

## PUBLISHER INDEX

### no imprint - **[Astro]**

Publisher: Astro Distributing Corp., 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, NY

Distributor: PDC

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: The full address is given only in mail-order ads in the back pages. A limited 2-book sequence. This company issued several other book series, some with imprints. Ten titles appeared as part of an 18-book sequence, also without imprint, which is listed below under **[Hanro]**, its earliest publisher. Based on ad clusters in later volumes of that series, the first of these two books seems to have been issued about the same time as Astro #s 16 - 18 and the second book about the same time as **Quarter Books** #s 19 - 21. Number 1 is illustrated with posed photographs, the first volume from this publisher's various imprints to be so illustrated. See also **The West in Action**.

1	Clayford, James	Part-Time Virgin	Rodewald	1948
2	Clayford, James	Week-End Girl	Rodewald	1948

### no imprint - **[Barmaray]**

Publisher: The Barmaray Company, Inc., 421 Hudson St., New York 14, NY  
printed by The Guinn Co., Inc., New York 14, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 35¢

Comments: Barmaray was one of Robert Guinn's publishing companies; see also **Galaxy Novels** and **[Guinn]**. He used this one again in 1963 to publish *Worlds of Tomorrow*, one of *Galaxy's* companion magazines. Another anthology from *Collier's* was published by **Beacon Books** in 1959, during the period Guinn was using them to publish the later **Galaxy Novels**. The fact that Guinn was capable of "borrowing" book numbers in Universal Publishing & Distributing Corp.'s series tempts one to suppose that this book might account for one of the still missing numbers among Universal's own digests. That Guinn's books had a different distributor than Universal's would seem to argue against that theory.

un	Considine, Bob, ed.	25 Short Short Stories from <i>Collier's</i>	Ed Emshwiler	1953
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### no imprint - **[Brussel]**

Publisher: J. Brussel, Publisher, New York

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: Publisher's full name was Jacob Brussel. Issued one or more additional books not seen by me, all un-numbered and too random to bother listing here.

un	Leroux, Gaston	Murder in the Bedroom	[© 9/15]	1945
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### no imprint - **[Doreen]**

Publisher: Doreen Publishing Co., Inc., New York

Distributor: LN

Price: 25¢

Comments: Advertised as volume 1 on the cover. For a probable second volume see **[Feiner]**, below.

un	Shaw, Arnold, ed.	(30 Tales of) Adventure and Romance (as: 30 Tales of Romance and Adventure on title page)	Pierre Fortier	1945
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no imprint - **[Edell]**

Publisher: The Edell Company, 55 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, NY

Distributor: IND

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. The inside back cover has an ad for the *The Vice-Czar Murders* by Franklin Charles, a digest published by the **[R.W.]** Company, which has a reciprocating ad, suggesting a link between those two publishers. My thanks to Bruce Black for the data on this book.

un Benedict, Gerald

The Case of the Deadly Drops

HC

n.d.

no imprint - **[Edwards]**

Publisher: Robert Edwards Co., Inc., 452 Fifth Ave., New York, NY

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: There are enough references to the war in some of the stories to suggest that this anthology was issued during World War II, but it seems otherwise undatable. This volume may be a precursor to an imprint of Edwards' called **Bobley Books**, not yet indexed, which published a series of similar anthologies in 1946.

un [anonymous ed.]

48 Current Short Stories

n.d.

no imprint - **[Feiner]**

Publisher: J. P. Feiner, Edgemere-by-the-Sea, Long Island

Distributor: LN

Price: 25¢

Comments: A similar anthology was published by **[Doreen]**, above, and labeled as volume 1.

un Shaw, Arnold, ed.

The Greatest Adventure Stories Ever Told

Pierre Fortier

1945



no imprint - **[Femack]**

Publisher: The Femack Company, 2 East 23rd St., New York 10, NY

Distributor: IND

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. References to the War Production Board indicate they were issued during World War II, but no earlier than 1943, based on the latest publication date of the hardcovers reprinted. Neither book advertises the other so no publication order can be determined. A third book was listed by two different dealers on the Internet but is not listed by any of the price guides. *Many a Murder* by Delia Van Deusen is probably a mis-listing of the identically retitled **Croydon Mystery**.

un Lariar, Lawrence

He Died Laughing

n.d.

un Livingston, Armstrong

Murder Is Easy!

n.d.



no imprint - **[Green]**

Publishers: Larkin, Roosevelt & Larkin, Ltd., Chicago, IL; # 1

R. W. Voigt, Chicago, IL; # 2

The Spotlight, Chicago, IL; #s 3 - 4

Green Publishing Co., NY, NY; #s 5 - 14

Distributor: none given on those titles seen

Price: 25¢

Comments: A single numerical sequence without imprint. I have grouped them here under the last publisher because that was the longest-used one and the only one that issued any other series; see **Five Star Mystery**. The volumes are unified both by numbering and the presence of a fox-head logo (displayed above), identical to the one that appeared on the covers of Victor Fox's comic books in the late 1940's. Several of the Fox comics had previously been issued by R. W. Voigt as well. Whether this was a separate company is not known; the Chicago address could have been the printer's.

This series has not been reliably dated. The presence of the fox-head logo suggests that they were issued no earlier than 1946, the year that logo first appeared on the comic books. A post-war issuance can also be inferred from the lack of references to the War Production Board. On the other hand, the lack of a distributor's mark argues for an earlier date than **Five Star Mysteries**, as does the variety of publishers given on the first 4 volumes, which gives the appearance of fishing for paper quotas. The only thing that can be said with any certainty is that they cannot have been issued any earlier than 1943, based on the original copyrights.

The identity of # 5 is uncertain. There appear to be two # 5s in the **Big Green Detective Novels** series from the same publisher. It would make sense that one of them would fill this vacant slot but the cover scans I have seen indicate that they both belong to that series and lack the characteristics of this series. I have left # 5 blank for now. None of the books seen had any statement of completeness; the two I was able to check were both abridged.

1	Francis, William	Rough on Rats	n.d.
2	Landon, Herman	The Back-Seat Murder	n.d.
3	DeWitt, Jack	Murder on Shark Island	n.d.
4	Francis, William	Bury Me Not	n.d.
5	UNKNOWN		
6	Marshall, Sidney	Some Like it Hot	n.d.
7	Gollomb, Joseph	Eleven True Crimes	n.d.
8	Greene, Josiah E.	The Laughing Loon	n.d.
9	Landon, Herman	The Owl's Warning	n.d.
10	Saxby, Charles	Death in the Sun	n.d.
11	Eberhardt, Walter F.	A Dagger in the Dark	n.d.
12	Francis, William	Kill or Cure	n.d.
13	Scott, R. T. M.	Murder Stalks the Mayor	n.d.
14	Cohen, Octavus Roy	The Backstage Mystery	n.d.

no imprint - **[Guinn]**

Publisher: none given, printed by The Guinn Company, New York 11, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 35¢

Comments: Robert Guinn also published **Galaxy Novels** and one book by **[Barmaray]**. This book shares physical characteristics, particularly the cover stock, with the early **Galaxy Novels** and issues of *Galaxy*, all of which changed in late 1952, suggesting that it was issued prior to that. The cover price for *Galaxy* rose from 25¢ to 35¢ in April 1951 and that for **Galaxy Novels** rose about July 1951, just before Guinn acquired them from their original publisher, suggesting that this book was issued after that. It would seem reasonable that it was issued after Guinn acquired *Galaxy* (and **Galaxy Novels**) to augment his nascent publishing ventures. On the other hand, the fact that this book gives a printer but no publisher and that the address, minimal as it is, doesn't agree with Guinn's other known addresses suggests that it may have been issued before he bought *Galaxy*. It is possible that the author financed the publication and hired Guinn to print the book and arrange for distribution. It is not advertised in any of Guinn's other publications and so far remains undatable.

un	Stafford, Muriel	X Marks the Dot	Emsh	n.d.
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no imprint - **[Hanro]**

Publishers: Hanro Corp., New York; #s 1 - 4

Magazine Village, Inc., 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, NY; #s 5 - 8

Astro Distributing Co., [same address]; #s 9 - 10

Astro Distributing Corp., [same address]; #s 11 - 18

Distributors: PDC; #s 6, 9, 10

PDC & ID; both from # 11

Price: 25¢

Comments: A single numerical sequence, as proven by the progression of ads at the back of the books. With # 19 the imprint **Quarter Books** was assumed and the listing continues thereunder. The by-lines are swapped on the covers of #s 7 and 8. The full address is given only in mail-order ads at the back of the books. See **[Astro]**, above, for a short companion series. Hanro was one of several companies owned by Morris S. Latzen, who published two clusters of digest imprints. Besides the imprints already named, the first cluster also issued **Ecstasy Novel (Magazine)**, **Exotic Novel (Magazine)**, **Falcon Books**, **Rainbow Books**, and **The West in Action**. The second cluster consisted of **Cameo Books**, **Carnival Books**, **Original Novels**, **Phantom Books**, **Star Books**, **Star Novels**, and **Venus Books**. This second cluster used a different distributor and never printed any mail-order ads or otherwise printed a street address, undoubtedly to disguise the fact that they were violating the exclusivity clauses of their distribution contracts.

1	Stone, Thomas	Careless Hussy	n.d.
2	Lindsay, Perry	Shady Lady	n.d.
3	Williams, Wright	Illegal Wife	n.d.
4	Bennett, Hall	Confessions of a Part-Time Bride	J.C. n.d.
5	Sturdy, Carl	Confessions of a Park Avenue Playgirl	n.d.
6	Bull, Lois	Illicit Honeymoon	1948
7	Bull, Lois	Hard-Boiled Mistress	1948
	(as by E. T. Keating on Cover)		
8	Keating, E. P.	Virgin by Day	1948
	(as by Lois Bull on Cover)		
9	Owen, Ethel	Unwilling Bride	1948
10	Owen, Ethel	Confessions of a Good-Time Girl	1948
11	Ahern, Helen	Confessions of a Party Wife	Rodewald 1948
12	Herzog, Dorothy	Shakedown Dame	1948
(13)	Sherman, Joan	Overnight Girl	1948
	(given as # 31 on book)		
14	Gaddis, Peggy	Shameless Virgin	1948
15	Clayford, James	Illicit Wife	1948
16	Clayford, James	Wedding Night Confession	1948
17	Clayford, James	Careless Virgin	Rodewald 1948
18	Clayford, James	Strange Mistress	1948

No imprint – **[Hercules]**

Publisher: Hercules Publishing Corp., New York

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: One of Martin Goodman's companies. This book is advertised as forthcoming in the back of the last **Best Detective Selection** and forecasts *Murder with Long Hair* by H. Donald Spatz, which appeared as the first **Atlas Mystery**. My thanks to Bruce Black for the data on this book.

un Treat, Lawrence

D - as in Dead

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no imprint - **[Knickerbocker]**

Publishers: Knickerbocker Publishing Co., 120 Greenwich St., New York 6, NY; Group A

Knickerbocker Publications, Inc.,

120 Greenwich St., New York 6, NY;

Group B

P.O. Box 1073, Church St Annex, New York 6, NY;

Group C

26 East 21st St., New York 10, NY;

Group D

Distributor: PDC  
Format: *Born to Sin* is saddle-stapled  
Price: 25¢  
Comments: Undated. Exact size and thickness varies considerably. Addresses appear only in ads at the back of the books. This listing is broken into 4 groups based on the publishing companies and addresses as given above. A fifth group is composed of those books for which that data is not known. Group D is in approximate publication order, with a subset of three books (marked \*) that are known to be sequential; the other groups are essentially random. A copy of *Wayward Girl* by Carlotta Baker has been seen that was stamped "July 24, 1949." At least 3 later series appear to be successors to this series. See **[Novels, Inc]**, **Griffin Books** and **Romantic Novels**.

One would have hoped that clustering the books this way would have produced discrete groups of the differently-sized volumes, but this is not the case; the variations still appear random. This leads to the suspicion that some of the books examined were variant printings, and calls into question the methodology developed here. However, I compared my set of 50 Knickerbockers against another collector's equally large set and found no differences in size, paper quality or internal ads between any of my copies and his. As yet I have found no evidence of multiple printings from this publisher.

There may be several related publishers at the front end of this run as well. The earliest **[Knickerbocker]** book that I have seen is *Forgotten Passion*, which was originally printed with Republic Publishing Co., Inc. as the publisher on the back-cover ads; this was blacked out and Knickerbocker Publishing Co., printed below it. Those back-cover ads give detailed descriptions of four other paperbacks: *Night of Crime* by Armstrong Livingston (an **Omnibus Mystery**), *Love on the Run* by Gail Jordan (published by **[Republic]**), *Past Sin* by Eliot Brewster (not seen but listed by Hancer as having been published by Samuel Bearman), and *Army Widow* by John Saxon (also not seen, but listed below as a **[Knickerbocker]** book since I have no contradictory information). It is probable that all of these were issued by branches of the same company, assumed to be Knickerbocker, since that was a known hardcover publisher. The **Omnibus Mystery** was published in 1944; if the other books described above were issued during the war, the multiplicity of publishers may indicate that Knickerbocker was trolling for paper quotas. *Much* more research is needed.

