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WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. CANADA LTD. (White Circle Pocket Library) Issues A – 50

Except for some reprints, Collins didn't provide the printing date for the White Circle imprint. However, for most books, the copyright date is the printing date.

The first 50 books did not have a number printed on the cover. The books, however, were assigned identifiers. The left-hand corner of the recto of the first leaf of each gathering, except the first and sometimes the second, (i.e.: page 33, 65 etc.) has a letter, number or both. This sequencing provided by this identifier is consistent with other evidence about the printing of the books. For example, thirteen of the first sixteen books are mentioned in two May 1942 articles ¹ introducing the White Circle imprint and an ad on the back cover of number 71 gives the numbers for four of the books. There is also an advertisement ² for the spring 1942 list that has 21 of the first 50.

The identifiers are A-T, A1, A2, B1-B8, C1-C4, D1, D2, 37-50. The first numbered book is 51.

A book dealer refers to four other unnumbered books ³ but none of them exist. They are:

<u>Literary Lapses</u> by Stephen Leacock and <u>Barometer Rising</u> by Hugh MacLennan

Collins did publish *Literary Lapses* in early 1945 as White Circle number 213 which is described in the standard Leacock bibliography. The bibliography, however, does not have a listing for an earlier Collins printing. The bibliography notes that McClelland and Stewart Limited held Canadian rights to *Literary Lapses* and therefore even the 1939 English Penguin edition could not be sold in Canada. This was obviously resolved by 1945, after Leacock's death, and Collins was able to publish.

Barometer Rising was published by Collins in 1941 as a hardcover and as White Circle number 75 in 1943, both described in the most complete MacLennan bibliography. The bibliography, however, does not have a listing for an earlier White Circle printing.

¹ "Book Reviews", *Toronto Evening Telegram*, May 2, 1942, p. 23 and "The White Circles Are Now 'Made in Canada'", *Quill & Quire*, May 1942, p. 24.

² Quill & Quire, February 1942, p. 22. The book numbers are not included in the advertisement

³ See http://www.dougcomicworld.com/INVENTORY-CollinsPaperbackSite.html where 54 unnumbered books are listed alphabetically and assigned numbers as identifiers.

⁴ Carl Spadoni, A Bibliography of Stephen Leacock (Toronto: ECW Press, 1998), pp. 96, 97.

⁵ Elspeth Cameron, *Hugh MacLennan: an Annotated Bibliography* (Toronto: ECW Press, 1979), p. 106.

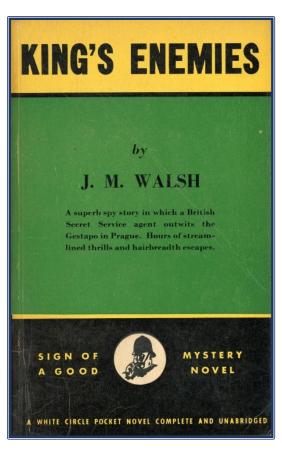
Both books were listed in the two pages of ads at the back of S3 - The "Kings English" Self-Pronouncing Dictionary and Vocabulary Builder, along with two others that were type only White Circles published in 1942. The confusion about the two books is caused by the dictionary's 1942 copyright date which refers to the date the hardcover edition was published by Collins as The Modern Standard English Dictionary and not the later published date (advertised as "completely new" in the Toronto Daily Star May 12, 1945 book section) for the paperback edition of the dictionary.

Two versions of a dictionary

The dealer's list refers to two 1942 versions of a dictionary. One version, *The* "Kings English" Self-Pronouncing Dictionary and Vocabulary Builder, J.M. Parrish and John R. Crossland, editors, was issued as White Circle S3 (see discussion above). The other dictionary, *The New Improved Standard Dictionary*, is a hardcover, identical to *The Modern Standard English Dictionary*.

Death Takes a Flat by Miles Burton

Death Takes a Flat was published by Collins in spring 1943 as number 55. It is one in the series 51 to 73 that are listed in the Quill & Quire May 1943 ad as new books. Twenty-two of the 1942 books were reprinted by Collins with numbers and illustrated covers, 18 in a series numbered 101 – 118. The May 1943 ad for the spring list has the first 10 of this series. The other eight were likely published in spring 1944.



