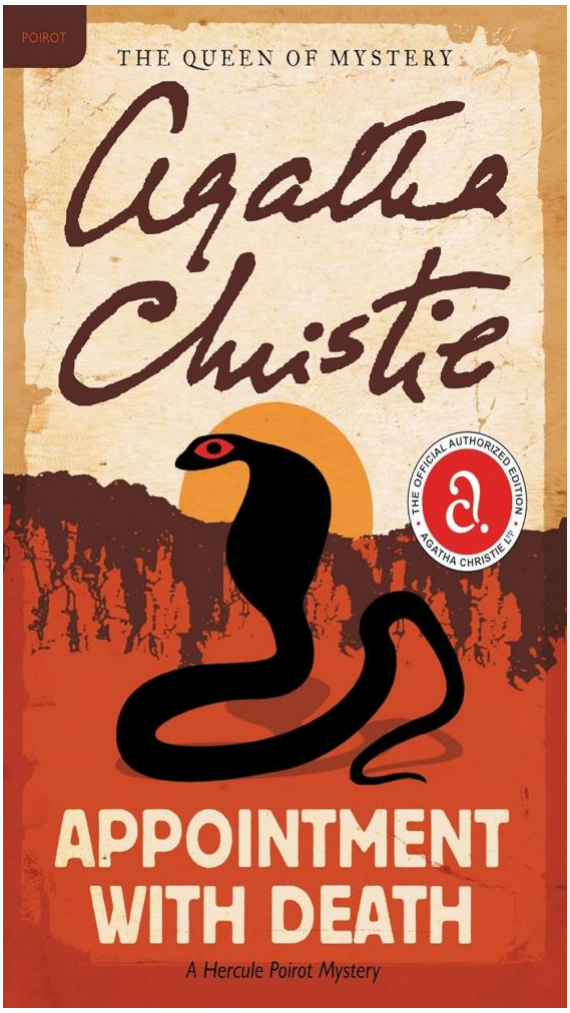

Appointment With Death
Agatha Christie
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An authoritarian matriarch, vacationing in the Middle East with her family, dies of heart failure. What initially seems to be the result of ill health turns out to have potentially more sinister implications with the discovery of the brief disappearance of a doctor's syringe and syringe marks on the dead woman's body. Skilled detective Hercule Poirot must attempt to solve the mystery of this death and find the person responsible.

I found Appointment with Death to be a fairly standard, well-written murder mystery. The characters in the book are fairly interesting, and the ones that are meant to be likable are generally likable. The detective work is quite engaging, and suspicion darts from one person to another. Christie's prose is very readable, one of her great strengths as a writer.

One complaint I do have about the book is that there are a bit too many red herrings in the solution, but these do help create the air of surprise in the denouement. Additionally, the setting of the book internationally has little effect on the structure of the story, making it possibly seem like a bit of a waste

Overall, Appointment With Death is a solid mystery novel that I would recommend for readers 13 and up who enjoy the mystery genre. It is an enjoyable novel with a strong setting and premise. The puzzle of the mystery will rivet the enjoyers of mysteries, especially with the charismatic Poirot as detective.

Recommended Titles:

The Murder Of Roger Ackroyd, By Agatha Christie

Murder in Mesopotamia, By Agatha Christie

The Hound of the Baskervilles. By Arthur Conan Doyle