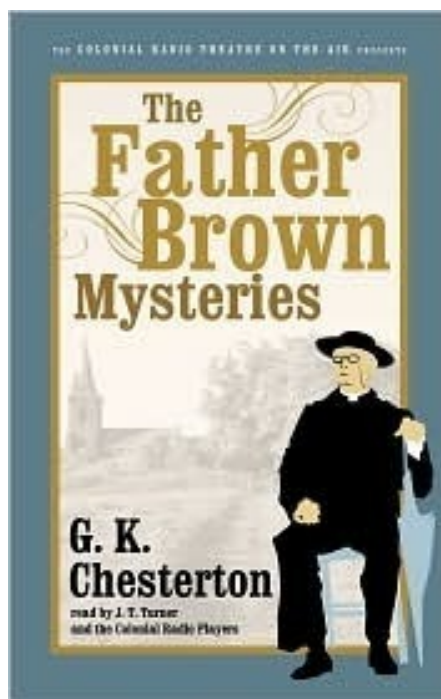




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Detective fans of all races and creeds will delight in the exploits of this wise and whimsical little Norfolk priest.

The Father Brown Mysteries Details

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Hazel Roberts says

I listen while walking my aging westie - he is 12 years old
One story per walk the actor playing Father Brown sounds a bit like Graham Norton!!!

Trisha Georgiou says

G.K.Chesterton is one of my literary heros. It was fantastic.

Francesca says

Love Father Brown -- classic page turning mysteries in the style of Sherlock with the quirky Catholic priest, formerly of Saint Mungo's.

Beth Turner says

Liked the show and thought I would try to books. They books are awful and just sooo sooo dull.

Emmy says

I greatly enjoyed this radio production of the Father Brown mysteries. Admittedly, some of the voices got a bit obnoxious, but generally, the characters were diverse and creative and it felt as though they just jumped right out of my CD player. It's productions like this that make me want to listen to more audiobooks. Bravo!

Linda Appelbaum says

I love the Father Brown series on PBS and while I enjoyed reading this, I think I prefer the PBS series probably because sometimes the British English is so different from American English (how did that happen?). Most of the stories were not shows I have already seen so they were fresh and entertaining. The characters on the TV series seem more affable than those in the book. I love how Father Brown is so clever, sees what no one else seems to see and outwits the police time after time.

Jay Phillippi says

What is notable about the detecting clergyman is his insight into the human mind. Unlike Holmes or Nero Wolf, Father Brown doesn't use his great intellect to figure the mysteries out. Instead, he brings a deep

understanding of the brokenness of the human spirit to bear on each case. The other thing that is unusual about the detective is his travels. He turns up as the local priest in the most amazing places! Wherever he goes, man's evil toward other men awaits him.

If you're a fan of Andrew Greeley's Bishop Blackie books, this is the spiritual and detecting ancestor of those stories.

Robyn says

Nothing like 24 short mysteries for \$0.99. Picked this up 2 years ago and forgot I had it.

Only ok. They weren't mysteries in the sense I think of that genre, just short stories really. The casual racism of the time is very hard to stomach, few of the characters felt fully drawn, and mostly Father Brown sees things the reader doesn't or knows things the reader doesn't, so after 2-3 pages of set-up before the reader is really pulled in, he explains things.

Raymond Medrano says

A classic

The stories were often intriguing and had surprise endings. However, some were hard to follow. This book contains classics and I am glad I was able to read them .

Carol says

Father Brown by G. K. Chesterton, is about a short shabbily dressed Roman Catholic priest who takes on bandits, traitors, and killers. The reason for his success is simple. After years spent in the priesthood, he knows human nature and is not afraid of its dark side. He understands the criminal mind and the motivation behind it. Dramatized for audio by M.J. Elliott from stories by Chesterton. This audio book brings to life eight of these classic stories with a full cast, music, and sound effects by the Colonial Radio Theatre on the Air. Included in this volume are "The Blue Cross," "The Secret Garden," "The Queer Feet," "The Arrow of Heaven," "The Three Tools of Death," "The Flying Stars," "The Point of a Pin," and "The Invisible Man."