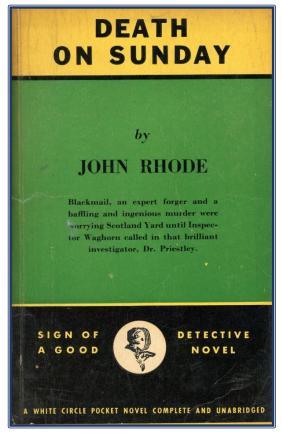
A King's Enemies

KING'S ENEMIES | By | J. M. WALSH | [ornament: rosette] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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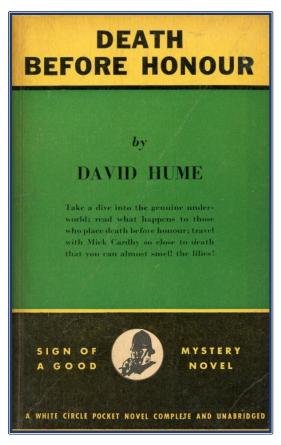
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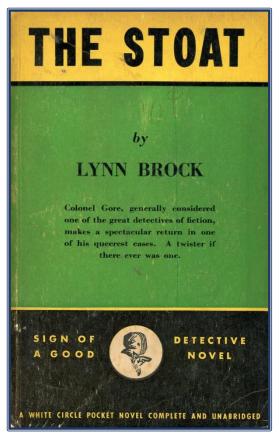
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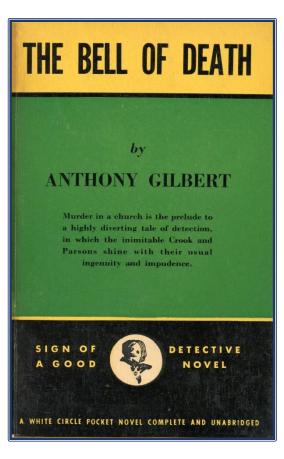
D The Stoat

THE STOAT | COLONEL GORE'S QUEEREST CASE | By | LYNN BROCK | [ornament: masked figure with gun] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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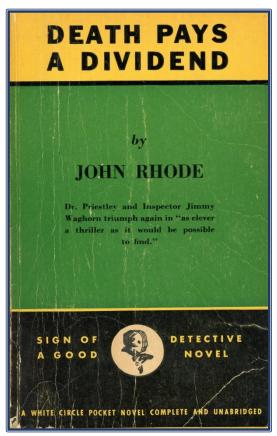
E The Bell of Death

THE | BELL OF DEATH | By | ANTHONY GILBERT | [ornament: masked figure with gun] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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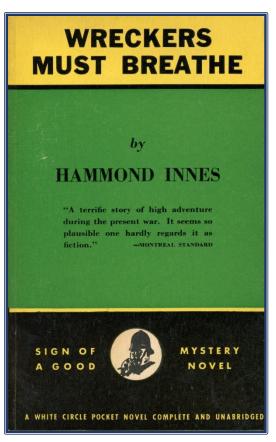
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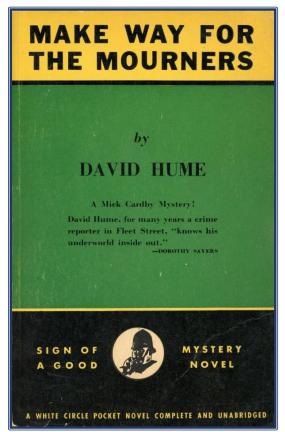
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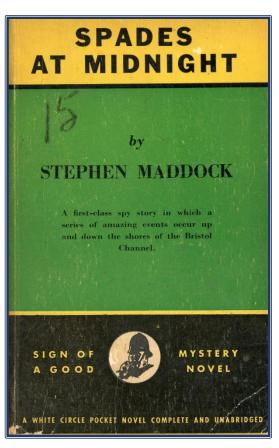
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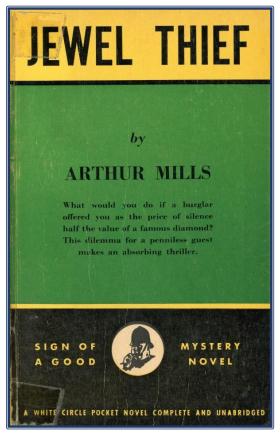
I Spades At Midnight