#### Group A:

un Long, Amelia Reynolds	Death Has a Will	Ancona	n.d.
un Saxon, John	Army Widow		n.d.
un Saxon, John	Forgotten Passion		n.d.
un Watkins, Glen	Over-Time Love		n.d.
un Williams, Wright	Carnival Girl		n.d.
un Brooks, William Allan	The Playboy's Handbook	Vogolad	1946
un Williams, Wright	Bar-Fly Wives		n.d.
un Watkins, Glen	Hotel Wife		n.d.
un Saxon, John	Pleasure Girl		n.d.

#### Group B:

un Jordan, Gail	The Lost Virgin		n.d.
un Carter, Ralph	Blonde Venus		n.d.
un Arthur, William	Marriage Later		n.d.
un Bennett, Hall	Blonde Peril		n.d.
un Stone, Thomas	Careless Caresses		n.d.
un Williams, Wright	Excess Wife		n.d.
un Keller, H. A.	Her Sacred Sin		n.d.
un Saxon, John	A Touch of Passion		n.d.

#### Group B or C:

un Jordan, Gail	Palm Beach Apartment		n.d.
un Jacquin, Lee	The Wife and the Wolf	Rodewald	n.d.

#### Group C:

24 Sloan, Gladys	The Sinful Sisters		n.d.
25 Branch, Florenz	Pleasure After Hours		n.d.
un Strong, Charles S.	Immoral Woman		n.d.

un	Strong, Charles S.	Love for Sale		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	Small-Town Virgin		n.d.
un	Stone, Thomas	A Talent for Love	J	n.d.
un	Watkins, Glen	The Hard-Boiled Blonde		n.d.
un	Norcross, Robert	Love at a Price		n.d.
un	Jacquín, Lee	Studio Lovers		n.d.
un	Baker, Carlotta	The Fallen Woman		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	Made for Love		n.d.
un	Gates, H. L.	Born to Sin		n.d.
Group D:				
un	Baker, Carlotta	Wayward Girl		n.d.
un	Watkins, Glen	Tavern Girl		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	Once a Sinner		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	Professional Glamour Girl		n.d.
un	Gay, Carmen	Illicit Passion		n.d.
un	Carter, Ralph	A Little Sin		n.d.
un	Carter, Ralph	Torrid Love		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	Part Time Passion		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	The Wanton Blonde		n.d.
un	Branch, Florenz	(The) Pick-Up Girl ,The		n.d.
un	Sloan, Gladys	Confessions of a Studio Model	Cravath	n.d.
un	Brewster, Eliot	Plenty of Love		n.d.
un	Branch, Florenz	Unfaithful	Cravath	n.d.
un	Branch, Florenz	Unwilling Virgin	Cravath	n.d.
un	Lindsay, Perry	The Passionate Widow		n.d.
un	Lindsay, Perry	Shameless Woman		n.d.
* un	James, Griffith	Dangerous Loves	Fow	n.d.
* un	Keller, H. A.	Her Day of Sin	Bill Fow	n.d.
* un	Williams, Wright	Beautiful Body		n.d.
un	Williams, Wright	Loose Ladies	R. Failla	n.d.
un	Grant, Richard	Boarding House Blonde		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	Desirous - Confessions of a Manicurist		n.d.
Group unknown:				
un	Woodford, Jack	Her First Sin		n.d.
un	James, Griffith	A Room for Love	Hoffman	n.d.
un	Stone, Thomas	Two Time Girl		n.d.
un	Jordan, Gail	Week-End Husband		n.d.
un	Arthur, William	Convention Girl		n.d.
un	Lindsay, Perry	Six Times a Bride		n.d.

no imprint - [Larkin, Roosevelt & Larkin]  
see [Green]

no imprint – [Lucom]

Publisher: David Lucom, New York, NY

Distributor: L.N.C.

Price: 25¢

Comments: This series is similar in cover layout and typography to the books issued by **Cavalcade**; it may be a successor to it. While the volume examined had no visible numbering, there is a black dot at the bottom of the spine, partially rubbed off, which may have contained a number. The copy of *Double Cross* seen was labeled “second edition,” which probably doesn’t indicate multiple printings of the paperback, but is more likely an acknowledgement of the prior hardcover edition.

un	Livingston, Armstrong	Double Cross		1946
un	Livingston, Armstrong	The Case of the Walking Corpse	Cravath	1946

no imprint - [Magazine Village]  
see [Hanro]



no imprint - **[Metro]**

Publisher: Metro Publications, 363 Broadway, New York 13, NY

Distributor: LNC

Price: 25¢

Comments: These two books are advertised as part of the **Eerie Series**, although they do not physically resemble that series and are not so labelled. An ad in **Eerie** # 9 lists both books but with the Gould book listed as # 8 and the Clift as # 7. It is possible that these books exist both ways, with variant printings as part of the **Eerie Series**, but it is more likely that they are just misnumbered in the ad. A third book, *Sabotage* by Michael Sayers and Albert E., Kahn, listed in some price guides, is not digest size and therefore not part of this sequence. If these books were issued in sequence with the **Eerie Series**, they were published circa 1945. They would otherwise seem to be undatable.

7 Gould, Stephen	Homicide Johnny	n.d.
8 Clift, Denison	The Spy in the Room	n.d.

no imprint - **[Novels, Inc.]**

Publisher: Novels, Inc., 181 East Broadway, New York 2, NY

Distributor: PDC

Price: 35¢

Comment: Undated. Number 10 has an ad in the back for a book "just published, 1952." Addresses appear only in ads at the back of books. The last three lack any kind of copyright notice and the last two have defied attempts to identify them as reprints; they may be original. There are only six known titles in this series even though the last two are numbered 9 and 10. The publication order of the unnumbered volumes has not been established. It is possible that the four **Romantic Novels** are the front end of this run. Full page ads for **[Knickerbocker]** books link both series to that publisher. See also **[Republic]**, and for an earlier, related, publisher from the same address.

un Jordan, Gail	Come Sin with Me		n.d.
un Arthur, William	Made for Loving	Rodewald	n.d.
un Jordan, Gail	Sinner in Gingham		n.d.
un Williams, Wright	Percentage Girl	Walter Popp	n.d.
9 Harvey, Gene	Stag Stripper		n.d.
10 Saxon, John	The Tigress		n.d.

no imprint - **[Republic]**

Publisher: Republic Publishing Co., Inc., 181 East Broadway, New York 2, NY

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: This book is advertised in an early Knickerbocker volume, *Forgotten Passion* by John Saxon. That book originally gave the same publisher in its back cover ads but that was blacked out and Knickerbocker Pub. Co. printed below. It should also be noted that the address given here also appears in volumes from **[Novels, Inc.]**, believed to be the last successor to the **[Knickerbocker]** imprints. See further comments under **[Knickerbocker]**. A back-cover ad describes *The Sacred Sin* by H. A. Keller as coming soon but it appeared as a **[Knickerbocker]** book some time later under a slightly different title and is not known to have been published by **[Republic]**. My thanks to Bruce Black for the data on this book.

un Jordan, Gail	Love on the Run	n.d.
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no Imprint – [R.W.]

Publisher: The R. W. Company, 1 East 44th Street, New York, NY

Distributor: IND

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. The inside back cover has an ad for *The Case of the Deadly Drops* by Gerald Benedict, a digest published by The **Edell** Company, which has a reciprocating ad, suggesting a link between those two publishers. My thanks to Bill Kelly for the data on this book.

un Charles, Franklin

The Vice Czar Murders

n.d.



no imprint - [Toby Press]

Publisher: Toby Press, Inc., 17 E. 45th St., New York 17, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 35¢

Comments: Unnumbered, publication order uncertain. **Toby Press** issued a large number of random non-fiction books as well, which I have not listed here; the known titles appear in the Appendix. A feature in the *American News Trade Journal* indirectly described Al Capp and his brothers, Jeffrey and Elliott [Caplin], as the publishers and noted that the company was initiated to publish reprints of the L'il Abner comic strip.

un Frazee, Steve

Sunset Showdown

[© 4/28] 1953

un Drennan, Raymond

You'll Die Now!

[© 4/28] 1953

un Vance, Jack

The Space Pirate

1953

no imprint - [Spotlight]

see [Green]

no imprint - [Voight]

see [Green]

## An Adventure Novel CLASSIC

### ADVENTURE NOVEL CLASSIC

Publishers: Novel Selections, (Inc.), New York; all except:

Readers' Book Service Inc.; # 18 only

Distributor: Hillman Periodicals, Inc.; # 18 of those seen

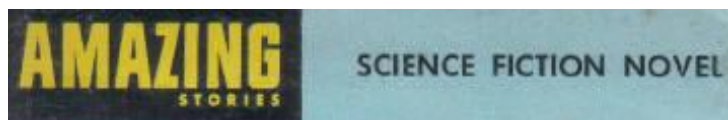
Price: 25c

Comments: Undated. Probably began around 1942 and probably ended in 1946 or 1947. One of Alex Hillman's series; see **Mystery Novel Classic** for a list of additional imprints.

1	Buchan, John	The Blanket of the Dark	n.d.
2	Sabatini, Rafael	Bardelys the Magnificent	n.d.
3	Titus, Harold	Code of the North	n.d.
4	Buchan, John	House of the Four Winds	n.d.
5	Sabatini, Rafael	The Queen's Messenger	n.d.
6	Case, Robert Ormond	Big Timber	n.d.
7	Treynor, Albert M.	Hands Up!	(2/10) [1943]
8	Church, Granville	Wings over Panama	(3/10) [1943]
9	Titus, Harold	Below Zero	[1943]
10	Hendryx, James B.	Connie Morgan Hits the Trail	[1943]
11	Young, Gordon	The Vengeance of Hurricane Williams	(1943)



12	Sabatini, Rafael	The Trampling of the Lilies	(1943)
13	Seltzer, Charles Alden	Gone North	[1943]
14	LeMay, Alan	Rivermen Die Broke	[1943]
15	Curwood, James Oliver	The Courage of Marge O'Doone	[1943]
16	Parkman, Sydney	Out from Shanghai	n.d.
17	Hendryx, James B.	Death Heads North	n.d.
18	White, Leslie T.	River of Fear	n.d.
19	Gill, Tom	The Unknown, Ranger	n.d.
20	Foreman, L. L.	Flight to Glory	n.d.
21	Treynor, Albert M.	Hawk of the Desert	n.d.
22	Hawkins, John & Ward	Secret Command	n.d.
23	Short, Luke	Hard Money	n.d.
24	Amos, Alan	Jungle Murder	n.d.
25	Kelland, Clarence Budington	Valley of the Sun	n.d.
26	Evans, Evan	Montana Rides!	n.d.
27	Gill, Tom	North to Danger	n.d.
28	Bechdolt, Frederick R.	Riot at Red Water	n.d.
29	Hawkins, John & Ward	Broken River	n.d.
30	Kelland, Clarence Budington	Arizona	[1945]
31	Adams, Eustace L.	Death Charter	n.d.
32	Evans, Evan	Montana Rides Again	n.d.
33	Drago, Harry Sinclair	Stagecoach Kingdom	n.d.
34	Koehler, Robert Portner	Journey to Murder	n.d.
35	Hawkins, John & Ward	Devil on his Trail	n.d.
36	Evans, Evan	Song of the Whip	n.d.
37	Gill, Tom	Jungle Harvest	n.d.
38	Halleran, E. E.	Death over Moccasin Valley	n.d.
39	Titus, Harold	Flame in the Forest	n.d.
40	Parkman, Sydney	Ship Ashore	n.d.
41	Hendryx, James B.	Hard Rock Man	n.d.
42	Fisher, Philip M.	Vanishing Ships	n.d.



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#### AMAZING STORIES SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL

Publisher: Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., Inc., 366 Madison Ave., New York 17, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 35¢

Comments: Intended to be **Galaxy Novel** style companion to *Amazing Stories* but only one volume was published.

un Slesar, Henry

20 Million Miles to Earth

[Ed Valigursky]

(© 6/11) 1957

#### AMERICAN MERCURY BOOK

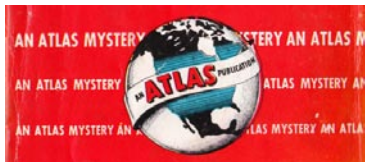
see **MERCURY BOOK**



## ARROW

Publisher: Arrow Publishers, 16 West 46th St, New York 19, NY  
Distributor: FDC; # 6 only of those seen  
Format: Saddle-stapled  
Price: 25¢  
Comments: Undated. Number 8 contains a paragraph encouraging readers to send the book to a serviceman by putting 3¢ postage on it. **Pocket Books** ran this same message during the war; their ads raised the price to 4¢ at the end of the war. This would seem to suggest a limit on how late this series could have been published. Some books are not numbered directly but carry the notation "this is the *n*th Arrow Mystery Novel" on the inside front cover. The volumes listed below are the only ones known. One four-book sequence has been identified that might represent the front end of this series. Unfortunately the two publishers cannot be directly connected and are linked only by sharing the same distributor; see **Pennant Mystery**. Bennie C. Hall was credited as editor of the series. Although each volume is billed as a "complete \$2 mystery novel" the three I was able to check were definitely abridged.

