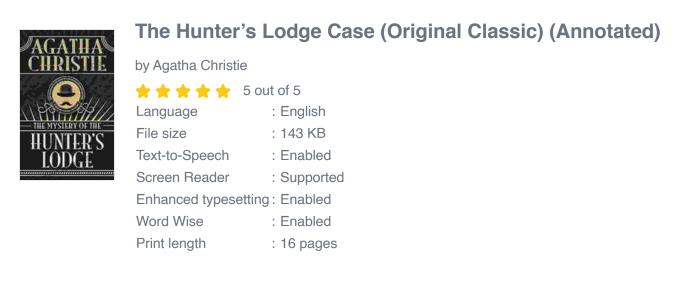
# The Hunter Lodge Case: An Original Classic Annotated

The Hunter Lodge Case is a classic mystery novel by S.S. Van Dine, first published in 1923. The novel follows the investigation of Philo Vance, a brilliant detective who is called in to solve a murder at Hunter Lodge, a remote hunting lodge in the Adirondack Mountains.



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The novel is a classic example of the "Golden Age of Detective Fiction" and features many of the hallmarks of the genre, including a complex plot, a cast of eccentric characters, and a clever detective who uses his wits to solve the crime.

This annotated edition of The Hunter Lodge Case includes extensive notes and commentary by noted mystery critic Otto Penzler. The notes provide background information on the novel, its author, and the genre of detective fiction. The commentary offers insights into the novel's plot, characters, and themes.

This annotated edition of The Hunter Lodge Case is the perfect way to experience this classic mystery novel. The extensive notes and commentary provide a deeper understanding of the novel and its context, making it a valuable resource for both casual readers and scholars of detective fiction.

## The Plot

The Hunter Lodge Case begins with the discovery of a body in the library of Hunter Lodge. The victim is identified as John Marlowe, a wealthy businessman and the owner of Hunter Lodge. Marlowe has been shot in the head, and his body bears the marks of torture.

Philo Vance is called in to investigate the murder. He quickly determines that Marlowe was killed by someone who knew him well. Vance interviews the other guests at Hunter Lodge, including Marlowe's wife, his business partner, and his mistress. He also examines the crime scene and the surrounding area.

As Vance investigates, he uncovers a complex web of relationships and motives. He learns that Marlowe was involved in a number of shady business dealings. He also learns that Marlowe's wife was having an affair with his business partner. And he discovers that Marlowe's mistress was blackmailing him.

Vance uses his keen intellect and his knowledge of human nature to unravel the mystery. He eventually identifies the killer and brings him to justice.

#### The Characters

The Hunter Lodge Case features a cast of eccentric and unforgettable characters. Philo Vance is a brilliant detective who is known for his sharp wit and his ability to see through deception. He is assisted by Sergeant Heath, a loyal and hardworking police officer. The other guests at Hunter Lodge include:

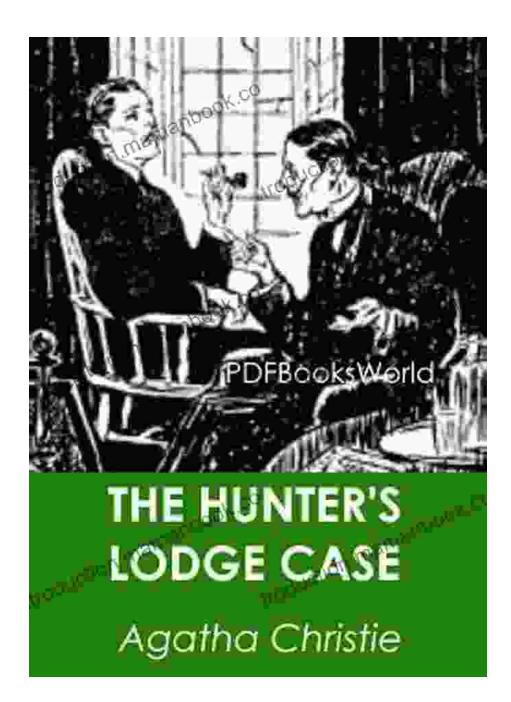
- Helen Marlowe, John Marlowe's wife
- Richard Kane, John Marlowe's business partner
- Gwendolyn Bainbridge, John Marlowe's mistress
- Dr. Dermot Craddock, a physician who is also a guest at Hunter Lodge
- Miss Jane Penfield, a wealthy spinster
- Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ames, a couple who are friends of John Marlowe

