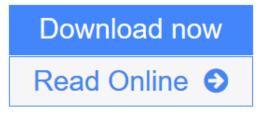


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The book opens with a man contemplating his upcoming marriage. The ceremony is in 4 hours at the bride's home. The groom, a prominent NY doctor, feels his fiance is an excellent match for him. His only hesitation is her odd recent behavior. She refused to see him for the last week! There was no explanation given for this. No one told him that she was ill. Don't most brides want to spend time with their fiances? His reverie is cut short by a knock at the door. There is a man with important business that can't wait until after the wedding...

Published in 1888, Anna gives her readers a well written character study with a mystery. She explains in depth the heart and souls of all her characters - even Detective Gryce. In the earlier books of the series, the detective doesn't appear until the last part of the book. In "Behind Closed Doors", we really learn how this detective thinks. Mr. Gryce's knowledge of body language seems so modern to me. He has quickly become one of my favorite detectives - along with Sherlock Holmes, Father Brown, Miss Marple and Columbo.

I am careful in my reviews to not divulge more than the beginning of the story, so I can't understand why there is an excerpt on Good Reads from late in the book. Please avoid reading the excerpt above as it may diminish your enjoyment. Happy reading!

#### Myrna says

I really enjoy all of Anna Katharine Green's books that I have read. This one was obviously scanned into Google Books ... has many errors but still worth the read. Had to read it on my phone as it was not available for Kindle.