## **Further Reading**

#### The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo (Jun 2017) by Reid, Taylor Jenkins

When an aging and reclusive Hollywood icon selects an unknown magazine reporter to write her life story, the baffled journalist forges deep ties with the actress during a complicated interview process that exposes their tragic common history.

#### Violeta (Jan 2022) by Allende, Isabel

Living out her days in a remote part of her South American homeland, Violeta finds her life shaped by some of the most important events of history as she tells her story in the form of a letter to someone she loves above all others.

#### The Magnolia Palace (Jan 2022) by Davis, Fiona

When mod English model Veronica Weber, while at the Frick museum, chances upon a series of hidden messages, she is led on a hunt that could not only solve her financial woes but could finally reveal the truth behind a decades-old murder in the infamous Frick family.



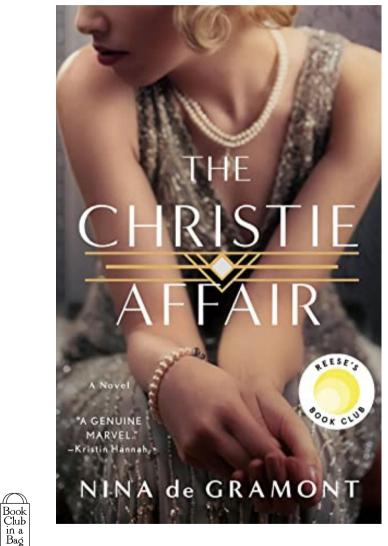
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# **BOOK DISCUSSION**





### **Discussion Questions**

 There's been many books and film versions about Agatha Christie's 11day disappearance. Why does it still hold such interest to the public? Where do you think she was during that time and what were the motivations behind her real-life disappearance?

2. While it features real-life people, The Christie Affair is not a true story. Why do you think the author Nina de Gramont decided to focus her novel on Archie's mistress (called Nan in the novel) and also completely change her backstory?

3. Did you find Nan sympathetic as the novel went on? Or did you believe her actions were self-serving?

4. In what ways was she an unreliable narrator?

5. The novel details the horrific conditions and treatment at the Magdalene Laundries in Ireland. Did you know much about this prior to reading the novel?

6. We eventually learn Nan's true motivations—it was never about Archie and Agatha but about their daughter, Teddy. Nan believes that Teddy is her daughter who was stolen from her. Do you believe Teddy was her daughter? Why or why not?

7. In the scene with Nan, Agatha, Finbarr and Chilton, Agatha seems to infer that Teddy is possibly Nan's daughter. Did she really believe that or was this an excuse for Agatha to finally break away from Archie?

8. Should Nan have gone back with Finbarr instead of returning to Archie?

9. There's also a murder mystery in this novel. When did you realize Marston's true identity and also Nan's hand in their murder? Or were you surprised by this reveal?

10. In the fictional version, why did Agatha decide not to reveal what actually happened during her disappearance? What was behind her understanding with Nan?

11. Agatha experiences an unexpected romance with the detective hired to find her—Chilton. What were your thoughts on this romance? What happens next for the two of them?

12. Do you read Agatha Christie novels? Which one is your favorite?

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