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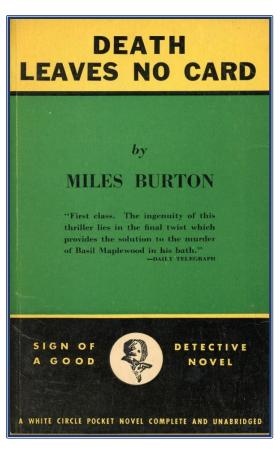
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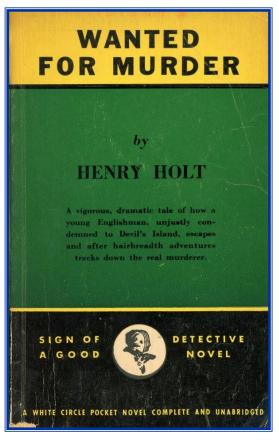
K Death Leaves no Card

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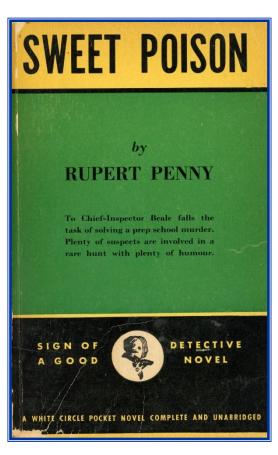
L Wanted for Murder

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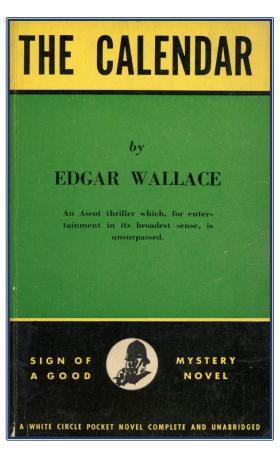
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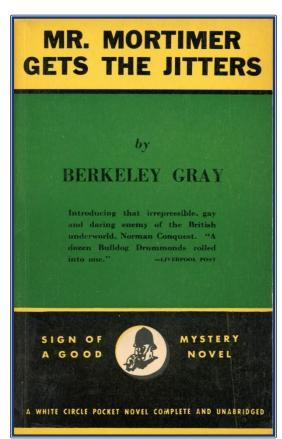
O The Calendar

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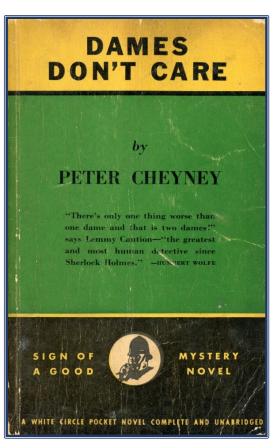
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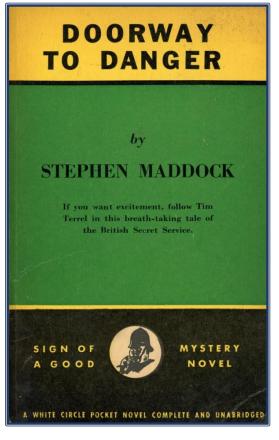
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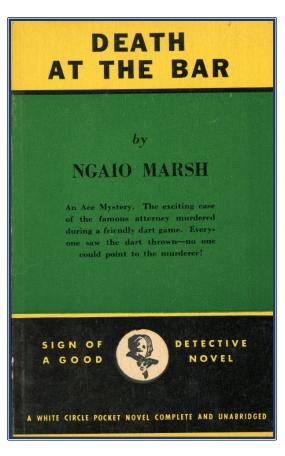
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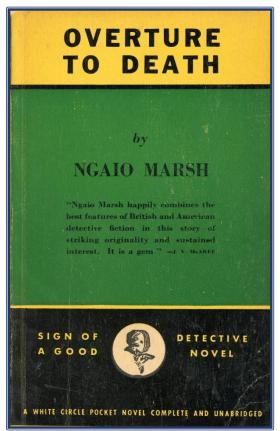
S Death at the Bar

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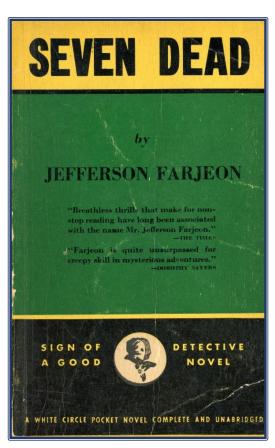
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STACPOOLE BATCHELOR | and | MY FATHER

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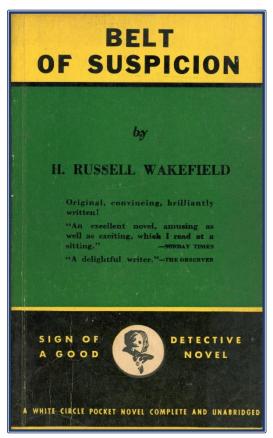
A1 Seven Dead