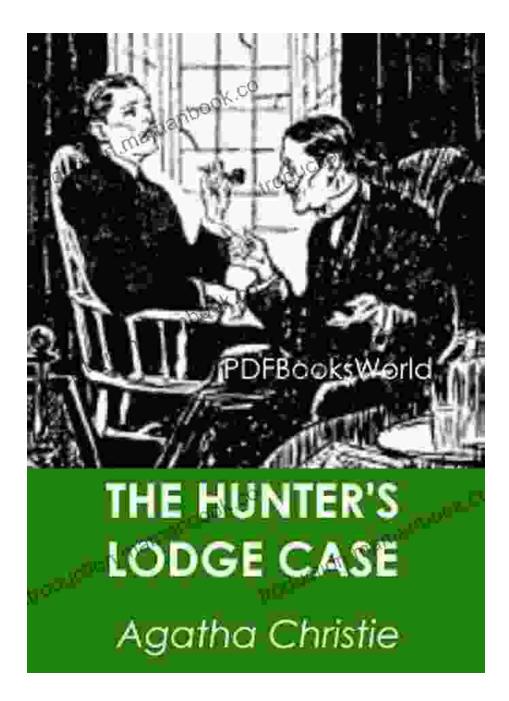
Each of these characters has their own secrets and motives. Vance must carefully interview each of them and weigh their testimony in order to determine the truth.

#### The Themes

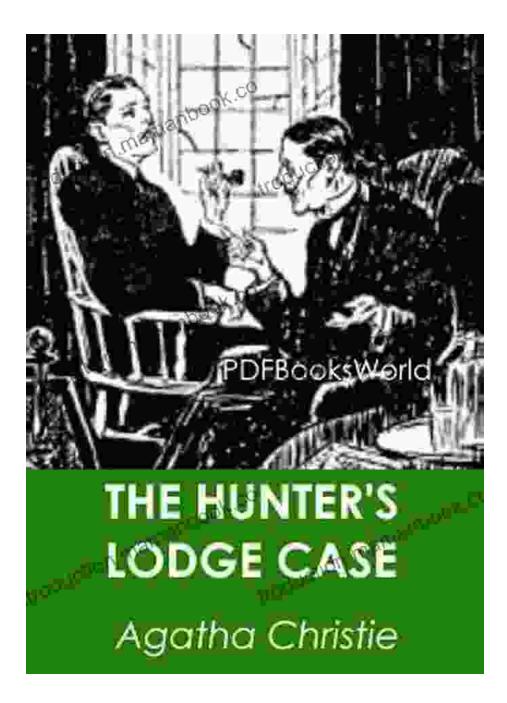
The Hunter Lodge Case explores a number of themes, including the nature of evil, the destructive power of greed, and the importance of justice. Vance's investigation reveals the dark side of human nature. He uncovers a world of greed, betrayal, and violence. But he also shows that justice can prevail, even in the darkest of times. The Hunter Lodge Case is a classic mystery novel that has stood the test of time. It is a well-plotted and suspenseful story with a cast of unforgettable characters. This annotated edition provides a deeper understanding of the novel and its context, making it a valuable resource for both casual readers and scholars of detective fiction.

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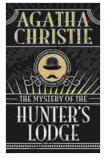
Philo Vance, the brilliant detective



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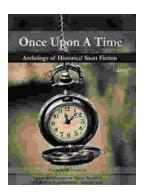
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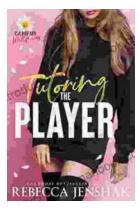
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