5	Burke, Richard	Murder on High Heels		n.d.
6	Ashbrook, H.	Murder on Friday	Robert Paulsen	n.d.
7	Gilbert, Anthony	Death Takes a Redhead	Robert Paulsen	n.d.
8	Baker, Asa	The Kissed Corpse	Robert Paulsen	n.d.
9	Long, Manning	Invitation to Murder	Bob Paulsen	n.d.
10	Corne, M. E.	Death Hides a Mask	Robert Paulsen	n.d.
11	Kummer, Frederic Arnold	Design for Murder	Robert Paulsen	n.d.



## ATLAS MYSTERY

Publishers: Bard Publishing Corp., New York  
Cornell Publishing Corp., "  
Euclid Publishing Co., Inc., "  
Gem Publications, Inc., "  
Hercules Publishing Corp., "  
London Publishing Corp., "  
Margood Publishing Co., "  
Mohawk Publishing Corp., "  
Select Publications, Inc., "  
Sphere Publications, Inc., "  
Zenith Publishing Corp., "

Distributor: K; from *Murder Will In*, see notes below

Format: see notes below

Price: 25¢

Comments: An unnumbered series whose publication order can be determined by two not entirely consistent methods. *Murder with Long Hair* was forecast in the back of *D – as in Dead* by Lawrence Treat, which was published without imprint by **[Hercules]**, and is clearly the first book issued under this imprint. The next seven titles have been sequenced by reference to inside back cover ads forecasting the next book, with the publication dates given in the copyright registrations overlaid for contrast. This sequence ends with *Hush, Gabriel!* which forecasts *Death in the Inkwell* by J. Jefferson Farjeon, which is not known to have appeared in this series and was not copyrighted. This first sequence was followed by the two books marked +, which advertise each other and were undoubtedly issued simultaneously. The last eight titles are listed in probable order by the inside backcover ads, although I still lack this data for the two books marked \*. This is reasonably consistent with the publication dates from the copyright registrations. The Lee Crosby novel lacks an ad for the next book; it seems to be the last in the series.



A wide variety of publishers are given in these volumes; all of them were owned by Martin Goodman. Publishers are cited as part of each entry in the list below. The imprint appears only on the back covers. An unknown number of these volumes were issued in a smaller than usual size, 5" wide by 6 1/2" tall, but I have seen too few of them to fully document this. The stylized "K" in a circle that appears on the last 8 volumes is assumed to be a fancy distributor's mark, considering that the later series of **Atlas** books (see next entry) were distributed by Kable News.

Zenith	un	Spatz, H. Donald	Murder with Long Hair	<b>Cardwell Higgins</b>	[© 2/25]	1944
Cornell	un	Treat, Lawrence	H as in Hangman	<b>Cardwell Higgins</b>	[© 3/10]	1944
Bard	un	Wheelock, Dorothy	Dead Giveaway		[© 4/7]	1944
Select	un	Montgomery, Ione	The Golden Dress	<b>Cardwell Higgins</b>	[© 3/13]	1944
Margood	un	Darby, J. N.	Murder in the House with the Blue Eyes		[© 6/2]	1944
London	un	Shore, Julian	Rattle His Bones	<b>Cardwell Higgins</b>	[© 5/23]	1944
Sphere	un	Nolan, Jeannette Covert	Final Appearance	<b>Hoffman</b>	[© 11/30]	1944
Euclid	un	Johns, Veronica Parker	Hush, Gabriel!		[© 11/30]	1944
+ Hercules	un	Rawlings, Frank	The Lipping Man		[© 5/26]	1944
+ Cornell	un	Steel, Kurt	Murder Goes to College		[© 5/24]	1944
Gem	un	Wells, Carolyn	Murder Will In		[© 7/31]	1944
* Mohawk	un	Anderson, W. W.	Kill One, Kill Two		[© 8/10]	1944
* Gem	un	Long, Max	Death Goes Native		[© 11/30]	1944
Bard	un	McVeigh, Sue	The Corpse and the Three Ex-Husbands	<b>Peter Driben</b>	[© 11/30]	1944
Select	un	Johns, Veronica Parker	Shady Doings		[© 12/29]	1944
Zenith	un	Mersereau, John	The Corpse Comes Ashore		[© 3/31]	1945
Bard	un	Johns, Veronica Parker	The Singing Widow		[© 3/31]	1945
Select	un	Crosby, Lee	Midsummer Night's Murder	<b>Peter Driben</b>	[© 5/31]	1945



## ATLAS MYSTERY

### WESTERN THRILLER (# 4 only)

Publisher: Vital Publications, Inc., 148 Lafayette St, NY 13 NY

Distributors: K

& ID; # 3, of those seen

Price: 25¢

Comments: The only known **Western Thriller** appears to have been internumbered with this mystery series and is included here for coherence. See previous entry for an earlier **Altas Mystery** series. This series most immediately follows **Vital Books**, which also reprinted Nick Carter pulp novels. The last of Martin Goodman's digest size paperbacks. The following year Goodman issued the mass-market imprints **Red Circle Books** and **Lion Books**, the latter of which lasted until 1957. This was followed in 1958-1960 by **Zenith Books**. It appears that the first two books (at least) were issued simultaneously.

1	Carter, Nicholas	Rendezvous with Dead Men	<b>L. J. Ames</b>	1948
2	Gibson, Walter B.	A Blonde for Murder		1948
3	Carter, Nicholas	The Yellow Disk Murder Case		1948
4	Hopkins, Tom J.	Open Land Renegades		1948
5	Gibson, Walter B.	Looks that Kill!	<b>L. J. Ames</b>	1948



## ATOMIC BOOKS

Publisher: Atomic Books, Inc., 230 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, NY  
 Distributor: none given  
 Price: 25¢  
 Comments: According to notes attached to Harvard's copy, 75,000 copies were printed, including a special limited edition of 25 numbered copies, untrimmed and slip-cased.  
 See **AMERICAN FOLK-LORE AND HUMOR** in the Appendix for a short series of non-fiction digests from the same publisher.

un LeBlanc, Maurice

Sherlock Holmes versus Arsene Lupin;  
 The Case of the Golden Blonde

[© 4/5/46] 1945

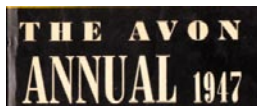
## AVON BOOKS

Avon was owned by Joseph Meyers and his sister, E. B. Williams. Williams sold her share of the company in 1947. Her son, Herbert Williams, was the principal editor at Avon and left when his mother did. Donald A. Wollheim then assumed the chief editorial duties, which he held until 1952 when he left to join **Ace Books**. Avon was sold to the Hearst Corporation in 1959, after Meyers' death. Avon issued a large number of digest imprints; the following are covered in this index:

**THE AVON ANNUAL**  
**AVON BEDSIDE NOVEL**  
**AVON BOOK DIVIDEND**  
**AVON DETECTIVE MYSTERIES**  
**AVON FANTASY READER**  
**AVON MODERN SHORT STORY MONTHLY**  
**THE AVON MONTHLY NOVEL**  
**AVON ROMANCE NOVEL MONTHLY**  
**AVON SCIENCE FICTION READER**  
**AVON SPECIAL**  
**AVON WESTERN READER**  
**MURDER OF THE MONTH (MURDER MYSTERY MONTHLY)**  
**WESTERN NOVEL MONTHLY**

In 1948 Avon created a secondary company, called Diversey, to publish material deemed too "hot" for the regular Avon line. Besides the mass-market imprint **Novel Library**, Diversey also issued the following digest-size imprints, which are covered in this index:

**BROADWAY NOVEL MONTHLY**  
**DIVERSEY POPULAR NOVELS**  
**DIVERSEY PRIZE NOVELS**  
**DIVERSEY ROMANCE NOVEL**  
**LOVE BOOK MONTHLY**



## THE AVON ANNUAL

Publishers: Avon Book Company, 432 Fourth Ave., NY, NY; # 1  
 [same], 119 West 57th St., NY 19, NY; #s 2 - 4  
 Distributor: [ANC] - uncredited  
 Price: 35¢  
 Comments: Essentially extra volumes of the **Avon Modern Short Story Monthly**, theoretically issued on the anniversaries of the first book in that series, but with serious slippage over time.

un Burnett, Whit, ed.	18 Great Stories of Today	[© 1/14] 1944
un [anonymous ed.]	18 Great Modern Stories	[© 4/28] 1945
un [anonymous ed.]	15 Great Stories of Today	[© 6/12] 1946
un [anonymous ed.]	11 Great Modern Stories	[© 5/15] 1947



### AVON BEDSIDE NOVEL

Publisher: Avon Novels, Inc., 575 Madison Ave., NY 22, NY; # (5)  
 Distributor: ANC  
 Format: saddle-stapled  
 Price: 35¢  
 Comments: A late series of love novels, published openly by Avon. About half of these had previously appeared from one of Avon's other imprints.

1 Woodford, Jack	The Rites of Love	[ ]
2 Woodford, Jack	The Hard-Boiled Virgin	[ ]
3 Brock, Lilyan	Queer Patterns	[ ]
4 Dekobra, Maurice	Bedroom Eyes (Peter Driben)	[ ]
5 Woodford, Jack	Male and Female	Jul 1951
6 Woodford, Jack	The Passionate Princess	[ ]
7 Clarke, Donald Henderson	Millie	[ ]



### AVON BOOK DIVIDEND

Publishers: Avon Novels, Inc., 119 West 57th St., New York 19, NY; #s 1 - 2  
 [same], 575 Madison Ave., NY 22, NY; #s 3 -  
 Distributor: ANC  
 Format: saddle-stapled  
 Price: 35¢  
 Comments: A late series of love novels, published openly by Avon. About half of these had previously appeared from one of Avon's other imprints. A copy of # 1 was seen stamped "Sep 5."

1 Woodford, Jack	The Abortive Hussy	Strick	1950
2 Hanley, Jack	Star Lust		1951
3 Bodenheim, Maxwell	New York Madness		1951
4 Woodford, Jack	Grounds for Divorce		{1951}
5 Holland, Marty	Her Private Passions	Aug	1951
6 Woodford, Jack	Teach Me to Love	[ ]	
7 [anonymous ed.]	Tropical Passions	(Apr	1952)



### AVON DETECTIVE MYSTERIES

Publisher: Avon Book Company, 119 West 57th St., NY 19, NY  
 Distributor: ANC: credited from # 2  
 Price: 25¢  
 Comments: All three volumes were copyrighted as books, forcing their inclusion here. Volumes have no individual titles.

- 1 Williams, Herbert, ed.
- 2 Williams, Herbert, ed.
- 3 Williams, Herbert, ed.

[© 4/10] Mar 1947  
 [© 6/27] 1947  
 [© 8/25] 1947



### AVON FANTASY READER

Publishers: Avon Book Company, 119 West 57th St., NY 19, NY; #s 1 - 5  
 Avon Book Company, Inc., [same address]; #s 6 - 7  
 Avon Publishing Co., Inc., [same address]; #s 8 - 9  
 Avon Novels Inc., [same address]; #s 10 - 15  
 [same], 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, NY; #s 16 - 18

Distributor: ANC; credited from # 4

Format: saddle stapled; #s 5 - 18

Price: 35¢

Comments: The first volume only was issued in a magazine-like format and was copyrighted as a periodical. All the other volumes were copyrighted as books. Volumes have no individual titles.

