

The Lord Peter Wimsey Novels by Dorothy L. Sayers (Dorothy Leigh Sayers)

TITLE	DATE PUBLISHED
<i>Whose Body</i>	1923
<i>Clouds of Witness</i>	1926
<i>Unnatural Death</i>	1927
<i>The Unpleasantness at the Bellona Club</i>	1928
<i>Strong Poison</i>	1931
<i>The Five Red Herrings</i>	1931
<i>Have His Carcase</i>	1932
<i>Murder Must Advertise</i>	1933
<i>The Nine Tailors</i>	1934
<i>Gaudy Night</i>	1935
<i>Busman's Honeymoon</i>	1937

The Lord Peter Wimsey short story collections

TITLE	DATE PUBLISHED
<i>Lord Peter Views the Body</i>	1928
<i>Hangman's Holiday</i>	1933
<i>Striding Folly</i>	1972*
<i>Lord Peter</i>	1972*
<i>The Wimsey Papers (In The Spectator)</i>	1939 - 1940

Continuations by Jill Paton Walsh

TITLE	DATE PUBLISHED
<i>Thrones, Dominations</i> (based on an unfinished manuscript)	1998
<i>A Presumption of Death</i>	2002
<i>The Attenbury Emeralds</i>	2010
<i>The Late Scholar</i>	2013

Dorothy Leigh Sayers

Biography

DATE	Details
13th June 1893	Born at the head Master' House, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford where her father was chaplain and headmaster of the choir school. Her father taught her Latin from the age of six. Later moved to Huntingdonshire where her father was given the parish of Bluntisham-cum-Earth. The names of several characters in <i>The Nine Tailors</i> are to be found in the graveyard.
1909	Educated at the Godolphin School, Salisbury.
1912	Won a scholarship to Somerville College, Oxford where she studied modern languages and medieval literature.
1915	Finished with first-class honours. One of the first to receive a degree when the ruling regarding degrees for women changed a few years later.
1920	Graduated as an MA. Somerville is used as the basis of her penultimate novel, <i>Gaudy Night</i> .
1923	Wrote her first Lord Peter Wimsey novel. His first words are "Oh, damn!"
1920s	She entered into an unhappy affair with a Russian émigré poet. John Cournos moved in literary circles. He disdained monogamy and detective fiction but later married a fellow crime writer (Sybil Norton - pseudonym). Her affair with him is later fictionalised in <i>Strong Poison</i> .
1924	Gave birth to an illegitimate son, John Anthony whose father was a Bill White. He was later given the surname Fleming. John was brought up by her aunt and cousin and was known as Dorothy's nephew. Only at her death was it revealed that John Anthony was her son and only heir.
1926	Sayers married Captain Oswald Atherton "Mac" Fleming. a Scottish journalist . Fleming was divorced with two children. They lived in a flat in Bloomsbury which Sayers maintained for the rest of her life.
1950	Fleming died at Sunnyside Cottage, Witham.
1957	Sayers also died at Witham from a coronary thrombosis aged 64. Fleming was buried in Ipswich whilst Sayers was cremated and her ashes buried beneath the tower of St. Anne's Church, Soho, London where she had been a churchwarden for many years.