SEVEN DEAD | By | JEFFERSON FARJEON | [ornament: masked figure with gun] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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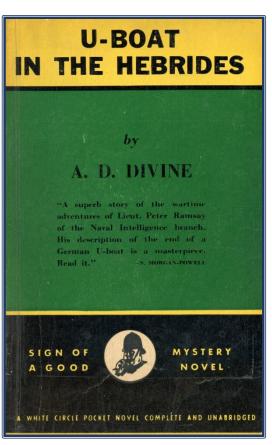
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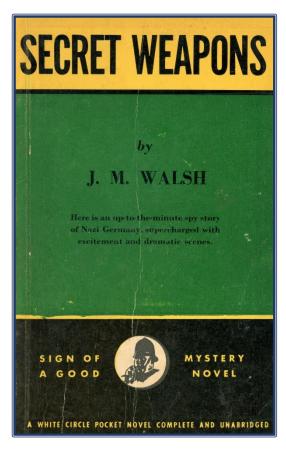
B1 U-Boat in the Hebrides

U-BOAT IN THE | HEBRIDES | *By* | A. D. DIVINE | [ornament: rosette] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | LONDON, GLASGOW, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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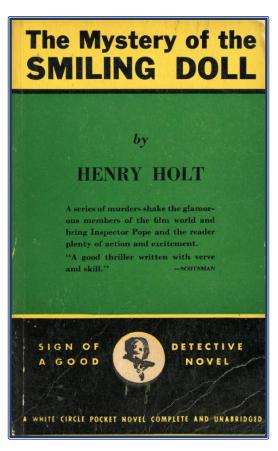
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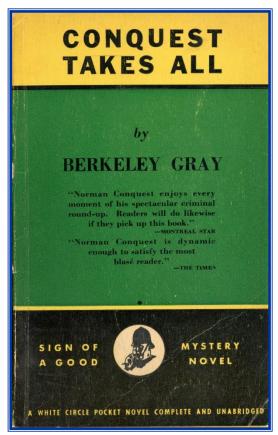
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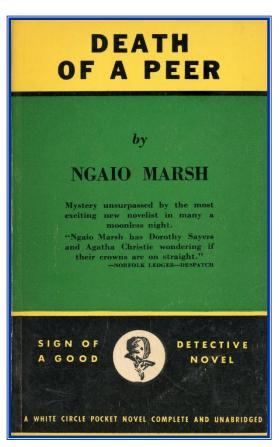
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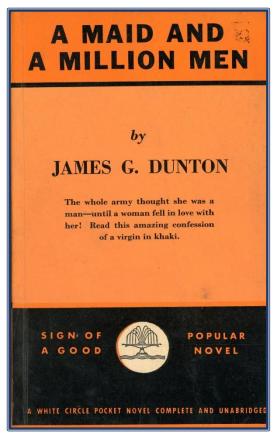
B5 Death of a Peer

DEATH OF A PEER | By | NGAIO MARSH | [ornament: masked figure with gun] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

FOR | SIR HUGH AND LADY ACLAND | WITH MY LOVE | For the one since he has helped me so often with | my stories, and for the other since she likes stories | about London. | [list of six books by Ngaio Marsh] | COPYRIGHT CANADA 1942 BY | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. CANADA LTD | PRINTED IN CANADA

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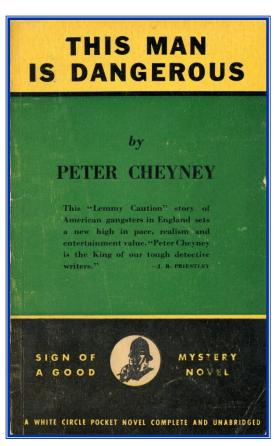
B6 A Maid and a Million Men

A MAID AND A | MILLION MEN | The Candid Confessions of Leona | Canwick. Censored Indiscreetly | by | JAMES G. DUNTON | [ornament: fountain] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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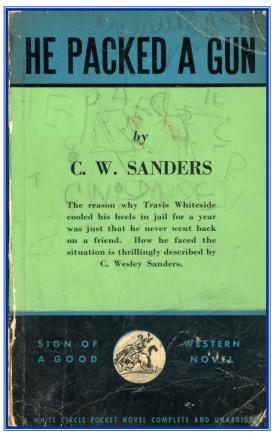
B7 This Man is Dangerous

