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popular entertaining reading this book covers mystery and suspense romance womenas fiction and chick lit westerns science fiction such nonfiction topics as animals art biography memoirs business true crime and more plus each entry includes a summary of the book its significance and a critique observation comment this highly accessible lively and informative study gives a clear and comprehensive overview of recent trends in american crime fiction building on a discussion of the immediate predecessors bertens and d haen focus on the work of popular and award winning authors of the last fifteen years particular attention is given to writers who have reworked established conventions and explored new directions especially women and those from ethnic minorities have you ever read a suspense novel so good you had to stop and think to yourself how did the author come up with this idea their characters is some of this story real for over five years mark rubinstein physician psychiatrist and mystery and thriller writer had the chance to ask the most well known authors in the field just these kinds of questions in interviews for the huffington post collected here are interviews with forty seven accomplished authors including michael connelly ken follett meg gardiner dennis lehane laura lippman and don winslow these are their personal stories in their own words much of the material never before published how do these writers life experiences color their art find out their thoughts their inspirations their candid opinions learn more about your favorite authors how they work and who they truly are a reference and overview of the genre of crime fiction primarily covering the 1950s onwards although major earlier writers such as agatha christie and raymond chandler also have entries want to become a crime novel buff or expand your reading in your favourite genre this is a good place to start from the publishers of the popular good reading guide comes a rich selection of the some 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as with the previous volumes this work contains lists of pseudonyms characters and their creators periods and locations of stories and covers 100 classic novels of the genre since its appearance nearly two centuries ago crime fiction has gripped readers imaginations around the world detectives have varied enormously from the nineteenth century policemen and a few women through stars like sherlock holmes and miss marple to newly self aware voices of the present feminist african american lesbian gay postcolonial and postmodern stephen knight s fascinating book is a comprehensive analytic survey of crime fiction from its origins in the nineteenth century to the present day knight explains how and why the various forms of the genre have evolved explores a range of authors and movements and argues that the genre as a whole has three parts the early development of detection the growing emphasis on death and the modern celebration of diversity the expanded second edition has been thoroughly 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diverse forms this critical study analyzes the character of the hard boiled detective from literary antecedents through the early 21st century it follows change in the novels through three main periods the early roughly 1927 1955 during which the character was defined by such writers as carroll john daly dashiell hammett and raymond chandler the transitional evident by 1964 in the works of john d macdonald and michael collins and continuing to around 1977 via joseph hansen bill pronzini and others and the modern since the late 1970s during which such writers as loren d estleman liza cody sara paretsky sue grafton and many others have expanded the genre and the detective character themes such as violence love and sexuality friendship space and place and work are examined throughout the text instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here the literary image of los angeles has evolved since the 1880s from promotional literature that hyped the region as a new eden to contemporary visions of the city as a perplexing sometimes corrupt even apocalyptic place that reflects all that is wrong with america in imagining los angeles the first literary history of the city in more than fifty years critic david fine traces the history and mood of the place through the work of writers as diverse as helen hunt jackson mary austin norman mailer raymond chandler joan didion carolyn see and many others his lively and engaging text focuses on the way these writers saw los angeles and used the image of the city as an element in their work and on how that image has changed as the city itself became ever larger more complex and more socially and ethnically diverse this is essential reading for anyone interested in the literature and changing image of southern california barry forshaw is acknowledged as a leading expert on crime fiction and films from britain and the european countries but a further area of expertise is american crime fiction film and tv as demonstrated in such books as the rough guide to crime fiction and detective after the success of earlier entries in his noir series nordic noir brit noir and euro noir he now tackles the largest and some might argue most impressive body of crime fiction from a single country the united states to produce the perfect reader s guide to modern american crime fiction the word noir is used in its loosest sense every major living american writer is considered including the giants harlan coben patricia cornwell james lee burke james ellroy and sara paretsky as well as non crime writers such as stephen king who stray into the genre often through a concentration on one or two key books many exciting new talents are highlighted and barry forshaw s knowledge of and personal acquaintance with many of the writers grants valuable insights into this massively popular field but the crime genre is as much about films and tv as it is about books and american noir is a celebration of the former as well as the latter us television crime drama in particular is enjoying a new golden age and all of the important current series are covered here as well as key important recent films the book canters through american crime fiction of the early 21st century conveys information in an easily accessible manner and provides a readable overview of the whole area one that can be dipped into at random consulted for specific information or read for general interest mystery people forshaw s deep knowledge of noir ensures this is a fascinating guide as well as a top notch reading list crime scene magazine look out for the other books in barry forshaw s noir series euro noir nordic noir brit noir and historical noir and for his latest book crime fiction a reader s guide provides information on the most influential english language writers of the crime and mystery genre each entry includes author biographies complete bibliographies lists of critical studies locations of manuscripts the writer s own comments on his or her work when available and an essay written by an expert of the genre elvis cole is caught up in a high profile murder case and between the cops and the lawyers it s going to be a rough ride on his own turf in l a pi elvis cole is embroiled in a controversial high profile murder case a wealthy restaurateur is accused of murdering his wife and his hot shot defence lawyer hires cole to find proof that the detective on the case angela rossi fooled around with the evidence yet as elvis investigates rossi for the defence team he begins to be more suspicious of the media loving lawyers than the cops and as the investigation continues cole is drawn deeper and deeper into the intrigue and dangers surrounding the case of the missing woman from the author of racing the light and hostage in a search for a young woman s past pi elvis cole discovers far more than he expected hired to uncover the past of jodi taylor

