

Who's your favorite private detective?



Tell me about a great book to read

The All-Time Greats

Philip Marlowe

Author: Raymond Chandler
Type: hard-boiled, Los Angeles

Nick Charles/ Nora Charles

Author: Dashiell Hammett
Type: soft-boiled

The Continental Op

Author: Dashiell Hammett
Type: hard-boiled

Sam Spade

Author: Dashiell Hammett
Type: hard-boiled

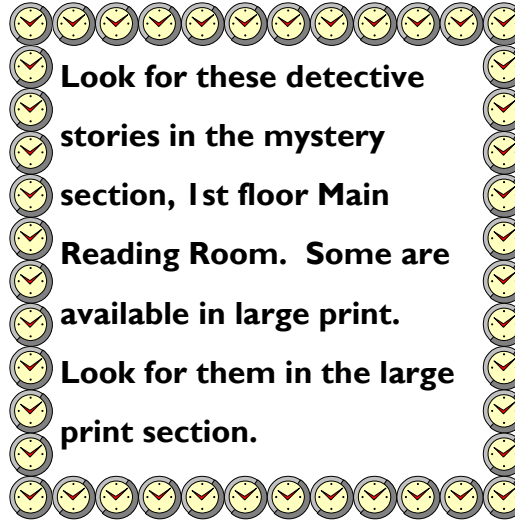
About the terminology used in this booklist . . .

Those mystery series described as "soft-boiled" have less blood and mayhem, explicit sex, and profanity than "hard-boiled."

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The Golden Age of Mystery

Dan Fortune

Author: Michael Collins
Type: hard-boiled, physical disability

Bertha Cool/ Donald Lam

Author: A.A. Fair
Type: soft-boiled, Los Angeles

Mike Shayne

Author: Brett Halliday
Type: hard-boiled, Miami

Bill Crane

Author: Jonathan Latimer
Type: soft-boiled, humor

Lew Archer

Author: Ross Macdonald
Type: hard-boiled

Mike Hammer

Author: Mickey Spillane
Type: hard-boiled, New York

Maud Silver

Author: Patricia Wentworth
Type: soft-boiled, eccentric, similar to Miss Marple, England

Nero Wolfe/ Archie Goodwin

Author: Rex Stout
Type: soft-boiled, eccentric, New York

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Contemporary Authors

Carlotta Carlyle

Author: Linda Barnes
Type: Boston

Wil Hardesty

Author: Richard Barre
Type: hard-boiled, California, Vietnam Veteran

Nate Heller

Author: Max Allan Collins
Type: hard-boiled, historical

Elvis Cole

Author: Robert Crais
Type: hard-boiled, romance, Los Angeles

Milo Milodragovitch/ C.W. Sughrue

Author: James Crumley
Type: hard-boiled, the West

Marcus Didius Falco

Author: Lindsey Davis
Type: soft-boiled, historical, ancient Rome, humor

Amos Walker

Author: Loren D. Estleman
Type: hard-boiled, Detroit

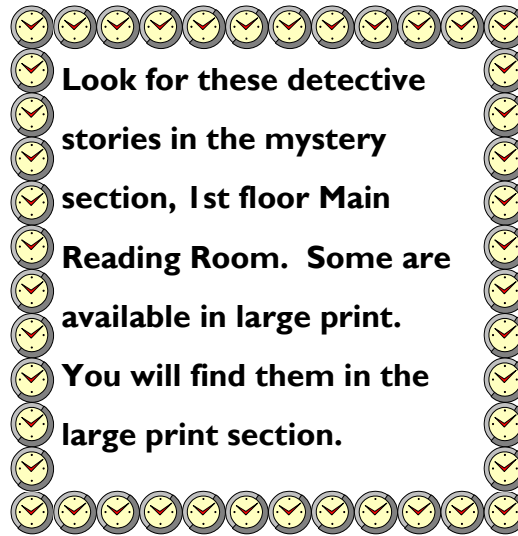
Kinsey Millhone

Author: Sue Grafton
Type: California

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John Francis Cuddy

Author: Jeremiah Healy
Type: hard-boiled, Boston

Cordelia Gray

Author: P.D. James
Type: London

Bernard Gunther

Author: Philip Kerr
Type: hard-boiled, historical, Nazi Germany

Thomas Hickey

Author: Ken Kuhlken
Type: hard-boiled, historical, San Diego

Patrick Kenzie/ Angela Gennaro

Author: Dennis Lehane
Type: hard-boiled, Boston

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Contemporary Authors

Sharon McCone

Author: Marcia Muller
Type: romance, social issues, San Francisco

V.I. Warshawski

Author: Sara Paretsky
Type: hard-boiled, social issues, Chicago

Spenser

Author: Robert B. Parker
Type: hard-boiled, Boston

Nameless

Author: Bill Pronzini
Type: hard-boiled, San Francisco

Lydia Chin, Bill Smith

Author: S.J. Rozan
Type: Asian-Americans, New York

Gordianus the Finder

Author: Steven Saylor
Type: historical, Ancient Rome

Neal Carey

Author: Don Winslow
Type: world travel, hard-boiled

Tess Monaghan

Author: Laura Lippman
Type: romance, Baltimore, Maryland