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Previously published in the print anthology *Poirot's Early Cases*.

A successful jewelry collector discovers that several of his valuable pieces have been stolen. Hercule Poirot investigates, but his only clues are a man's glove and a cigarette case ...

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Gloria says

[Countess Rossakoff. She stole the jewels and her cigarette lighter had Russian letters, not English ones. She restored them to Poirot before leaving the country for a while.

She shows up in other stor

Mark McVay says

The version of this book I read had a number of Poirot short stories, not just 'The Double Clue'. They were short, snappy and classic early Christie.

Claire says

Four short Hercule Poirot stories all under one title and all for one shiny pound (or 99p if you buy the ebook)

Each story is different to the next, each showcasing Monsieur Poirot's little grey cells doing their finest detective work.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, I'm amazed how much can be crammed into a short story and The Double Clue is no exception.

This is an ideal introduction to Agatha Christie's writing as the book is exactly what it says on the front, a "Quick Read".

Brooklyn Tayla says

I enjoyed this one more this time around. Poirot and The Countess always strike me as the most ironic of love interests; I almost wish there was more of them. Almost. But not quite.

Sohini Banerjee says

I didn't find the exact edition on Goodreads, so thought I will go on with the best available.

The edition I read, is a collection of 4 short stories - The Market Basing Mystery, The Disappearance of Mr. Davenheim, The Double Clue and The Adventure of the Egyptian Tomb. In all honesty, I didn't really like

any of the stories. Maybe because it is a short story, but the mystery was just not up-to-the mark; clues were divulged completely for the sake of the story, and it was almost as if only Hercule Poirot's grey cells were functioning.

It's an easy read, something to be finished in a day; but being an ardent Agatha Christie reader, this was a rather disappointment.

Fredrik Reinsborg says

A more light-hearted, friendly little crime story with a sense of humor. Christie composes a rich story in a small number of pages. You can get through the story in 20-30 minutes. Therefore it is ideal for the daily commute or at a waiting room.

Susan says

First published in 1923, this is an early Poirot story, featuring Hastings as narrator. Mr Hardman is a famous collector, who has some gems stolen during a tea party. He is anxious to have no publicity – just to have his jewels returned. His reason for not wishing the police involved is the scandal involving personal friends, who include a South African millionaire, a Russian Countess, Lady Runcorn and a young man who helps him arrange the purchase of expensive items for his hobby. Two clues are found at the scene and the outcome seems obvious, but, of course, Poirot is never fooled by false leads... This is an interesting short story and sees Poirot at the height of his powers; sharp, intelligent and always impressed by an adversary who shows nerve and intelligence. I love these short stories, which are just ideal to read on the daily commute or on a coffee break.

Anne Hvilsom says

Fun and quick little Poirot puzzles which is fun to guess along with.

Adriana Buvalova says

"A remarkable woman, I have a feeling, my friend - a very decided feeling - I shall meet her again. Where, I wonder?" FORESHADOWING!!!

Jovana Vesper says

Very cool but very short case with a russian lady character that fascinates Monsieur Poaro, and that is saying something!

Jan says

Good short story