an actress in a hit tv show elvis leaves his native los angeles to head for louisiana in search of jodi s biological parents but before he can tackle the mystery of the actress s background he is up against a whole host of eccentrics including a crazed raid spraying housewife a cajun thug who looks like he s been made out of spare parts and a menacing hundred year old river turtle named luther as elvis learns about the enigmatic actress s origins he also discovers the real reason he s been sent to louisiana mystery and detective novels are popular fictional genres within western literature as such they provide a wealth of information about popular art and culture when the genre develops within various cultures it adopts and proceeds to dominate native expressions and imagery american mystery and detective novels appeared in the late nineteenth century this reference provides a selective guide to the important criticism of american mystery and detective novels and presents general features of the genre and its historical development over the past two centuries critical approaches covered in the volume include story as game images myth criticism formalism and structuralism psychonalysis marxism and more comparisons with related genres such as gothic suspense gangster and postmodern novels illustrate similarities and differences important to the understanding of the unique components of mystery and detective fiction the guide is divided into five major sections a brief history related genres criticism authors and reference this organization accounts for the literary history and types of novels stemming from the mystery and detective genre a chronology provides a helpful overview of the development and transformation of the genre another terrific stand alone novel blistering observer would you sacrifice another family to save your own jeff talley left his high stress job as a frontline negotiator with the lapd s swat unit when he failed to prevent a man from killing his family and then himself talley takes the chief of police job in a sleepy affluent suburb but he is soon plunged back into the high pressure world he left behind when three young men fleeing a robbery burst into a home and take the family hostage for talley the nightmare has barely begun because this isn t just any house it belongs to an accountant who launders money for lass renegade mafia family and they don t want the police involved the clock is ticking for carol starkey tenacious detective and bomb survivor john michael fowles has a natural talent he understands explosives he has a feel for them it is a talent which he fully expects will take him onto the fbi s ten most wanted list along the way he will match himself against the best the fbi s elite team of bomb technicians and one person in particular carol starkey detective in the lapd criminal conspiracy section starkey died for two minutes and forty seconds after being blown up by one of his bombs and fowles dearly wants her dead again as the fbi attempt to find the link behind a series of bomb explosions that have been designed to kill their technicians special agent ben williams stumbles on the bomber s secret his desire to kill starkey if williams can keep this from starkey he can set a trap and catch the bomber a trap that uses carol starkey as bait there s been a revolution in american popular fiction the writers who dominated the bestseller lists a generation ago with blockbuster novels about movie stars and exotic foreign lands have been replaced by a new generation writing a new kind of bestseller one that hooks readers with crime suspense and ever increasing violence patrick anderson the washington post s man on the thriller beat calls this revolution the triumph of the thriller and lists among its stars thomas harris michael connelly george pelecanos dennis lehane sue grafton and elmore leonard in his provocative caustic and often hilarious survey of today s popular fiction anderson shows us who the best thriller writers are and the worst he shows how michael connelly was inspired by raymond chandler how george pelecanos toiled in obscurity while he mastered his craft how sue grafton created the first great woman private eye and how thomas harris transformed an insane cannibal into the charming man of the world who made fbi agent clarice starling his lover anderson shows scott turow inventing the modern legal thriller and john grisham translating it into a stunning series of bestsellers he casts a cold eye on tom clancy s militaristic techno thrillers and praises alan furst and robert littell as world class spy novelists he examines the pioneering role of lawrence sanders the offbeat appeal of dean koontz the unprecedented success of the da vinci code and the emergence of the literary thriller most of all anderson demands that the best of these novelists be given their due not as genre writers but as some of the most talented men and women at work in american 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100 Most Popular Genre Fiction Authors 2015-01-24 barry forshaw is acknowledged as a leading expert on crime fiction and films from britain and the european countries but a further area of expertise is american crime fiction film and tv as demonstrated in such books as the rough guide to crime fiction and detective after the success of earlier entries in his noir series nordic noir brit noir and euro noir he now tackles the largest and some might argue most impressive body of crime fiction from a single country the united states to produce the perfect reader s guide to modern american crime fiction the word noir is used in its loosest sense every major living american writer is considered including the giants harlan coben patricia cornwell james lee burke james ellroy and sara paretsky as well as non crime writers such as stephen king who stray into the genre often through a concentration on one or two key books many exciting new talents are highlighted and barry forshaw s knowledge of and personal acquaintance with many of the writers grants valuable insights into this massively popular field but the crime genre is as much about films and tv as it is about books and american noir is a celebration of the former as well as the latter us television crime drama in particular is enjoying a new golden age and all of the important current series are covered here as well as key important