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|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [©] Feb [25] 1947 |
| 2 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 4/20] 1947     |
| 3 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 6/30] 1947     |
| 4 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 9/6] 1947      |
| 5 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 3/1/48] 1947   |
| 6 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 5/24] 1948     |
| 7 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 9/9] 1948      |
| 8 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 11/23] 1948    |
| 9 Wollheim, Donald A., ed.  |              | [© 2/17] 1949     |
| 10 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. | L.S.         | [© 5/15] 1949     |
| 11 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. |              | [© 10/11] 1949    |
| 12 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. | M. Isip      | [© 3/10] 1950     |
| 13 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. | M. Isip      | [© 6/1] 1950      |
| 14 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. | [© R. Crowl] | [© 10/15] 1950    |
| 15 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. | [© J. Gama]  | [© 1/31] 1951     |
| 16 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. | [© R. Crowl] | [© 4/25] 1951     |
| 17 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. | Barton       | 1951              |
| 18 Wollheim, Donald A., ed. |              | 1952              |



### AVON MODERN SHORT STORY MONTHLY

Publishers: Avon Book Company, 432 Fourth Ave., New York (16), NY; #s 1 - 22  
 [same], 119 West 57th St., New York 19, NY; #s 23 - 41  
 Avon Publishing Co., Inc., [same address]; #s 42 - 46  
 Avon Novels, Inc., [same address]; #s 47 - 51

Distributor: ANC; credited from # 39

Format: saddle-stapled; from # 39

Prices: 25¢; #s 1 - 34  
 35¢; #s 35 - 51

Comments: In spite of the "monthly" designation, never issued more than 10 books a year. Number 42 was originally forecast as *More Tales of Tropical Romance* by Somerset Maugham; It was retitled and published as # 43. Something called *New Anthology of Modern Stories* was forecast twice (in #s 37 and 38) as the next book in the series, but is not identifiable as anything that was otherwise published. Volumes 30 to 36 were copyrighted as periodicals; the others were copyrighted as books.



See also **Avon Annual**, a related series.

1	Maugham, W. Somerset	Cosmopolitans		1943
2	O'Hara, John	Files on Parade	[© 2/18]	1943
3	Coward, Noel	To Step Aside	[© 3/26]	1943
4	Saroyan, William	Thirty-One Selected Stories	[© 4/15]	1943
5	Hilton, James	Ill Wind	[© 5/19]	1943
6	Lewis, Sinclair	Seven Selected Short Stories		1943
7	[anonymous ed.]	14 Great Stories by 14 Great Authors	[© 7/29]	1943
8	Maugham, W. Somerset	More Great Stories		(1943)
9	Steinbeck, John	The Long Valley	[© 9/4]	1943
10	Farrell, James T.	Fifteen Selected Stories	[© 10/21]	1943
11	Hecht, Ben	11 Selected Great Stories	[© 11/19]	1943
12	Saroyan, William	Someday I'll Be a Millionaire		1944
13	Bromfield, Louis	Three Short Novels	[© 2/9]	1944
14	Caldwell, Erskine	22 Great Modern Stories	[© 3/9]	1944
15	[anonymous ed.]	Thirteen Great (Modern) Stories	[© 4/13]	1944
16	Hurst, Fannie	8 Long Short Stories	[© 5/15]	1944
17	Wolfe, Thomas	Selected Great Stories	[© 6/20]	1944
18	Maugham, W. Somerset	Ah King and other Romance Stories of the Tropics		
			[© 8/10]	1944
19	Ferber, Edna	They Brought Their Women	[© 9/12]	1944
20	[anonymous ed.]	Twelve Great Modern Stories	[© 10/23]	1944
21	Farrell, James T.	Twelve Great Stories	[© 1/10]	1945
22	Cain, James M.	Career in C Major and Other Stories	[© 2/12]	1945
23	Buck, Pearl S.	The First Wife and Other Stories	[© 4/20]	1945
24	Bromfield, Louis	Five Long Short Stories	[© 6/1]	1945
25	[anonymous ed.]	Ten Great Stories	[© 7/26]	1945
26	Hecht, Ben	Stories	[© 9/4]	1945
27	Runyon, Damon	Ten Stories	[© 11/5]	1945
28	[anonymous ed.]	Twelve Great Stories	[© 2/15]	1946
29	O'Hara, John	Hope of Heaven and Other Stories	B.Latger	1946
30	Caldwell, Erskine	Georgia Boy and Other Stories	[© 4/23]	1946
31	[anonymous ed.]	Twelve Great Stories	[© 6/12]	1946
32	Shaw, Irwin	Welcome to the City	[© 8/2]	1946
33	[anonymous ed.]	A New Collection of Great Stories	[© 9/30]	1946
34	Bromfield, Louis	Great Stories	[© 11/4]	1946
35	Maugham, W. Somerset	The Trembling of a Leaf	[© 12/31]	1946
36	Sabatini, Rafael	Stories of Love and Adventure		
		Lumen Winter	[© 3/15]	1947
37	Hecht, Ben	Concerning a Woman of Sin and Other Stories		
		Doyle	[© 5/27]	1947
38	Maugham, W. Somerset	(Great) Stories of Love and Intrigue		
		[© T. Varady]	[© 7/30]	1947
39	O'Hara, John	Stories of Venial Sin	[© 10/7]	1947
40	Feuchtwanger, Lion	Marianne in India and Other Stories		
		[© G Mayers]	[© 1/30/48]	1947
41	Farrell, James T.	A Hell of a Good Time and Other Stories		
		[© G Mayers]	[© 4/6/48]	1947
42	[anonymous ed.]	(The) Hollywood Love Clinic	[© 8/9]	1948
43	Maugham, W. Somerset	East of Suez Bruno of Hollywood	[© 10/25]	1948
44	[anonymous ed.]	Tropical Passions	[© 1/29]	1949
45	O'Hara, John	Hellbox	[© 3/29]	1949
46	Lawrence, D.,H.	Love Among the Haystacks and Other Stories		
			[© 4/28]	1949
47	Dell, Floyd	Love in Greenwich Village	[© 6/17]	1949
48	Brush, Katharine	Night Club	[© 8/19]	1949
49	Lawrence, D.,H.	A Modern Lover and Other Stories		
		[© Ray Johnson]	[© 11/17]	1949
50	O'Hara, John	All the Girls He Wanted [© Ann Cantor]	[© 1/4/50]	1949
51	Maugham, W. Somerset	The Romantic Young Lady and Other Intriguing People		1950





### THE AVON MONTHLY NOVEL

Publishers: Avon Editions, Inc., 119 West 57th St., New York 19, NY; #s 1 -  
Avon Novels, Inc., [same address]; #s (8) – 17  
[same], 575 Madison Ave, New York 22, NY #s 18 -

Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: Another Avon series that fell far short of its stated "monthly" schedule.

1 Cain, James M.	Sinful Woman	Barye	[©10/14]	1947
2 Holland, Marty	Her Private Passions	[© Hayden Steps]		
			[©] Nov [21]	1947
3 Clarke, Donald Henderson	The Regenerate Lover			1948
4 Chase, James Hadley	The Villain and the Virgin			
		[© C. Immerman]	[© 3/30]	1948
5 Wilson, Dana	Uneasy Virtue	[© V. Bruno]	[© 6/8]	1948
6 Zinberg, Len	Strange Desires	[© V. Bruno]	[© 7/19]	1948
7 Chase, James Hadley	12 Chinks and a Woman		[© 9/9]	1948
8 Rothman, Nathan	Virgie, Goodbye	Bruno of Hollywood	[© 10/20]	1948
9 Bloch, Robert	The Scarf of Passion		[© 12/22]	1948
10 Martin, George Victor	The Lady Said Yes		[© 3/24]	1949
11 Lobaugh, Elma K.	The Devil Is Loneliness		[© 4/27]	1949
12 Brush, Katharine	Little Sins		[© 6/25]	1949
13 Briffault, Robert	Carlotta		[© 9/9]	1949
14 Hanline, M. A.	The Man Who Drove Girls Wild		[© 10/20]	1949
15 Holland, Marty	The Darling of Paris			
		[© D. Richard Statile]	[© 11/15]	1949
16 Clarke, Donald Henderson	Millie's Daughter			1950
17 Cain, James M.	Jealous Woman	Doyle	[© 7/5]	1950
18 Chase, James Hadley	I'll Get You for This			1951
19 Collison, Wilson	One Night with Nancy		[ ]	[ ]
20 Woodford, Jack	Ecstasy Girl		[ ]	[ ]
21 Hanley, Jack	Tomcat in Tights		[ ]	[ ]
22 Lewton, Val	No Bed of Her Own		[ ]	[ ]



### AVON ROMANCE NOVEL MONTHLY

Publisher: Avon Publishing Co., Inc., 119 West 57th St., New York 19, NY

Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 25¢

Comments: A short series devoted to traditional romances rather than the "love novels" so prevalent in these digest series.

1 Ayres, Ruby M. (as by Ayers on cover)	The Little Sinner	B	[© 11/15]	1949
2 Moore, Frances Sarah	Love Should Be Laughter			
		Lumen Winter	[© 1/16]	1950
3 Dern, Peggy	Help Yourself to Love			{1950}





### AVON SCIENCE FICTION READER

Publisher: Avon Novels Inc., 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, NY

Distributors: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: For the purposes of this index treated as a series of books. The one volume registered was copyrighted as a book. Volumes have no individual titles.

1	Wollheim, Donald A., ed.	[© R. Crowl]	[© 4/5]	1951
2	Wollheim, Donald A., ed.			1951
3	Wollheim, Donald A., ed.	Earle Bergey		1952



### AVON SPECIAL

Publisher:

Distributor: ANC

Format: assumed to be saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: Not seen by me; need publisher data. All books unnumbered. As far as I know, no publication order has been established. Order below is random.

un	Wilstach, John	Night Club Girl	[© 9/18]	1951
un	Guild, Leo	Seduction	[© 11/15]	1951
un	Woodford, Jack	Three Gorgeous Hussies	[© Ann Cantor]	[ ]
un	Woodford, Jack	Free Lovers		[ ]
un	Woodford, Jack	Peeping Tom		[ ]
un	Bloch, Robert	The Scarf of Passion		[ ]
un	Clarke, Donald Henderson	A Lady Named Lou		[ ]
un	O'Hara, John	Stories of Venial Sin		[ ]
un	Rothman, Nathan	Virgie, Goodbye		[ ]



### AVON WESTERN READER

Publisher: Avon Book Company, 119 West 57th St., New York 19, NY

Distributor: ANC; credited from # 3

Format: saddle-stapled; from # (3)

Price: 25¢

Comments: In spite of a magazine-like appearance, all volumes were copyrighted as books. Volumes have no individual titles.

1	[anonymous ed.]	[© 3/25]	1947
2	[anonymous ed.]	[© 6/20]	1947
3	[anonymous ed.]	[© 8/5]	1947
4	[anonymous ed.]	[© 10/21]	1947



**BEST DETECTIVE NOVEL OF THE MONTH** (#s 1 - 2)  
**BEST DETECTIVE SELECTION OF THE MONTH** (#s 3 - 4)  
**BEST DETECTIVE SELECTION** (#s 5 - 10)

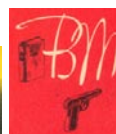
Publishers: Select Publications, Inc., New York; #s 1 - 7  
 Margood Publishing Corp., New York; # 8  
 Sphere Publications, Inc., New York; # 9  
 Euclid Publishing Co., Inc., New York; # 10

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: All publishing companies owned by Martin Goodman. Volumes above # 6 lack the full imprint, the abbreviation "BDS" appears in a shield-shaped logo on the front cover. Some of those last four also lack numbers, although some give the number on the inside front cover. A companion series, **Crime Novel Selection**, was published in alternation with this series and was folded at the same time. The last volume forecasts *D - as in Dead* by Lawrence Treat, which was published without imprint by **[Hercules]**.

1	Bennett, Dorothy	Come and Be Killed		1942
2	Ronns, Edward	\$1,000,000 in Corpses	(ca. Aug 1)	1942
3	Jaffe, Michael	Death Goes to a Party	Cardwell Higgins	1942
4	Bagby, George	The Bloody Wig Murders		1942
5	Patrick, Keats	The Pool of Death		1942
6	Treat, Lawrence	Wail for the Corpses		1943
(7)	Ronns, Edward	The Corpse Hangs High	[© 8/3]	1943
8	Long, Manning	Modeled in Murder	Peter Driben [© 10/6]	1943
9	Ballard, W. T.	Say Yes to Murder	Peter Driben [© 12/12]	1943
(10)	Petersen, Herman	Murder R.F.D.	Peter Driben [© 1/11/44]	1943
	(as by Peterson on cover)			



**BESTSELLER LIBRARY** (#s 1 - 16)

**BESTSELLER MYSTERY** (from # 17)

Publishers: The American Mercury, Inc., 570 Lexington Ave., New York 22, NY #s 1 - (127), except:

Lawrence E. Spivak, [same address]; #s 19, 30 - 66, 71, 74, of those seen  
 Mercury Publications, Inc.,

570 Lexington Ave., New York; #s (129) - 174

471 Park Ave., New York 22, NY; #s 175 - 192

527 Madison Ave., New York 22, NY; #s 193 - 209, except:

Fantasy House, Inc., [same address]; # (207, 208)

Distributors: ANC; credited from # (97) to # 195

none given; #s 196 - (203)

PDC; # (207) - 209

Prices: 25¢; #s 1 - 124

35¢; #s 125 - 209

Comments: Issued monthly from # 2 to 204, thereafter bi-monthly, alternating with the later **Jonathan Press Mystery**. Theoretical publication date was always the 15th of the month. There appears to have been a two-month interval between #s 76 and 77. Number 26 was not advertised and there was no gap in the publication schedule that it would fill. A scan of # 14 was seen with a date stamp of "May 16, 1941." A scan of # B76 was seen with a date stamp of "Jul 23." With # 210 became *Bestseller Mystery Magazine*, starting with Vol. 1 No. 1 (July 1958), but including whole numbers that continued the original numbering. In Mercury's various "house ads" the books in this series were differentiated from the **Mercury Books** by putting a "B" in

front of the book number, although the books themselves did not initially have it. Somewhere between #s 13 and 20 they began putting the "B" on the books themselves but I have not been able to identify the changeover point. Like **Mercury Books** this imprint began as a general reprint series and changed its name after it became devoted exclusively to mysteries. Lawrence E. Spivak was the original publisher and is sometimes credited without reference to any of the corporate names. Joseph W. Ferman bought the company from Spivak and became publisher with #175. Some volumes below # 125 may have been test-marketed with the higher price but none have been documented. Additional printings in Jun 1940, Feb 1942 and Jan 1943 are stated, respectively, for #s 1, 17 and 29 in their later **Pocket Book** editions. It is not presently known if they can be differentiated. See also **Mercury Books** and **Jonathan Press Mystery**.

