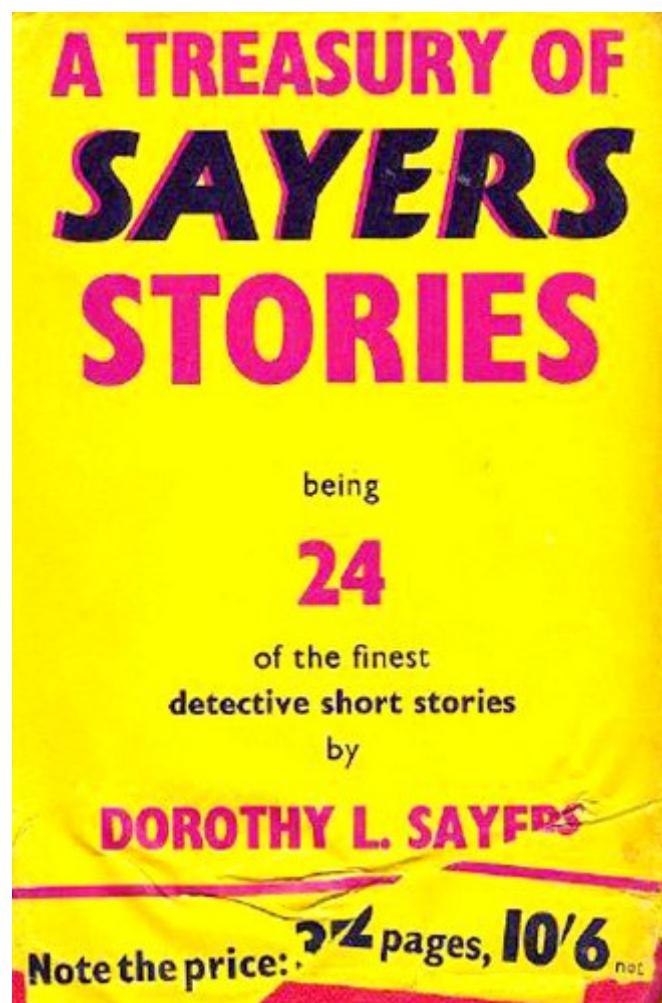


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Of course if you enjoy Dorothy Sayers' fiction, you'll enjoy this collection. A note about the contents:

This collection includes stories published in the books *Hangman's Holiday* and *Lord Peter Views the Body*. It does not include the stories published in *Striding Folly* or *In the Teeth of the Evidence*.

The book contains 24 short stories, mostly Lord Peter Wimsey, but six Montague Egg stories as well. The stories are clever and well thought out, though one story where Lord Peter goes undercover for two years seems a bit far-fetched. Montague Egg is a travelling salesman in wines and spirits (high class of course) and quite far from the more familiar Lord Peter. Of necessity, his mysteries are usually things he comes across while "travelling" and tend to be short and to the point. If you enjoy 30s-era British mysteries this book is a great bargain - over 600 pages for \$2.99.

My first Lord Peter book was read in 1946 when I was 13. Now these stories are a little dated and might seem a little silly to young people not used to the wonderful old English Manor House style of writing. But I find, that even after nearly 70 years, I still enjoy them thoroughly, as I did every other time I have reread them. Miss Sayers vocabulary is spectacular. It is worth the read just to see if you can keep up with her. The mores involved are unusual but splendid. This book is a great introduction to one of the greatest mystery writers of the 20th century.

There are some very good mysteries here, however, truth be told, some you can tell, were obvious first works. Which is okay with me, they were still very interesting. You cannot beat the price for this book. I am happy with my purchase.

Really enjoyed the short stories and very pleased to have them in Kindle form. The only problem was the page numbers inserted in the text that interrupted the flow of the reading.

This collection of Sayers' stories is like revisiting an old friend after too much time away...very enjoyable to re-read the stories that I first encountered 40 years ago. My only disappointment was that the Talboys story was not included. Also, it is vaguely irritating to have page numbers appear amidst the text, but otherwise, it has been a true pleasure to read this book.

As a diehard mystery fan, it's always been a secret source of shame for me that I've never loved Dorothy Sayers' full-length novels as ardently as I felt I should. Objectively, I can readily see that they're intelligent, carefully plotted and nicely written. Subjectively, they've tended to be insufferably dull for me, leaden with repetitive exposition and trudging along at a tortoise-like pace. I'll readily

admit this may say more about my attention span than the quality of her work :) In any case, it was with guarded expectations that I downloaded this book, but I'm exceptionally glad that I did. Short stories suit this author wonderfully well, in my opinion---we get her nicely crafted prose, subtly thought-provoking themes and "that's so true" insight, but the format forces her to write with far more focus and purpose and to move along at a brisker and, for me, far more engaging pace. I'm confident that established Sayers fans will enjoy and appreciate these stories, but even if you're as ambivalent about Sayers' full-length novels as I am, I highly recommend giving these a chance!

If you like her stories, this is a great collection of them. Very inexpensive and the book is well done. Try the free sample first if you are not familiar with her.

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