THIS MAN | IS DANGEROUS | By | PETER CHEYNEY | [ornament: rosette] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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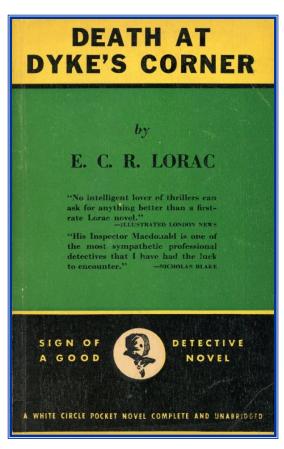
B8 He Packed a Gun

HE PACKED A GUN | By | C. W. SANDERS | [ornament: rosette] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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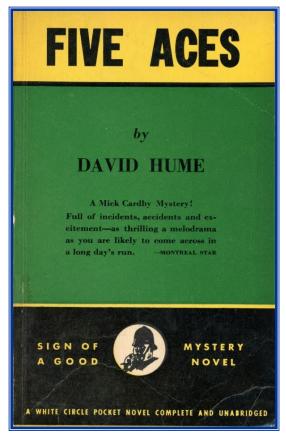
C1 Death at Dyke's Corner

DEATH AT DYKE'S | CORNER | By | E.C.R. Lorac | [ornament: masked figure with gun] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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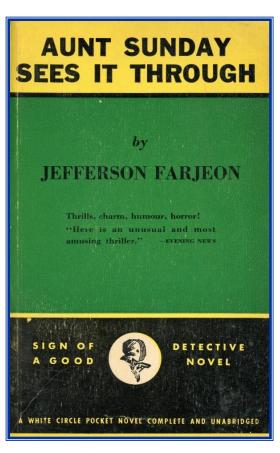
C2 Five Aces

FIVE ACES | By | DAVID HUME | [ornament: rosette] | LONDON 48 PALL MALL | WM. COLLINS SONS & CO. LTD. | GLASGOW, TORONTO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND

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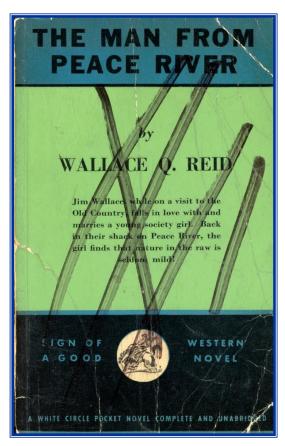
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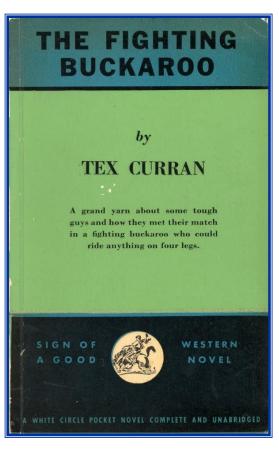
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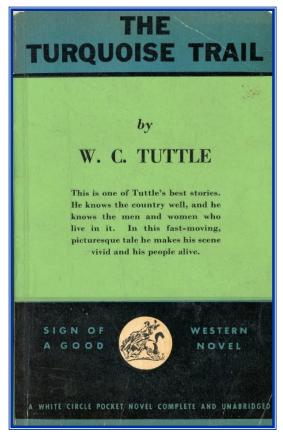
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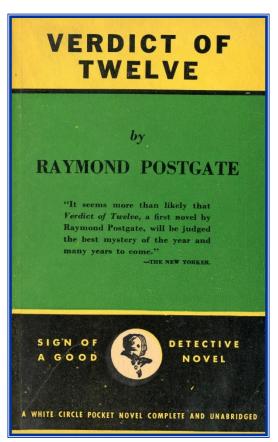
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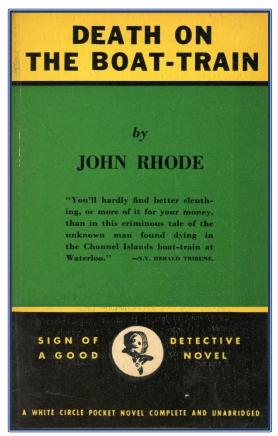
37 Verdict of Twelve

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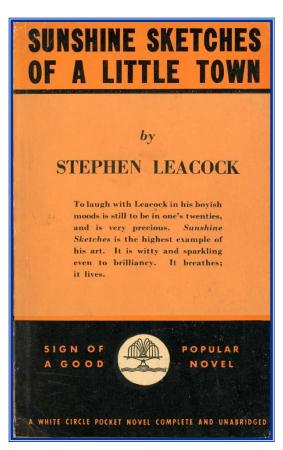
38 Death on the Boat-train