A note on the covers: all the covers were hand lettered by George Salter and were so credited during the period that cover credits were printed in the books. This calligraphy fairly quickly came to include small flourishes, like a clock face in an "O", and eventually evolved into small doodles in and around the lettering. The two exceptions were both photo covers. My feeling is that none of the doodles rise to the level of actual "illustration" so I have listed no cover credits for this publisher.

(B1) Queen, Ellery	(The) Adventures of Ellery Queen	[Feb 1940]
2 Nathan, Robert	One More Spring	[1940]
3 Queen, Ellery	More Adventures of Ellery Queen	[1940]
4 Pitkin, Walter B.	Life Begins at Forty	[1940]
5 Kirkland, Jack	Tobacco Road	(8/15 1940)
6 Bromfield, Louis	Twenty-Four Hours	(9/13 1940)
7 Hart, Frances Noyes	The Bellamy Trial	[1940]
8 Queen, Ellery	The Devil to Pay	[1940]
9 Christie, Agatha	The Mysterious Mr. Quin	[1940]
10 Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Curious Bride	(1/15 1941)
11 Queen, Ellery	The Spanish Cape Mystery	[1941]
12 Marquand, John P.	Thank You, Mr. Moto	[Mar 1941]
13 Sayers, Dorothy L.	Lord Peter Views the Body	(4/15 1941)
14 Queen, Ellery	The Greek Coffin Mystery	[1941]
15 Wilde, Percival	Inquest	[1941]
16 Armstrong, Margaret	Murder in Stained Glass	(7/15 1941)
17 Queen, Ellery	The Egyptian Cross Mystery	[Jul 1941]
18 Christie, Agatha	Dead Man's Mirror	[1941]
B19 Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Sleepwalker's Niece	[1941]
B20 Sayers, Dorothy L.	In the Teeth of the Evidence	[1941]
B21 Christie, Agatha	Murder in 3 Acts	[1941]
B22 Gardner, Erle Stanley	The D.A. Holds a Candle	[Jan 1942]
B23 Marsh, Ngaio	Death in Ecstasy	[1942]
B24 Simenon, Georges	A Face for a Clue	[1942]
B25 Christie, Agatha	Partners in Crime	[1942]
B26	NOT PUBLISHED	
B27 Mason, Van Wyck	Cairo Garter Murders	[1942]
B28 Queen, Ellery	The Tragedy of Y	[1942]
B29 Gardner, Erle Stanley	Murder up My Sleeve	[Jun 1942]
B30 Armstrong, Margaret	The Man with No Face	[1942]
B31 Stout, Rex	Some Buried Caesar	[1942]
B32 Christie, Agatha	The Seven Dials Mystery	[1942]
B33 Allingham, Margery	Black Plumes	[1942]
B34 Dickson, Carter	The Department of Queer Complaints	[1942]
B35 Gardner, Erle Stanley	This Is Murder	[Jan 1943]
B36 Christie, Agatha	The Regatta Mystery	[1943]
B37 Seeley, Mabel	The Whispering Cup	[1943]
B38 Sayers, Dorothy L.	Hangman's Holiday	[1943]
B39 Christie, Agatha	The Boomerang Clue	[1943]
B40 Hammett, Dashiell	\$106,000 Blood Money	(6/15 1943)
B41 Simenon, Georges	The Flemish Shop	(7/15 1943)
B42 Lee, Gypsy Rose	The G-String Murders	(8/13 1943)
B43 Christie, Agatha	Poirot Investigates	(9/14 1943)

B44	Stout, Rex	Where There Is a Will	(10/15 1943)
B45	Dickson, Carter	Death in Five Boxes	[1943]
B46	Lees, Hannah & Bachmann, Lawrence	Death in the Doll's House	[1943]
B47	Carr, John Dickson	The Three Coffins	[1944]
B48	Christie, Agatha	The Secret Adversary	[1944]
B49	Eberhart, Mignon G.	The Dark Garden	[1944]
B50	Hammett, Dashiell	The Adventures of Sam Spade	[© 4/14] 1944
B51	Allingham, Margery	Police at the Funeral	[1944]
B52	Christie, Agatha	The Man in the Brown Suit	[1944]
B53	Disney, Dorothy Cameron & Perry, George	Sessions	
		Thirty Days Hath September	[1944]
B54	Christie, Agatha	Sad Cypress	[1944]
B55	Eberhart, Mignon G.	The Pattern	[1944]
B56	Allingham, Margery	Kingdom of Death	[1944]
B57	Mason, Van Wyck	The Washington Legation Murders	[1944]
B58	Christie, Agatha	Appointment with Death	[1944]
B59	Queen, Ellery	The Case Book of Ellery Queen	[1945]
B60	Eberhart, Mignon G.	The Hangman's Whip	[1945]
B61	Christie, Agatha	Murder at Hazelmoor	[1945]
B62	Hammett, Dashiell	The Continental Op	[© 4/13] 1945
B63	Mason, Van Wyck	The Budapest Parade Murders	[1945]
B64	Marsh, Ngaio	Artists in Crime	[1945]
B65	Disney, Doris Miles	A Compound for Death	[1945]
B66	Olsen, D. B.	The Alarm of the Black Cat	[1945]
B67	Fearing, Kenneth	Dagger of the Mind	[1945]
B68	Marsh, Ngaio	Vintage Murder	[1945]
B69	Simenon, Georges	The Patience of Maigret	1945
B70	Daly, Elizabeth	Deadly Nightshade	[1945]
B71	Wallace, Edgar	The Crimson Circle	(1/15 1946)
B72	Hopkins, Stanley, Jr.	The Parchment Key	[1946]
B73	Knight, Clifford	The Affair of the Crimson Gull	(3/15 1946)
B74	Caspary, Vera	Laura	[1946]
B75	Wentworth, Patricia	Miss Silver Deals with Death	(5/15 1946)
B76	Branson, H. C.	The Pricking Thumb	(6/15 1946)
B77	White, Ethel Lina	While She Sleeps(!)	[1946]
B78	Carr, John Dickson	Death(-)Watch	[1946]
B79	Christie, Agatha	Mr. Parker Pyne, Detective	[1946]
B80	Seeley, Mabel	The Chuckling Fingers	[1946]
B81	Hammett, Dashiell	Hammett Homicides	[©12/20] 1946
B82	Fischer, Bruno	Quoth the Raven	[1947]
B83	Warren, James	She Fell Among Actors	[1947]
B84	Martin, A. E.	Sinners Never Die	[1947]
B85	Little, Constance & Gwennyth	The Black Honeymoon	[1947]
B86	Christie, Agatha	Murder in the Calais Coach	[1947]
B87	Bagby, George	The Corpse with the Purple Thighs	[1947]
B88	Kelsey, Vera	Whisper Murder [!]	[1947]
B89	Chambers, Dana	The Blonde Died First	[1947]
B90	Irish, William	Deadline at Dawn	[1947]
B91	Vickers, Roy	The Department of Dead Ends	[© 10/14] 1947
B92	Siller, Van	One Alone	[1947]
B93	Daly, Elizabeth	The Book of the Dead	[1947]
B94	Henry, O.	Cops and Robbers	1948
B95	Rinehart, Mary Roberts	The Yellow Room	[1948]
B96	Dent, Lester	Dead at the Take-Off	[1948]
B97	Venning, Michael	The Man Who Slept All Day	[4/23 1948]
B98	Sanders, George	Stranger at Home	[1948]
B99	Olsen, D. B.	Cats Don't Need Coffins	[1948]
B100	Vickers, Roy	The Hawk	[7/20 1948]
B101	Dent, Lester	Lady to Kill	[8/17 1948]
B102	McDermid, Finlay	Kiss the Blonde Goodbye	[9/14 1948]
B103	Chambers, Dana	Rope for an Ape	[10/15] 1948



B104	Edgley, Leslie	Fear No More	[11/16 1948]
B105	Walker, Gertrude	So Deadly Fair	[12/14 1948]
B106	Fischer, Bruno	The Bleeding Scissors	[1949]
B107	Strange, John Stephen	Make My Bed Soon	[2/5 1949]
B108	Hunt, Harrison	Murder Picks the Jury	[1949]
B109	Edgley, Leslie	The Angry Heart	[1949]
B110	Oursler, Will	Bullets for a Blonde	[1949]
B111	Disney, Doris Miles	Death for My Beloved	[1949]
B112	Daly, Elizabeth	The Book of the Lion	[7/12 1949]
B113	Bagby, George	In Cold Blood	[8/16 1949]
B114	Knight, Kathleen Moore	The Blue Horse of Taxco	[1949]
B115	Dent, Lester	Lady Afraid	[11/16 1949]
B116	Nelson, Hugh Lawrence	Fountain of Death	[1949]
B117	Lawrence, Hilda	Death Has Four Hands	[1950]
B118	Long, Manning	Short Shrift	[1950]
B119	Clark, Philip	The Dark River	[1950]
B120	Olsen, D. B.	Devious Design	[1950]
B121	Goodis, David	Nightfall	[4/27 1950]
B122	Lawrence, Hilda	The Bleeding House	[1950]
B123	Knight, Kathleen Moore	Bait for Murder	[7/6 1950]
B124	Marquand, John P.	Think Fast, Mr. Moto	[7/25 1950]
B125	Powell, Richard	Shark River	[8/29 1950]
B126	Scherf, Margaret	For the Love of Murder	[9/22 1950]
B127	Spicer, Bart	The Dark Light	[10/11 1950]
B128	Palmer, Stuart	The Monkey Murder	[© 11/1] 1950
B129	Lorac, E. C. R.	Place for a Poisoner	[12/13 1950]
B130	Fischer, Bruno	Kill to Fit	[1/19 1951]
B131	Dickenson, Fred	Kill 'Em with Kindness	[1951]
B132	Stein, Aaron Marc	Days of Misfortune	[1951]
B133	Chambers, Dana	Too like the Dead	[4/24 1951]
B134	Debrett, Hal	A Lonely Way to Die	[5/22 1951]
B135	Rutledge, Nancy	Murder for Millions	[6/19 1951]
B136	Leslie, Jean	Blood on My Shoe	[7/24 1951]
B137	Gilbert, Michael	He Didn't Mind Danger	[8/28 1951]
B138	Black, Thomas B.	The Whitebird Murders	[1951]
B139	Knight, Clifford	Death of a Big Shot	[1951]
B140	Blochman, Lawrence G.	Rather Cool for Mayhem	[1951]
B141	Leonard, Charles L.	Sinister Shelter	[1951]
B142	Dolph, Jack	Hot Tip	[1/14 1952]
B143	Fuller, Samuel Michael	Murder Makes a Deadline	[2/9 1952]
B144	Sherwood, John	Mr. Blessington's Imperialist Plot	[3/13 1952]
B145	Saxon, John A.	Half-Past Mortem	[1952]
B146	Benet, James	The Knife behind You	[5/13 1952]
B147	Bonnamy, Francis	The Man in the Mist	[6/10 1952]
B148	Gilbert, Michael	Smallbone Deceased	[7/8 1952]
B149	O'Farrell, William	These Arrows Point to Death	[8/12 1952]
B150	Sheridan, Juanita	The Kahuna, Killer	[9/16 1952]
B151	Black, Thomas B.	The 3-13 Murders	[10/14 1952]
B152	McCloy, Helen	Alias Basil Willing	[11/20 1952]
B153	Gordons	FBI Story	[12/11 1952]
B154	Siller, Van	Fatal Lover	[1953]
B155	Sheridan, Juanita	The Mamo Murders	[1953]
B156	Foley, Rae	Don't Kill, My Love	[1953]
B157	Treat, Lawrence	F as in Flight	[1953]
B158	Stein, Aaron Marc	Mask for Murder	[1953]
B159	Scherf, Margaret	Divine and Deadly	[1953]
B160	Findley, Ferguson	Dead Ringer	[1953]
B161	Strange, John Stephen	The Fair and the Dead	[1953]
B162	Barns, Glenn M.	Murder Is a Gamble	[1953]
B163	Bloomfield, Robert	Lust for Vengeance	[9/29 1953]
B164	Stagge, Jonathan	Death, My Darling Daughters	[1953]
B165	White, Leslie T.	Vice Squad	[1953]

