynton, the wife of the expedition leader Lord Boynton. She had been visiting with her three children and their now elderly nanny and was greatly disliked by virtually everyone who came into contact with her. Other visiting the site include Dr. Sarah King, Jefferson Cope, Lord Boynton's son Leonard, Dame Celia Westholme and Dr. Gerard. From all accounts, the dead woman was nothing short of cruel to her children and others put in her care. This proves to be the motivation underlying her murder.

SERIES 12 DISC 1



Episode 12-1 Three Act Tragedy (1:29) Episode aired 19 June 2011

Poirot investigates a series of murders, the first of which had all of the earmarks of a natural death. At a small dinner party at the home of a famous actor Sir Charles Cartwright, the local minister, Rev. Babbington drops dead after taking a sip of his pre-dinner cocktail. There is no evidence of poison either in the body or the glass and the coroner rules the death to be from natural causes. One month later at the home of Sir Bartholomew Strange, he too succumbs at a dinner with many of the same guests as had been present the previous month at Sir Charles' home. This time, Poirot is certain it's murder and an exhumation and examination of Babbington's remains reveal that he too was in fact poisoned. The key to

solving the crimes is to identify Ellis, the mysterious butler at Strange's dinner who seems to have vanished.

Episode 12-2 Hallowe'en Party (1:29) Episode aired 3 July 2011

Ariadne Oliver asks her good friend Hercule Poirot to travel down to Woodleigh Common after a young girl, Joyce Reynolds, is killed during a Halloween party. She was found in the tub used for bobbing apples and most tellingly, had only a bit earlier informed the group that she had seen a murder committed in that house. On the train, Poirot meets Michael Garfield, a gardener, who is returning to Woodleigh Green after a lengthy absence. He suggests to Poirot that a good source for village gossip would be the elderly Mrs. Goodbody. When he meets the old woman she suggests that there are three deaths that could have been murder. Poirot also learns of an attempt to forge a codicil to a will that would have made a young au pair the sole beneficiary of a local fortune. As he weighs and sifts through all of the clues, another child is killed.

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Episode 12-3 Murder on the Orient Express (1:29) Episode aired 11 July 2011

Returning to London from Istanbul, Hercule Poirot finds that the Orient Express is fully booked, despite the low travel season. Thanks to Mess. Bouc, a Director of the line, he is found accommodation among the many and varied passengers. Soon after coming on board, he's approached by a rude American. Mr. Ratchett, to work for him but Poirot dismisses him out of hand. When Ratchett is found dead the next morning from multiple stab wounds, Bouc insists that Poirot solve the crime before the police arrive. He soon identifies the dead man as the infamous kidnapper Cassetti who was responsible for the death of little Daisy Armstrong but managed to evade conviction. As Poirot pieces together the clues in the case, it becomes apparent that several passengers on the train have a connection to the Armstrong case and a reason to want him dead.

Episode 12-4 The Clocks (1:29) Episode aired 26 June 2011

During the interval at a play written by his friend Ariadne Oliver, Hercule Poirot is asked by an old friend, Colin Race, to look into the death of a man, R.H. Curry, whose body was discovered by Sheila Webb. Sheila works for a secretarial services and she had gone to a Miss Pebmarsh as per instructions. She arrived and found him dead behind the sofa. It turns out that the blind Miss Pebmarsh did not order a secretary and nor does she own the many clocks that are found in the room, all set for 13 minutes past four. Race, who is working as a security officer, believes the incident is related to a case of espionage they had been investigating. While Poirot's own investigation leads to the discovery of the spy ring, Curry's murder - and those that follow - lead him down an altogether different path.

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Episode 13-1 Elephants Can Remember (1:29) Episode aired 11 August 2014

Poirot investigates the death of a friend's father, a semi-retired psychiatrist who is found bound and floating in a hydrotherapy bathtub in the psychiatric institute he founded. The room in which he was found hadn't been used for years. His son, Dr. Willoughby, is also a psychiatrist and has run the institute for several years. With Poirot preoccupied with his case, he has little free time to help his friend Ariadne Oliver who has been asked to look into the deaths of her goddaughter Celia Ravenscroft's parents 13 years ago. The request comes from Mrs. Burton-Cox whose son it seems may marry Celia. The Ravenscrofts had been found lying dead on a cliff side and there was no evidence of their being killed by a third party suggesting a murder-suicide. From all accounts the Ravenscrofts were happily married but Poirot suggests Ariadne should interview anyone who was around at the the of the deaths as inevitably someone will remember something of importance. She interviews Celia's old nanny and learns that Mrs Ravenscroft may have had mental health issues while living in India. The two cases intersect after Celia's childhood friend and fiancé, Desmond Burton-Cox, is attacked and tells Poirot that he was once treated at the Willoughby institute. It appears that Mrs. Ravenscroft's twin sister Dorothea was also treated there. The solution to both crimes lie in mistaken identity and events that occurred long ago.

