

## Discussion Questions for *Hallowe'en Party* by Agatha Christie

1. Did you like the book? If so, why? If not, why not?
2. How many of you have read Agatha Christie before? If you haven't, was the book what you expected from the Queen of Crime?
3. Did you like the characters? Did you find them believable? What do you think of Hercule Poirot?
4. Did you find the dialog in the story realistic?
5. What did you think of the plot line development? How credible did the author make the plot? Did the plot take turns you did not expect, or did you find it predictable? Did you find it believable?
6. Did you feel that the author parceled out the details of the plot in a suspenseful way, or did you feel confused about what was going on?
7. Some of the language is quite dated. For example, only a few paragraphs in we read a description of the women getting ready for the party:

They consisted for the most part of mothers, one or two competent spinsters; there were useful teenagers, boys of sixteen and seventeen climbing up ladders or standing on chairs to put decorations, pumpkins or vegetable marrows or brightly coloured witchballs at suitable elevation.

Did you find any wince-worthy passages?

8. Were there parts you especially enjoyed?
9. Any comments about the way the book ended?
10. What is the most important aspect of genre fiction for you – characterization, action, dialogue, setting, or something else? How does this book rate in each of these areas for you?
11. What did you like or dislike about the book that hasn't been discussed already? Were you glad you read this book? Would you recommend it to a friend? Do you want to read more work by this author?
12. If you could talk to the author, is there a question you would ask her?
13. Are there any questions you would like to ask?