B166 McCloy, Helen	Dance of Death	[1954]
B167 Holding, Elisabeth Sanxay	The Virgin Huntress	[2/16 1954]
B168 Fenisong, Ruth	Dead Yesterday	[1954]
B169 Lanham, Edwin	One Murder Too Many	[4/16 1954]
B170 Gordons, The	Make Haste to Live	[5/14 1954]
B171 Edgley, Leslie	One Blonde Died	[6/16 1954]
B172 Holden, Genevieve	Killer Loose!	[7/15 1954]
B173 Stone, Hampton	The Corpse Who Had Too Many Friends	(8/14 1954)
B174 Godey, John	This Year's Death	[9/23 1954]
B175 Barns, Glenn (M.)	Lawyers Don't Hang	[1954]
B176 Lewis, Lange	The Passionate Victims	(11/16 1954)
B177 Hitchens, Dolores	Terror Lurks in Darkness	[12/14 1954]
B178 Treat, Lawrence	V as in Victim	[1/6 1955]
B179 O'Farrell, William	Lovely in Death	[2/1 1955]
B180 Godey, John	Killer at His Back	[1955]
B181 Heberden, M. V.	You'll Fry Tomorrow	[4/2 1955]
B182 Lanham, Edwin	The Case of the Missing Corpse	[1955]
B183 Estes, Carroll Cox	Embrace of Death	[6/4 1955]
B184 Hitchens, Dolores	The Fatal Flirt	[1955]
B185 Fenisong, Ruth	Too Lovely to Live	[7/26 1955]
B186 Sted, Richard	They All Bleed Red	[9/7 1955]
B187 Crispin, Edmund	Buried for Pleasure	[10/11 1955]
B188 Godey, John	The Blonde Betrayer	[1955]
B189 Palmer, Stuart	Trap for a Redhead	[1955]
B190 Treat, Lawrence	Trial and Terror	[1956]
B191 Daly, Elizabeth	Shroud for a Lady	(2/14) [1956]
B192 Davis, Frederick C.	Another Morgue Heard From	[1956]
B193 Blake, Nicholas	Catch and Kill	(4/15) [1956]
B194 Yudkoff, Alvin	Network of Fear	(5/15) [1956]
B195 MacDonald, Philip	No Time for Terror	(6/14) [1956]
B196 Franklin, Max	Murder Muscles In	(7/12) [1956]
B197 Kelland, Clarence Budington	Murder Makes an Entrance	(8/14) [1956]
B198 Woolrich, Cornell	Black Alibi	(9/13) [1956]
B199 Daly, Elizabeth	The Book of the Crime	(10/16) [1956]
B200 Bagby, George	A Dirty Way to Die	(11/15) [1956]
B201 Reilly, Helen	Tell Her It's Murder	[1956]
B202 Chaber, M. E.	Take One for Murder	(1/15) [1957]
B203 McCloy, Helen	The Long Body	(2/14) [1957]
B204 Fisher, Steve	I Wake Up Screaming	(3/14 1957)
B205 Borgenicht, Miriam	Don't Look Back	(5/14 1957)
B206 Woolrich, Cornell	The Black Angel	(8/16 1957)
B207 Household, Geoffrey	Hang the Man High	[10/15 1957]
B208 McCloy, Helen	The Deadly Truth	[12/12 1957]
B209 Graham, Winston	Bridge to Vengeance	(2/13) [1958]



#### BIG GREEN DETECTIVE NOVEL

Publisher: Green Publishing Co., New York

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. Since the first two are reprints of **DOUBLE ACTION DETECTIVE NOVELS** they were clearly issued no earlier than 1943, and the ad for War Bonds in the one volume seen indicates that they were issued no later than 1945. The first volume issued reprinted in *facsimile* the second **DOUBLE ACTION** novel, including the book number on the cover. The next volume reprinted the first **DOUBLE ACTION** novel but used a modified reprint of the cover from **DOUBLE ACTION #3** to

continue the sequence. Number 1 was never used. For some unknown reason two number 5s were issued; the Giles seems to have been the earlier. Due to the modified covers on the first 2 volumes, the exact imprint may vary slightly to fit the space available. See [Green] for other information about this publisher. I have no idea what relationship may have existed between Green and the earlier publisher; the evidence at hand suggests that their ownerships were completely different.

2	Nyland, Gentry	Hot Bullets for Love	n.d.
3	Pember-Hiller, Guy	Run, Corpse, Run!!	n.d.
4	Lord, Garland	Murder with Love	n.d.
5	Giles, Guy Elwyn	Target for Murder	n.d.
5	Rowe, Anne	The Little Dog Barked	n.d.



### BLACK CAT DETECTIVE SERIES

Publisher: Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, NY

Distributor: IND; #s 15 - 28

Price: 25¢

Comments: Apparently published in alternation with **Prize Mystery Novels**. Numbering continued as **Black Cat Western Series**. One of the # 3s was probably supposed to be **Prize Mystery Novel** # 3 but was released with the wrong logo. As a consequence, # 4 of this series was skipped. I've listed the Polsky first based on a combined timeline I constructed for both series. See **Crestwood** for a complete list of related series.

1	Giles, Guy Elwyn	3	Died Variously		1943
2	Veiller, Bayard		Bait for a Tiger		1943
3	Polsky, Thomas		Curtains for the Judge		1943
3	Spain, John		Dig Me a Grave		[© 6/19] 1943
5	Propper, Milton		The Case of the Cheating Bride	JLN	[© 8/31] 1943
6	Lilly, Jean		Death Thumbs a Ride	h	[© 11/10] 1943
7	Blake, Nicholas		The Beast Must Die	h	1943
8	Dalton, Moray		The Body in the Road		1944
9	Billany, Dan		It Takes a Thief		[© 5/12] 1944
10	Cardwell, Ann		Crazy to Kill		[© 7/14] 1944
11	Dale, William		John Doe - Murderer		[© 9/13] 1944
12	Wales, Kirk		6 Were to Die		[© 11/10] 1944
13	Jerome, Owen Fox		Murder [-] as Usual		[© 1/12] 1945
14	Holding, Elisabeth Sanxay		Dark Power	FW	[© 3/21] 1945
15	Mace, Merlda		Headlong for Murder		[© 5/16] 1945
16	Verner, Gerald		The Crooked Circle	FW	[© 7/18] 1945
17	Mace, Merlda		Motto for Murder	FW	[© 9/19] 1945
18	Trimble, Louis		Murder Trouble		[© 11/16] 1945
19	Merwin, Sam, Jr.		Murder in Miniatures		[© 1/16/46] 1945
20	Brown, Gerald		Murder in Plain Sight		[© 3/15] 1946
21	Gaines, Audrey		The Voodoo Goat		{1946}
22	Cameron, Donald Clough		And So He Had to Die		1946
23	Goldman, R. L.		Judge Robinson Murdered!		1946
24	Knox, Timothy		Death in the State House		1946
25	La Roche, K. Alison		Dear Dead Professor		1947
26	Fenwick, E. P.		Murder in Haste		1947
27	Fast, Julius		The Bright Face of Danger		1947
28	Mace, Merlda		Blondes Don't Cry		(1947)



## BLACK CAT WESTERN SERIES

Publisher: Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, NY

Distributors: none given on # 30, of those seen, otherwise:

IND; #s 29 - (34)

ID; #s (37) - (44)

Price: 25¢

Comments: Numbering continued from **Black Cat Detective Series**. Apparently published in alternation with **Prize Western Novels**. See **Crestwood** for a complete list of related series.

29 Robertson, Frank C.	The Outlaw of Antler		1947
30 Westland, Lynn	Prairie Pioneers	Hal Stone	1948
31 Joscelyn, Archie	Blue River Riders	Vestal	1948
32 Grinstead, J. E.	The Flying Y Brand	H. B. Vestal	1948
33 Arthur, Bert	Gunsmoke in Paradise		1948
34 Westland, Lynn	The Silver Cayuse		1948
35 Riley, Tex	Bullet Justice	H. B. Vestal	n.d.
36 Ermine, Will	Trail Trouble		1949
37 Gunn, Tom	Painted Post Range		1949
38 Westland, Lynn	Saddle River Spread		
39 Knight, Kim	Nighthawk's Gold		n.d.
40 Joscelyn, Archie	The Faceless Riders	Vestal	
41 Joscelyn, Archie	Smoke in the West		n.d.
42 Floren, Lee	Gun-Slammer		n.d.
43 Rubel, James L.	Renegade Guns		
44 Floren, Lee	Mad River Guns		1950
45 Joscelyn, Archie	Outcast Law		1950
46 Montana, Zed	Six Gun Pay-Off!		n.d.



## BLACK KNIGHT MYSTERIES

Publishers: William H. Wise & Co., 50 West 47th St, New York, NY; #s 15 - 19

Ideal Distributing Corp., 480 Lexington Ave, New York 17, NY; # 22 - 34

Distributor: IND; probably for all, but only indicated on #s 26 - 34

Format: short pb; #s 26 - 34

Price: 25¢

Comments: Imprint given on cover as "The Black Knight presents" above the book title. All books are undated. Apparently went through a phase where it was internumbered with **Green Dragon Books**, from the same publisher, resulting in three unused numbers. I have seen a copy of # 15 with a date stamp on the cover that says "Mar 12" with an unreadable year. I have also seen a date stamp on a copy of # 22 that says "Mar 6, 1946." All of the Wise volumes seen mention paper rationing; those were probably issued no later than October 1945. See also **Death House Mystery**.

15 Koehler, Robert Portner	Corpse in the Wind	n.d.
16 Tracy, Don	Last Year's Snow	n.d.
17 Lane, Jeremy	Death to Drumbeat	n.d.
18 Goldman, R. L.	Murder Behind the Mike	n.d.
19 Bonney, Joseph L.	Death by Dynamite	n.d.
20	NOT PUBLISHED	

21	NOT PUBLISHED		
22	Cameron, Donald Clough	Murder's Coming	n.d.
23	NOT PUBLISHED		
24	Bardon, Minna	Murder for Real	n.d.
25	Glidden, M. W.	Come Dwell with Death	n.d.
26	Corne, M. E.	Death Is No Lady	n.d.
27	Michel, M. Scott	The Psychiatric Murders	n.d.
28	Ullman, Albert E.	The Kidnappers	n.d.
29	Stokes, Manning Lee	Green for a Grave	n.d.
30	Bowen, Robert Sidney	Make Mine Murder	n.d.
31	Simmons, Addison	Dead Weight	n.d.
32	Lane, Jeremy	Kill Him Tonight	n.d.
33	Stirling, Peter	Stop Press - Murder!	n.d.
34	Kootz	Puzzle in Petticoats	n.d.



### BLEAK HOUSE

Publisher: Parsee Publications, 122 East 42nd St, New York 17 NY

Distributor: IND

Format: # 12 is the only digest; all others are short pb

Price: 25¢

Comments: All volumes undated. One number was skipped in an apparent attempt to internumber this series with **Hangman's House**, from the same publisher. Given that only one book out of 10 was actually a digest, it would probably have been reasonable to list only that one book, but this series' history is so intertwined with **Hangman's House** I felt that a full listing would aid in understanding the other imprint.

12	Jeffers, Albert	Design for Dying	n.d.
13	NOT PUBLISHED		
14	Bardon, Minna (as by Barton on cover)	The Case of the Blood(-)stained Dime	n.d.
15	Sanger, Joan (as by Langer on cover)	The Case of the Missing Corpse	n.d.
16	Wood, Clement	The Corpse in the Guest Room	n.d.
17	Spewack, Samuel	The Skyscraper Murder	n.d.
18	Lane, Jeremy	Murder Menagerie	n.d.
19	Laing, Patrick	If I Should Murder	n.d.
20	Dale, William	The Terror of the Handless Corpse	n.d.
21	Koehler, Robert Portner	Here Come the Dead	n.d.
22	Cameron, Donald Clough	White for a Shroud	n.d.

