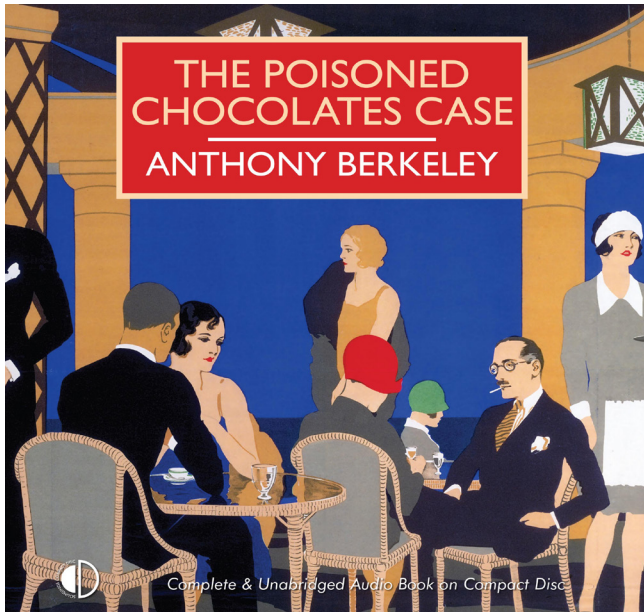




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The Poisoned Chocolates Case

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The Poisoned Chocolates Case is a Golden Age mystery from the founder of the Detection Club which features six amateur but intrepid detectives.

IN DETAIL

Graham and Joan Bendix have apparently succeeded in making that eighth wonder of the modern world, a happy marriage. And into the middle of it there drops, like a clap of thunder, a box of chocolates. Joan Bendix is killed by a poisoned box of liqueur chocolates that cannot have been intended for her to eat. The police investigation rapidly reaches a dead end. Chief Inspector Moresby calls on Roger Sheringham and his Crimes Circle - six amateur but intrepid detectives - to consider the case. The evidence is laid before the Circle and the members take it in turn to offer a solution. Each is more convincing than the last, slowly filling in the pieces of the puzzle, until the dazzling conclusion.



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QUICK QUESTIONS

Did you enjoy *The Poisoned Chocolates Case*?

Did you enjoy that this mystery had a number of 'detectives' involved? Did you have a favourite solution?

The Poisoned Chocolates Case was published in the 1920s, which is widely regarded as the 'Golden Age' of detective fiction. How did this compare with other 'Golden Age' titles you've read?

Did you enjoy Gordon Griffin's narration of *The Poisoned Chocolates Case*? Did it help the story?

Would you recommend *The Poisoned Chocolates Case*?



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