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Sleuthing John A. Prestbo, 1975 Detecting Chinese Modernities Yan Wei, 2020-05-18 In Detecting Chinese Modernities Rupture and Continuity in Modern Chinese Detective Fiction 1896 1949 Yan Wei historicizes the two stages in the development of Chinese detective fiction and discusses the rupture and continuity in the cultural transactions mediation and appropriation that occurred when the genre of detective fiction traveled to China during the first half of the twentieth century Wei identifies two divergent or even opposite strategies for appropriating Western detective fiction during the late Qing and the Republican periods She further argues that these two periods in the domestication of detective fiction were also connected by shared emotions Both periods expressed ambivalent and sometimes contradictory views regarding Chinese tradition and Western modernity **Detecting Women** Philippa Gates, 2011-04-22 Finalist for the 2012 Edgar Award in the Best Critical Biographical Category presented by the Mystery Writers of America In this extensive and authoritative study of over 300 films Philippa Gates explores the woman detective figure from her pre cinematic origins in nineteenth century detective fiction through her many incarnations throughout the history of Hollywood cinema Through the lens of theories of gender genre and stardom and engaging with the critical concepts of performativity masquerade and feminism Detecting Women analyzes constructions of the female investigator in the detective genre and focuses on the evolution of her representation from 1929 to today While a popular assumption is that images of women have become increasingly positive over this period Gates argues that the most progressive and feminist models of the female detective exist in mainstream film s more peripheral products such as 1930 s B picture and 1970 s Blaxploitation films Offering revisions and new insights into peripheral forms of mainstream film Gates explores this space that allows a fantasy of resolution of social anxieties about crime and more interestingly gender in the 20th and early 21st centuries. The author's innovative engaging and capacious approach to this important figure within feminist film history breaks new ground in the field of gender and film studies

Detecting Men Philippa Gates,2012-02-01 Detecting Men examines the history of the Hollywood detective genre and the ways that detective films have negotiated changing social attitudes toward masculinity heroism law enforcement and justice Genre film can be a site for the expression and resolution of problematic social issues but while there have been many studies of such other male genres as war films gangster films and Westerns relatively little attention has been paid to detective films beyond film noir In this volume Philippa Gates examines classical films of the thirties and forties as well as recent examples of the genre including Die Hard the Lethal Weapon films The Usual Suspects Seven Devil in a Blue Dress and Murder by Numbers in order to explore social anxieties about masculinity and crime and Hollywood's conceptions of gender Up until the early 1990s Gates argues the primary focus of the detective genre was the masculinity of the hero However from the mid 1990s onward the genre has shifted to more technical portrayals of crime scene investigation forensic science and criminal profiling offering a reassuring image of law enforcement in the face of violent crime By investigating the

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crime and detective fiction genres popular fiction forms often condescended to in literary studies but unabashedly beloved by Welty throughout her lifetime Put another way Welty often creates her stories secrets by both evoking and displacing crime fiction conventions Instead of restoring order with a culminating reveal her story puzzles characteristically allow mystery to linger and thicken The mystery pursued becomes mystery elsewhere The essays in this collection shift attention from narratives characters and plots as they have previously been understood by unearthing enigmas hidden within those constructions Some of these new readings continue Welty's investigation of hegemonic whiteness and southern narratives of race outlining these in chalk as outright crime stories Other essays show how Welty anticipated the regendering of the form now so characteristic of contemporary women mystery writers Her tender and widely ranging personal correspondence with the hard boiled American crime writer Ross Macdonald is also discussed Together these essays make the case that across her career Eudora Welty was arguably one of the genre's greatest double agents and to apply the titles of Macdonald's novels to her inventiveness with the form she is its underground woman its unexpected sleeping beauty **Detecting Detection** Peter Baker, Deborah Shaller, 2012-06-14 We indulge our fascination with detection in many ways only some of which occur in the detective story In fact modern fiction regularly uses elements of a detective narrative to tell another story altogether to engage characters narrators and readers with questions of identity with examinations of moral and ethical reasoning with critiques of social and political injustices and with the metaphysics of meaning itself Detective plots cross cultural and national boundaries and occur in different ways and different genres Taken together they suggest important contemporary understandings of who and what we are how and what we aspire to become Detecting Detection gathers writing from the UK North and South America Europe and Asia to draw together instances of the detective plot in contemporary fiction It is unique not only in addressing the theme a recurring one in modern literature but in tracking the interest in detectives and Commonweal .1927 detection across international borders BRITISH MYSTERIES - Boxed Set: 40+ Thriller Classics, <u>Detective Novels & Crime Stories</u> J. S. Fletcher, 2024-01-16 In British Mysteries Boxed Set 40 Thriller Classics Detective Novels Crime Stories J S Fletcher curates a compendium of seminal works that have shaped the landscape of British crime fiction This anthology showcases an eclectic array of narratives ranging from the intricate plots of classic detective stories to the psychological thrillers that explore the darker corners of human nature Each story is imbued with the characteristic wit precision and atmospheric tension synonymous with Fletcher's style offering readers both a historical lens and a visceral reading experience effectively placing the stories within their broader literary context of early 20th century British literature J S Fletcher was a prolific author whose fascination with intricacies of the human psyche and societal mores greatly influenced his storytelling Born in the late 19th century Fletcher was not only a writer but also a passionate newspaper editor which cultivated his understanding of narrative structure and public intrigue His personal experiences in journalism enriched his narratives with authenticity and a keen eye for plot development making him a pivotal figure in the genre This

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