recent films the book canters through american crime fiction of the early 21st century conveys information in an easily accessible manner and provides a readable overview of the whole area one that can be dipped into at random consulted for specific information or read for general interest mystery people forshaw s deep knowledge of noir ensures this is a fascinating guide as well as a top notch reading list crime scene magazine look out for the other books in barry forshaw s noir series euro noir nordic noir brit noir and historical noir and for his latest book crime fiction a reader s guide *Cracking the Hard-Boiled Detective* 2016-06-01 provides information on the most influential english language writers of the crime and mystery genre each entry includes author biographies complete bibliographies lists of critical studies locations of manuscripts the writer s own comments on his or her work when available and an essay written by an expert of the genre

Imagining Los Angeles 2007 elvis cole is caught up in a high profile murder case and between the cops and the lawyers it s going to be a rough ride on his own turf in l a pi elvis cole is embroiled in a controversial high profile murder case a wealthy restaurateur is accused of murdering his wife and his hot shot defence lawyer hires cole to find proof that the detective on the case angela rossi fooled around with the evidence yet as elvis investigates rossi for the defence team he begins to be more suspicious of the media loving lawyers than the cops and as the investigation continues cole is drawn deeper and deeper into the intrigue and dangers surrounding the case of the missing woman Books Out Loud 2017-04-27 from the author of racing the light and hostage in a search for a young woman s past pi elvis cole discovers far more than he expected hired to uncover the past of jodi taylor an actress in a hit tv show elvis leaves his native los angeles to head for louisiana in search of jodi s biological parents but before he can tackle the mystery of the actress s background he is up against a whole host of eccentrics including a crazed raid spraying housewife a cajun thug who looks like he s been made out of spare parts and a menacing hundred year old river turtle named luther as elvis learns about the enigmatic actress s origins he also discovers the real reason he s been sent to louisiana