A BONDED MYSTERY

A BONDED COLLECTION

A BONDED WESTERN

A BONDED SPECIAL

## BONDED

Publishers: Bond-Charteris: # 1  
The Jacobs Publishing Co., 314 N. Robertson Blvd, Hollywood 36, CA; #s (5) - 8  
The Shaw Press, [same address]; #s 9 -10, un  
Bond-Charteris Enterprises, [same address]; #s 10A, 10B, 11 - 16

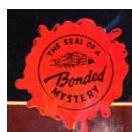
Distributor: IND

Format: of those seen, #s 10A, 10B & 11 were saddle-stapled

Price: 25¢

Comments: The imprint designation varied from book to book--mostly **Bonded Mysteries** and **Bonded Collections**, the latter for those with more than one story. There was only one **Bonded Western**; the one science fiction novel was designated a **Bonded Special**. Numbering continued as **Chartered**. After Leslie Charteris and Anson Bond dissolved this joint venture. Anson Bond published another series called **Bonded Mystery**; see the next entry. The two books with letter suffixes were the only titles that were not mystery/suspense. It is possible that these two books were numbered this way in an attempt to start distinct numbering sequences for each genre.

1	Charteris, Leslie	The Saint Meets the Tiger	[March 1945]
2	Charteris, Leslie	Featuring the Saint	[ ]
3	Charteris, Leslie	The Saint's Getaway	[ ]
4	Charteris, Leslie, ed	The Saint's Choice Volume One: English Crime	[ ]
5	Charteris, Leslie	Alias the Saint	[© 7/3] 1945
6	Charteris, Leslie, ed	The Saint's Choice Volume Two: American Crime	[© 7/3] 1945
7	Charteris, Leslie	Paging the Saint	[©] Jul [23] 1945
8	Charteris, Leslie, ed	The Saint's Choice of True Crime Stories	[© 7/23] 1945
9	Charteris, Leslie, ed	The Saint's Choice of Humorous Crime Stories	[© 9/2] 1945
10	Cain, Paul	Fast One	[1945]
10A	Jameson, Malcolm	Atomic Bomb	1945
10B	Friend, Oscar J.	Guns of Powder River	1945
11	Charteris, Leslie, ed	The Saint's Choice of Impossible Crime	[© 12/28] 1945
12	Rice, Craig	The Craig Rice Mystery Digest	[© 12/28] 1945
13	Rice, Craig	8 Faces at 3	
14	Charteris, Leslie	The Saint Meets His Match	
15	Sanders, George	Crime on My Hands	n.d.
16	Paul, Elliot	I'll Hate Myself in the Morning	n.d.
un	Charteris, Leslie	Lady on a Train	[© 9/16] 1945



## BONDED MYSTERY

Publisher: Anson Bond Publications, Inc., 913 La Cienega Blvd, Hollywood 46, CA

Distributor: IND

Format: short pb; #s 5 - 16

Price: 25¢

Comments: All books undated, including the one original. This series was produced by Anson Bond after he and Leslie Charteris dissolved the partnership that had issued the first run of **Bonded** books, above. The new publishing company was noted in *Time* magazine Jan 28, 1946; the entire run was undoubtedly issued in that year. The books in this series appear to have been issued in pairs, all volumes seen have reciprocal ads and forecast the next month's pair. The last two titles forecast, *Footsteps in the Air* by Susan Wells and *This Is Mr. Fortune* by H. C. Bailey, are not believed to have been issued.



1 Hogarth, Emmett	The Goose Is Cooked	n.d.
2 Wood, Sally	Murder of a Novelist	n.d.
3 Lauferty, Lillian	(The) Hungry House	n.d.
4 Booth, Charles G.	Murder Strikes Thrice	n.d.
5 Branson, H. C.	I'll Eat You Last	n.d.
6 Storme, Peter	The Thing in the Brook	n.d.
7 Knight, Kathleen, Moore	Death Blew Out the Match	n.d.
8 Bailey, H. C.	[The] Twittering Bird Mystery	n.d.
9 Fenisong, Ruth	Murder Needs a Name	Hill n.d.
10 Treat, Lawrence	"B" as in Banshee	n.d.
11 Hughes, Dorothy B.	Johnnie	n.d.
12 Allingham, Margery	Kingdom of Death	n.d.
13 MacDonald, Philip	Harbour	n.d.
14 Holding, Elisabeth Sanxay	Who's Afraid?	n.d.



### BROADWAY NOVEL MONTHLY

Publishers: Diversey Periodicals, Inc., 3001 Knox Ave., Chicago 41, IL; #s 1 - 7  
[same], 4600 Diversey Ave., Chicago 41, IL; #s 4 - 7  
[same], 119 West 57th St., NY 19, NY; #s 8 - (9)

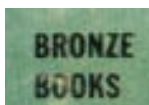
Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: The publisher was actually **Avon Books**; the Chicago address is presumably the printer's. Prior to # 8 the street addresses only appear in the mail-order ads at the back of the books. In #s 4 to 7 different addresses appear on different ads. See **AVON BOOKS** for a complete list of Diversey's other digest-size imprints.

1 Weigall, Arthur	Infidelity	[ ]
2 Dekobra, Maurice	Venus on Wheels	[© 3/24] 1949
3 Gropper, Milton Herbert	Ladies of the Evening	[© 4/21] 1949
4 Prince, Don	Tom's Temptations	[© 5/24] 1949
5 Trent, Timothy	Night Boat	[© 7/14] 1949
6 Gropper, Milton Herbert	Three Loose Ladies	[© Ann Cantor] [© 8/10] 1949
7 Graham, Carroll & Garrett	Fleishpots of Malibu	[© Ann Cantor] [© 9/28] 1949
8 Collison, Wilson	Blonde Baby	[© Peter Duben] [© 11/25] 1949
9 Woodford, Jack	Dangerous love	[© Peter Duben] [© 3/10] 1950
10 Woodford, Jack	Untamed Darling	1950



### BRONZE BOOK

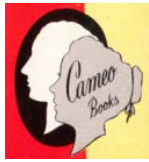
Publisher: Designs Publishing Corp., 211 East 37th Street, New York 16, NY

Distributor: none given

Price: 35¢

Comments: A (very) short-lived series featuring, and presumably aimed at, African-Americans. Designs is another arm of Universal Publishing & Distributing; see **Uni-Book** for a list of companion series.

1 Roberts, Luke	Harlem Model	[© 1/6/53] 1952
2 Carter, Jesse Lee	Hot Chocolate	[© 1/6/53] 1952



## CAMEO BOOKS

Publisher: Detective House, Inc., New York, NY  
 Distributor: ANC  
 Format: saddle-stapled through # 329.  
 Price: 35¢  
 Comments: See [Hanro] for a list of companion series. There is a 9-10 month gap in this series' issuance. The exact break point is not certain but is probably between #s 351 and 352.

300	Stonebraker, Florence	No Man of her Own	G. Gross	[© 8/2]	1951
301	Harvey, Gene	The Loves of Alice Brandt		[©] (Aug) [24]	1951
302	Arnold, William	Night of Ecstasy	G. Gross	[© 9/14]	1951
303	Bligh, Norman	Conquest of Margie	G. Gross	[© 9/14]	1951
304	Stonebraker, Florence	Naughty Blonde	Rudy Nappi	[© 10/2]	1951
305	Harvey, Gene	Pick-Up at Midnight		[© 10/5]	1951
306	Quandt, Albert L.	Passion C.O.D.	G. Gross	[© 10/30]	1951
307	Welles, Kermit	Sin Preferred	[Rudy Nappi]	[© 11/2]	1951
308	Hatter, Amos	Secret Affair		[© 12/28]	1951
309	Harvey, Gene	A Girl Called Joy	G. Gross	[© 12/20]	1951
310	Welles, Kermit	Pleasure Bound		[© 2/21]	1952
311	Jordan, Gail	The Affairs of a Country Girl	G. Gross		
				[© (Mar) [4]	1952
312	Hatter, Amos	Crossroads of Desire		[© 4/4]	1952
313	Bligh, Norman	Three-Time Sinner		[©] (May) [2]	1952
314	Arnold, William	The Big Tease		[© 5/23]	1952
315	Stonebraker, Florence	Passion's Harvest	G. Gross	[© 6/16]	1952
316	Bligh, Norman	Soft Shoulders		[© 7/3]	1952
317	Gaddis, Peggy	Woman of Fire		[© 7/29]	1952
318	Hatter, Amos	Island Ecstasy		[© 8/26]	1952
319	Douglas, Ralph	Beach Party		[© 9/30]	1952
320	Hatter, Amos	Girl of the Midway	Nappi	[© 10/28]	1952
321	Spencer, Frederic	Tight Skirt	Rudolph Belarski	[© 11/11]	1952
322	Reynolds, Robert E.	Loose Women		[©] (Nov) [20]	1952
323	Dixon, Lewis	Wild Girl	Belarski	[© 11/24]	1952
324	Erskine, Sylvia	Young Nurse	S. Cherry	[©] (Dec) [19]	1952
325	Gaddis, Peggy	Mountain Bride	G. Gross	[©] (Dec) [26]	1952
326	Tucker, Joan	At Ruby's Place	Paul Kresse	[©] (Dec) [31]	1952
327	Spencer, Frederic	Cleo		[© 2/9]	1953
328	Jordan, Gail	The Affairs of a Country Girl	G. Gross		(1953)
329	Reynolds, Robert E.	Backwoods Bride	G. Gross	[© 3/20]	1953
330	Manning, Jane	Reefer Girl	Nappi	[© 4/24]	1953
331	Haskell, Frank	House of Lost Women	Gross	[©] (May) [22]	1953
332	Erskine, Sylvia	Nurses' Quarters	Belarski	[© 6/23]	1953
333	Gill, Elisabeth	Young Sinner	Ray Pease	[© 8/21]	1953
334	Harvey, Gene	Office Sinner	Ray Pease		(1953)
335	Dixon, Lewis	Wild Girl	Belarski		(1953)
336	Harvey, Gene	Doctor's Nurse			(1953)
337	Gaddis, Peggy	Mountain Bride	G. Gross	(Dec)	1953
338	Welles, Kermit	Shanty Boat Girl			
339	Cooper, Morton	French Maid	Tauss	[©] (Feb) [4]	1954
340	Erskine, Sylvia	Young Nurse	S. Cherry		(1954)
341	Jordan, Gail	Country Girl	G. Gross		(1954)
342	Tucker, Joan	Shanty Girl	Belarski	[© 4/19]	1954
343	Clay, Matthew	Slum Doctor		[©] (May) [20]	1954
344	Bligh, Norman	Woman of Passion			n.d.
345	Reynolds, Robert E.	Lost Women			n.d.

346	Reynolds, Robert E.	Backwoods Bride		
347	Erskine, Sylvia	Nurses' Quarters		
348	Haskell, Frank	Boarding House	G. Gross	n.d.
349	Tucker, Joan	Waterfront Club	Paul Kresse	n.d.
350	Hatter, Amos	Island Girl		
351	Cooper, Morton	French Maid	Herb Tauss	n.d.
352	Clay, Matthew	Slum Doctor	Schulz	n.d.
353	Harvey, Gene	Doctor's Nurse		
354	Tucker, Joan	Shanty Girl	Belarski	
355	Arnold, William	Runaway Girl		[© 2/21] 1956
356	Erskine, Sylvia	Nurses' Quarters		(1956)
357	Bligh, Norman	Woman of Passion		(1956)
358	Erskine, Sylvia	Young Nurse	S. Cherry	(1956)
359	Nickerson, Kate	Boy-Chaser		[© 7/23] 1956
360	Manning, Tom	Hotel Waitress	G. Gross	[© 8/24] 1956
361	Westley, Kirk	Shanty Boat Girl		(1956)
362	Gaddis, Peggy	Mountain Bride	G. Gross	(1956)
363	Gaddis, Peggy	Passion's Harvest	G. Gross	[© 11/20] 1956
364	Hatter, Amos	Island Girl		
365	Haskell, Frank	Boarding House	G. Gross	
366	Quandt, Albert L.	City Sinner	DeSoto	[© 2/19] 1957
367	Reynolds, Robert E.	Lost Women		(1957)
368	Marin, Arthur	Blonde Hellcat	Ray Pease	[© 4/18] 1957
369	Dixon, Lewis	Wild Girl	[Belarski]	(1957)



### CANDID LOVE NOVELS

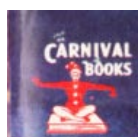
Publisher: Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, NY

Distributor: ID

Price: 25¢

Comments: The progression of ads indicates they were published in alternation with **Prize Love Novels**. See **Crestwood** for a complete list of related series.

20	Sloan, Gladys	Love for Sale		1949
21	Harvey, Gene	Wild Weekend	Wenzel	1949
22	Harlow, James	Notorious Woman	Wenzel	1949
23	Stonebraker, Florence	Lessons in Love	Wenzel	n.d.
24	Williams, Wright	Hired Husband	Wenzel	n.d.
25	Strong, Charles S.	Disorderly Conduct	Wenzel	n.d.
26	Brown, Beth	For Men Only		n.d.



### CARNIVAL BOOKS

Publisher: Hanro Corp., New York, NY

Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled through # 915 or 916

Price: 35¢

Comments: See **[Hanro]** for a list of companion series. There is a 9-10 month gap in this series' issuance. The exact break point is not certain but is probably between #s 937 and 938.