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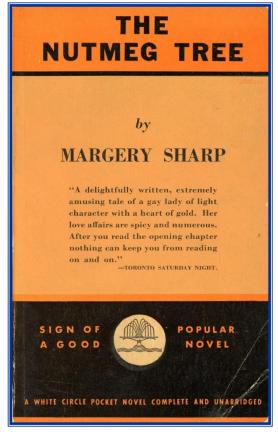
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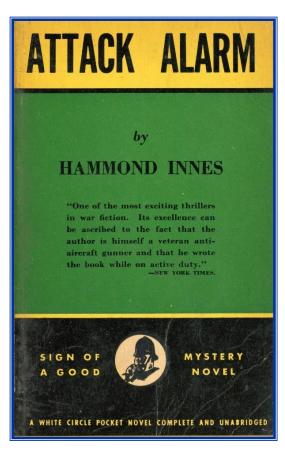
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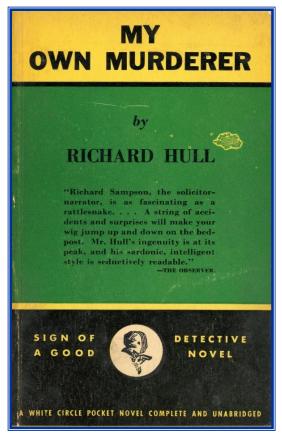
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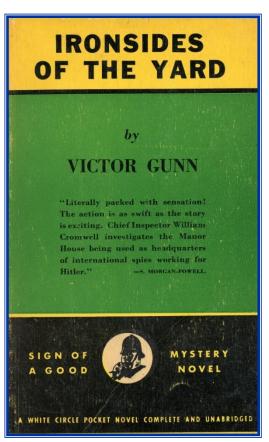
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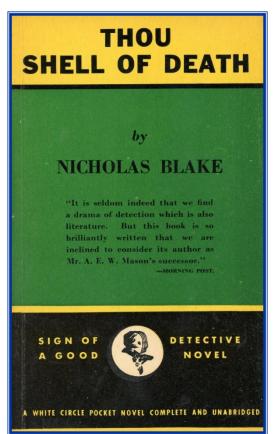
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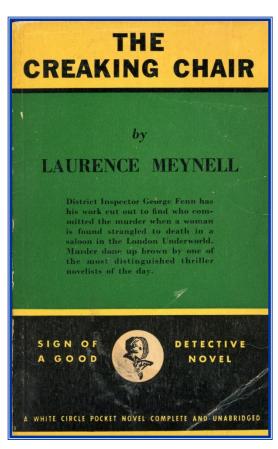
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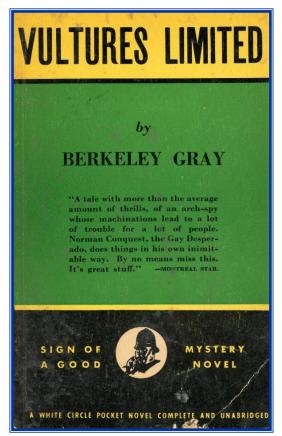
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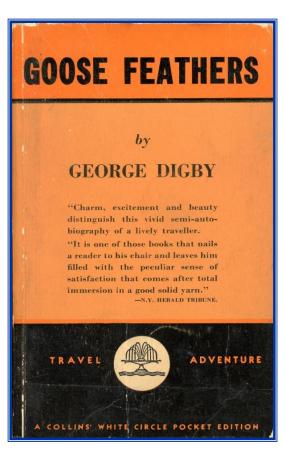
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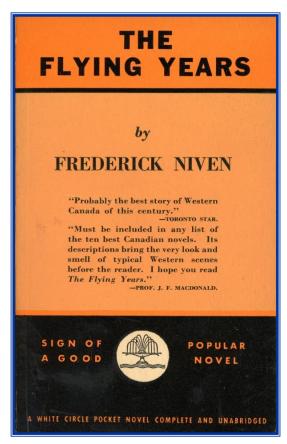
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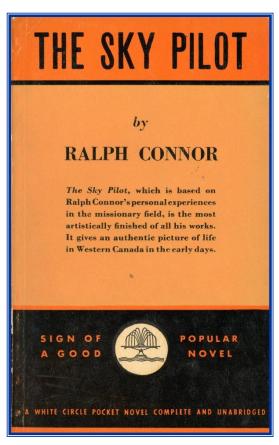
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