American Noir 1996 mystery and detective novels are popular fictional genres within western literature as such they provide a wealth of information about popular art and culture when the genre develops within various cultures it adopts and proceeds to dominate native expressions and imagery american mystery and detective novels appeared in the late nineteenth century this reference provides a selective guide to the important criticism of american mystery and detective novels and presents general features of the genre and its historical development over the past two centuries critical approaches covered in the volume include story as game images myth criticism formalism and structuralism psychonalysis marxism and more comparisons with related genres such as gothic suspense gangster and postmodern novels illustrate similarities and differences important to the understanding of the unique components of mystery and detective fiction the guide is divided into five major sections a brief history related genres criticism authors and reference this organization accounts for the literary history and types of novels stemming from the mystery and detective genre a chronology provides a helpful overview of the development and transformation of the genre St. James Guide to Crime & Mystery Writers 2010-12-16 another terrific stand alone novel blistering observer would you sacrifice another family to save your own jeff talley left his high stress job as a frontline negotiator with the lapd s swat unit when he failed to prevent a man from killing his family and then himself talley takes the chief of police job in a sleepy affluent suburb but he is soon plunged back into the high pressure world he left behind when three young men fleeing a robbery burst into a home and take the family hostage for talley the nightmare has barely begun because this isn t just any house it belongs to an accountant who launders money for la s renegade mafia family and they don t want the police involved

Sunset Express 2010-12-23 the clock is ticking for carol starkey tenacious detective and bomb survivor john michael fowles has a natural talent he understands explosives he has a feel for them it is a talent which he fully expects will take him onto the fbi s ten most wanted list along the way he will match himself against the best the fbi s elite team of bomb technicians and one person in particular carol starkey detective in the lapd criminal conspiracy section starkey died for two minutes and forty seconds after being blown up by one of his bombs and fowles dearly wants her dead again as the fbi attempt to find the link behind a series of bomb explosions that have been designed to kill their technicians special agent ben williams stumbles on the bomber's secret his desire to kill starkey if williams can keep this from starkey he can set a trap and catch the bomber a trap that uses carol starkey as bait

Voodoo River 1999-05-30 there s been a revolution in american popular fiction the writers who dominated the bestseller lists a generation ago with blockbuster novels about movie stars and exotic foreign lands have been replaced by a new generation writing a new kind of bestseller one that hooks readers with crime suspense and ever increasing violence patrick anderson the washington post s man on the thriller beat calls this revolution the triumph of the thriller and lists among its stars thomas harris michael connelly george pelecanos dennis lehane sue grafton and elmore leonard in his provocative caustic and often hilarious survey of today s popular fiction anderson shows us who the best thriller writers are and the worst he shows how michael connelly was inspired by raymond chandler how george pelecanos toiled in obscurity while he mastered his craft how sue grafton created the first great woman private eye and how thomas harris transformed an insane cannibal into the charming man of the world who made fbi agent clarice starling his lover anderson shows scott turow inventing the modern legal thriller and john grisham translating it into a stunning series of bestsellers he casts a cold eye on tom clancy s militaristic techno thrillers and praises alan furst and robert littell

as world class spy novelists he examines the pioneering role of lawrence sanders the offbeat appeal of dean koontz the unprecedented success of the da vinci code and the emergence of the literary thriller most of all anderson demands that the best of these novelists be given their due not as genre writers but as some of the most talented men and women at work in american fiction don t trust the literary elites to tell you what to read he warns make up you own minds the triumph of the thriller will convince many readers that we ve entered an important new era in popular fiction this book can be your guide to it

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