I greatly enjoyed this radio production of the Father Brown mysteries. I very much enjoyed the full voice cast. It's productions like this that make me want to listen to more audiobooks.

I've checked out the Father Brown mysteries that had been played on PBS/BBC. The episodes were good there too. In our Goodreads group I've seen that a lot of "us" like radio programs, and this was a radio broadcast with a full voice cast as well. They have wonderful sound effects which really make it seem live. In volume #1, there were eight episodes which I have enjoyed so much. Highly recommend.

David Campton says

Took me almost exactly 2 years to finish this, largely because I was only reading one story at a time - any more may have left me with literary indigestion, partly because of Chesterton's heavily embroidered writing style, and the moralistic overtones of most of the stories. A good collection however, especially on a kindle, where you can read a story at a time in all sorts of places without having to go looking for a bulky anthology. Echo the reservations of others re the casual racism and other non-pc language in some of the stories, but Chesterton was a man of his time.

Fergus says

Truly wonderful!

Meet the unlikeliest sleuth you'll ever see, a 'very short Roman Catholic priest (who) had a face as round and dull as a Norfolk dumpling (and) eyes as empty as the North Sea!'

His only practical concern in life is the ongoing War between Good and Evil.

He appears to be a nincompoop.

All he has is Faith.

And G.K. Chesterton's energetic prose runs completely counter to the little priest's world - the world of an irreducible dichotomy - Innocence and Experience.

Chesterton's prose is intentionally jumpy and jerky - just like our world. It impels you forward breathlessly, to the Next Important Thing, as if somehow getting to the end of the story is all that matters.

But dear Father Brown, on the other hand, has a nature of the utmost simplicity.

The world bumps into him or speeds by him like a bullet, but he takes no notice.

NOTHING disturbs his placid innocence, his naïve and utter peace.

Do you SEE how Chesterton's ironic craft achieves its goal?

THIS is the one essential duality of the world. The one truth that the world always tries to hide from you...

The Absolute Separation of Good and Bad.

Do you know, though, Chesterton would have been appalled at our sophisticated TV adaptation of his stories!

That poppycock makes Father Brown into another one of us crafty, canny human beings - which of course, he isn't.

He's ONLY a Saint.

Nothing else.

So go back to Eden - a redeemed Eden where unassuming Innocence always overcomes the Serpent's guile.

Go back to the REAL Father Brown.

SA_Aslam_ says

Had to return this to the library because I moved. Only read two stories which, it turned out, I'd read before. Following A Man Called Thursday is a tall order so, based on the two stories I read, don't expect something in the same vein. Valentin's story ended slightly oddly, I thought! And rolling severed heads in the garden - really!

Megan Johnson says

Piqued my interest in Chesterton though! I appreciate him so much.

Hafsa Sabira says

Abstract:

This is a collection of some of Father Brown's mysteries which he has solved/deducted based entirely on human psychological traits.

Verdict:

I loved the collection. I was not familiar with the writer or the protagonist of this book, I just happened to find a Bangla translation and thought to myself, "Why not?". Then I realized what a gem I had been missing. Father Brown is an excellent character and you can not place him anywhere near our typical detectives, mostly because he is not a detective. Yet he seems to know everything and solves even the unsolvable mysteries just by breaking down the suspect's way of thinking. His logics are simple but intellectual. How does he do it? Well, according to Father Brown, crooks always confess their crimes to the priests and thus priests know their way around crimes. Interesting theory.

Another thing I noticed in Father Brown's stories is that some characters are repeated in a few stories, thus creating a sense of familiarity among the readers.

Overall, it's a quite good collection, specially for mystery lovers who are likely to find some classic murder mysteries in here.