Episode 13-2 The Big Four (1:29) Episode aired 27 July 2014

As clouds of war appear on the horizon in the late 1930s, Hercule Poirot is presented with a most peculiar case. At a party at his home, pacifist and leading light in the Peace Party Abe Ryland sits down to play a game of chess with the now elderly but renowned Russian grandmaster Ivan Savaranoff. The grandmaster unfortunately dies after playing a few moves and his death is attributed to a heart attack. Poirot is suspicious and with the help of his old friend Assistant Commissioner Japp investigates. Soon two eminent members of the Peace Party go missing and and a young journalist attributes the crimes to the Big Four, a shadowy crime organization. Poirot soon sees through it all finding that the crimes had their origins in events that occurred long ago.

SERIES 13 DISC 2

Episode 13-3 Dead Man's Folly (1:29) Episode aired 3 August 2014

Hercule Poirot races to Devonshire when his old friend and amateur sleuth Ariadne Oliver sends him a telegram saying she is in danger. He arrives to find her perfectly well and in the process of preparing a murder game to be held on the day of the village fête to be held on the grounds of Sir George Stubbs' manor house. Ariadne has convinced herself there is going to be a murder however in the next few days. Poirot's old friend is right because on the day of the fête 14 year-old Marlene Tucker, the "corpse" in the murder game is found dead in the boathouse. Soon after, Sir George's wife Hattie disappears. It's the death of an elderly local boatman however that sets Poirot on the path to solving the crime.

Episode 13-4 The Labors of Hercules (1:29) Episode aired 18 August 2014

Poirot is more than depressed after a police operation to nab the renowned thief Marrascaud go very bad. Not only does the thief get away with a valuable painting, the master thief gets hold of a valuable diamond necklace killing its owner in the process. Poirot heads to Switzerland to a remote hotel, high atop a mountain and accessible only by funicular. There he finds a mixed lot of fellow travelers including the Countess Rossakoff - whom Poirot knows and greatly admires - and her daughter Alice Cunningham. Others include a mother and daughter, a British MP under a dark cloud, and a Russian ballerina who is ill and under the care of her doctor. En route to the hotel, Poirot learns from the Swiss police the Marrascaud is at the hotel, but as he soon finds, almost everyone there is a suspect.

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Episode 13-5 Curtain: Poirot's Last Case (1:29) Episode aired 25 August 2014

Captain Hastings - accompanied by his adult daughter Judith - reunites with his old friend Hercules Poirot at the site of their very first case together, Styles Court. It's no longer a private house but a country guest house operated by Daisy and her husband Colonel Toby Lutrell. Poirot is not well however. He no longer has the use of his legs and is wheelchairbound. Poirot has asked his friend to join him because he is certain there is a killer among the residents and needs him to be his eyes and ears. As some of the guests begin to die there are, as always, several suspects. The killer proves to be a master manipulator who gets others to do the actual murders.

EXTRAS:

Being Poirot (1:02) As twenty five years of playing one of television's greatest icons come to an end David Suchet attempts to unravel the mysterious appeal of the great detective Hercule Poirot - and reveals what it has been like to play one of fiction's most enduring and enigmatic creations. In this entertaining and revealing documentary Suchet allows the camera crew to follow him as he prepares for the emotional final days' filming on set. Suchet returns to Agatha Christie's Summer home in Devon, where he first met the author's family after taking on the role a quarter of a century ago, and travels to Belgium as he attempts to find Poirot's roots and discover what the Belgians think of one of their most famous sons.

Super Sleuth: (0:47) Documentary about the series featuring the stars and crew.

David Suchet on the Orient Express: (0:47) A tour of the Orient Express and its history.

Interview with David Suchet and a photo gallery: (0:19)