

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

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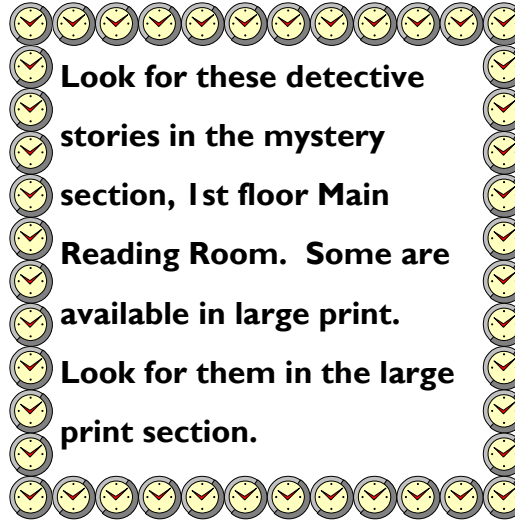
About the terminology used in this booklist . . .

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

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**Look for these detective**

**stories in the mystery**

**section, 1st floor Main**

**Reading Room. Some are**

**available in large print.**

**Look for them in the large**

**print section.**



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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

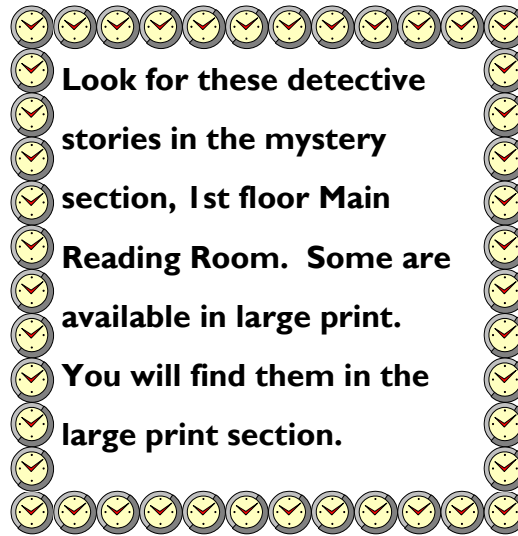
**Kinsey Millhone**

Author: Sue Grafton  
Type: California

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**Look for these detective stories in the mystery section, 1st floor Main Reading Room. Some are available in large print. You will find them in the large print section.**

**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