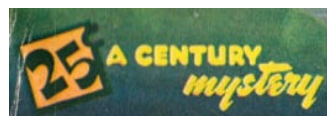
901	Harmon, Robert W.	A Body to Own	G. Gross	[© 6/17]	1952
902	Caldwall, John	Midnight Sinners		[© 7/17]	1952
903	Gordon, William E.	Lovers Bewitched		[© 8/5]	1952
904	Wright, Watkins E.	Borrowed Ecstasy		[©] (Aug) [26]	1952
905	Gaddis, Peggy	Strangers in the Dark	G. Gross		1952
906	Erskine, Sylvia	A Lover for Anne	G. Gross		1952
907	Underwood, John	Tempting Tigress			1952
908	Gordon, William E.	Girl-Hungry	Nappi	[© 11/18]	1952
909	Tucker, Joan	The Girl from Mimi's			1952
910	Quandt, Albert L.	Pick-Up!		(Dec)	1952
911	Coleman, Mitchell	Affairs of a Ward Nurse	Ray Pease		1952
912	Spencer, Frederic	Wild Party		[© 12/30]	1952
913	Coleman, Mitchell	Affairs of a Career Girl	G. Gross		
				[©] (Feb) [5]	1953
914	Blair, Raymond	Girl of the Slums		[© 2/20]	1953
915	Gaddis, Peggy	Lost to Desire		[© 3/17]	1953
916	Gaddis, Peggy	Passion's Harvest	G. Gross	[© 4/14]	1953
917	Charlson, David	Frenchie		[© 5/13]	1953
918	Harrison, Whit	Rapture Alley	[Rudolph Belarski]	[© 6/12]	1953
919	Manning, Jane	City Hotel	Ray Pease	[©] (Jul) [24]	1953
920	Harvey, Gene	Hotel Waitress		[© 9/21]	1953
921	Gordon, William E.	Girl-Hungry	Rudy Nappi		1953
922	Saber, Robert O.	City of Sin	G. Gross		1953
923	Whittington, Harry	Sinners Club	Belarski	[© 12/7]	1953
924	Quandt, Albert L.	Pick-Up!	DeSoto	[© 1/6]	1954
925	Welles, Kermit	Reckless!		[© 1/26]	1954
926	Haskell, Frank	Hotel Doctor		[© 2/18]	1954
927	Nickerson, Kate	Boy Hungry		[© 3/17]	1954
928	Charlson, David	Frenchie			1954
929	Erskine, Sylvia	Farm Hussy		[©] (May) [20]	1954
930	Quandt, Albert L.	Social Club	Schulz		1954
931	Whitney, Hallam	Backwoods Shack	[Rudy Nappi]	[© 7/6]	1954
932	Douglas, Ralph	Boy Madness	G. Gross	[©] (Aug) [10]	1954
933	Manning, Jane	City Hotel		(Sep)	1954
934	Gaddis, Peggy	Farmer's Wife		[© 10/19]	1954
935	Gordon, William E.	Girl-Hungry	[Rudy Nappi]		(1954)
936	Caldwall, John	Midnight Sinners			
937	Nickerson, Kate	Boy-Chaser		[© 1/13]	1955
938	Erskine, Sylvia	Farm Hussy			n.d.
939	Manning, Jane	City Hotel	Ray Pease		n.d.
940	Gaddis, Peggy	Farmer's Wife			
941	Douglas, Ralph	Boy Madness	G. Gross		n.d.
942	Saber, Robert O.	City of Sin		[© 2/21]	1956
943	Whitney, Hallam	Backwoods Shack			(1956)
944	Charlson, David	Frenchie			(1956)
945	Caldwall, John	Midnight Sinners			(1956)
946	Gordon, William E.	Girl-Hungry			(1956)
947	Quandt, Albert L.	Social Club	Schulz		(1956)
948	Blair, Raymond	Big City Hellcat			(1956)
949	Westley, Kirk	Man-Chaser			(1956)
950	Harrison, Whit	Rapture Alley			(1956)
951	Nickerson, Kate	Boy Hungry			
952	Gaddis, Peggy	Lost to Desire			
953	Gaddis, Peggy	Strangers in the Dark	G. Gross	[© 2/19]	1957
954	Coleman, Mitchell	Man-Hungry			1957
955	Wright, Watkins E.	Young Passion			1957
956	Hatter, Amos	Big-Town Hellcat		[© 5/23]	1957
957	Nickerson, Kate	Boy-Chaser			(1957)

## a Cavalcade Book

### CAVALCADE BOOK

Publisher: Delta Libraries, Inc., New York, NY  
 Distributor: PDC; #s 1 - 2 (with ANC blacked out)  
 Price: 25¢  
 Comments: Based on the dates, the N.R. De Mexico novel has to be the first book. The romance by Ruth Livingston would seem to be # 1 in a separate series. The copy of # 2 seen was a "second edition," but this was probably a reference to its previous hardcover edition. See also [Lucom] for a possibly related series.

un	De Mexico, N. R.	Madman on a Drum	1944
2	Livingston, Armstrong	Magic for Murder	1945
1	Livingston, Ruth S.	Men Are Molehills	1946



### CENTURY BOOK

Publisher: Century Publications, 139 N Clark St., Chicago 2, IL  
 Distributor: ANC; credited from # (61)  
 Format: short paperbacks interspersed, marked \* in the list below  
 Price: 25¢  
 Comments: Within the period covered, very few volumes are actually called **Century Books**. The majority are designated as **Century Mystery**, **Century Western** or some other genre. After # 24 the original sequence is all mysteries. The first 12 books in the 50+ series were all Westerns. The third series, #s 101 - 106, were **Century Adventures**. The 50+ series seems to have re-integrated the genres by the high 60's. The westerns continued to be separately designated but everything else was a **Century Book**. I've covered the first and third groups in their entirety but I have cut off my coverage of the second group with # 81, the last digest. The sequence continued on until it reached # 136 (skipping over the already used 101 to 106); a checklist of these later numbers appears in the Appendix. Some of the later books were reprinted in a related series called **Prize Books**, but none of those were digests so they are also omitted. See also **Merit Books** for another series of digests from this publisher. Two of the early books were "double novels." They do not have separate title pages and are effectively two-story anthologies. At least two **Century** books are known to have had second printings. Number 32 is known to exist with two different covers, one of them stylistically later than the other. The prior publishing history given in the **Pocket Book** edition of *Outlaws Three* (**Century** # 2), from which the publication date below is drawn, lists a second printing in April 1946. Number 36 is marked "unknown" in the list below, but probably does not exist. Number 65 is listed in some price guides as the same book as # 69, which seems unlikely. Since I could confirm the identity of # 69 from ads, I have left # 65 blank for now.

10	Homes, Geoffrey	The Man Who Murdered Himself	[1945]
11	Field, Peter	Outlaws Three	[Apr 1945]
12	Benjamin, Edla	Murder without Make-up	n.d.
13	Bagby, George	Here Comes the Corpse	n.d.
14	King, Rufus	Diagnosis: Murder	n.d.
15	Tuttle, Wilbur C.	Ghost Trails	n.d.
16	MacDonald, William Colt	Renegade Roundup	n.d.
17	O'Hanlon, James	As Good as Murdered	n.d.



(18) Wylie, Philip	Stab in the Back	n.d.
with Philips, Judson	Bottom Deal	n.d.
19 Eberhart, Mignon G.	Fair Warning	n.d.
20 Cunningham, Eugene	Gun Bulldogger	n.d.
21 Mason, Van Wyck	The Sulu Sea Murders	n.d.
22 Trace, John	Trigger Vengeance	n.d.
23 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Death Came Dancing	n.d.
24 Coolidge, Dane	The Trail of Gold	n.d.
25 Popkin, Zelda	Time Off for Murder	n.d.
26 Holland, Marty	Fallen Angel	n.d.
27 Strange, John Stephen	Picture of the Victim	n.d.
(as by John F. Strange on cover)		
28 Stout, Rex	Bad for Business	n.d.
29 Reilly, Helen	All Concerned Notified	n.d.
30 Nebel, Frederick	Week End to Kill	1945
with Pentecost, Hugh	Secret Corridors	(1945).
31 Ross, Leonard Q.	The Dark Corner	Malcolm Smith {1946}
32 Mason, Van Wyck	The Shanghai Bund Murders	n.d.
33 Wylie, Philip	Corpses at Indian Stones	n.d.
34 Latimer, Jonathan	Red Gardenias	n.d.
* 35 Eberhart, Mignon G.	The Glass Slipper	n.d.
36 UNKNOWN		
37 Bogart, William G.	Singapore	1947
50 Short, Luke	Dead Freight for Piute	[Mar 1946]
51 Foster, Bennett	Dust of the Trail	n.d.
52 Bechdolt, Frederick R.	Danger on the Border	n.d.
53 Gill, Tom	Death Rides the Mesa	n.d.
54 Lomax, Bliss	The Leather Burners	n.d.
55 Foreman, L. L.	Don Desperado	n.d.
56 MacDonald, William Colt	The Phantom Pass	n.d.
57 Drago, Harry Sinclair	Buckskin Empire	n.d.
58 Lomax, Bliss	Gringo Gunfire	n.d.
59 Lomax, Bliss	Secret of the Wasteland	Malcolm Smith n.d.
60 Gruber, Frank	Peace Marshal	n.d.
* 61 MacDonald, William Colt	Roaring Lead	n.d.
62 Lomax, Bliss	Colt Comrades	n.d.
63 Merwin, Sam, Jr.	Body and Soul	1947
64 Gruber, Frank	Outlaw	[1947]
65 UNCERTAIN - see notes		
* 66 Ross, Leonard Q.	Sleep, My Love	[1947]
* 67 Lindsay, Perry	No Nice Girl	[1947]
* 68 Wellman, Manly Wade	Double Life, A	1947
69 MacDonald, William Colt	California Caballero	n.d.
* 70 Mason, Van Wyck	The Cairo Garter Murders	n.d.
71 Joscelyn, Archie	Sign of the Gun	n.d.
72 Gruber, Frank	Gunsight	n.d.
* 73 Hickey, H. B.	Saddles West!	1947?
74 Hopson, William	Notched Guns	n.d.
* 75 Saxon, John	The Scarlet Sin	Malcolm Smith n.d.
76 MacDonald, William Colt	Powdersmoke Range	Malcolm Smith n.d.
* 77 Lindsay, Perry	Blonde Trouble	n.d.
* 78 Floren, Lee	Gunsmoke	Malcolm Smith n.d.
* 79 Arthur, William	Love Business	n.d.
* 80 Semple, Gordon	Cue for Passion	Malcolm Smith n.d.
81 Bechdolt, Frederick R.	Drygulch Canyon	n.d.
100 Latimer, Jonathan	Dark Memory	n.d.
101 Chambers, Whitman	Bright Star of Danger	n.d.
102 Bechdolt, Frederick R.	Hot Gold	n.d.
103 Allen, Jane & Livingston, Mae	Without Reservations	{1946}
104 Sherman, Harold M.	The Green Man	n.d.





## CHARTERED

Publisher: Saint Enterprises, Inc., 314 N. Robertson Blvd, Hollywood 36, CA  
 Distributor: IND  
 Price: 25¢  
 Comments: Numbering continued from **Bonded**. As with the **Bonded** series, individual books were designated as **Chartered Mystery** or **Chartered Collection**. Ads without book numbers in # 26 list all of the **Bonded** and **Chartered** books up to # 28 except # 25. The only book in the ads not so far identified is *The Last Hero* by Leslie Charteris, which may be one of the unattributed numbers, but its existence in this series has never been reported. There is some evidence that the books were not issued in numerical order, in which case the missing numbers may not have been used.

17 Charteris, Leslie, ed	The Saint's Choice of Hollywood Crime	(© 3/22) 1946
18 Gunn, James	Deadlier than the Male	{1946}
19 UNKNOWN		
20 UNKNOWN		
21 Cain, Paul	Seven Slayers	(© 9/15) 1946
22 Kline, Otis Adelbert	The Man Who Limped	(© 10/2) 1946
23 UNKNOWN		
24 UNKNOWN		
25 Gruber, Frank	The Last Doorbell	1946
26 Charteris, Leslie	The Brighter Buccaneer	[1946]
27 Charteris, Leslie, ed	The Saint's Choice of Radio Thrillers	(© 7/18) 1946
28 Langham, James R.	A Pocket Full of Clues	



## COMET BOOKS

Publisher: Comet Books, Rockefeller Center, New York 20, NY  
 [same], 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York 20, NY; (1947 printings only)  
 Distributor: none given  
 Format: 4 1/2" x 7 1/8" - 1st printings of #s 4, 9, 10  
 Price: see notes below  
 Comments: Unlike the other imprints in this index, **Comet Books** was a series of children's or young adult books. **Comet Books** were actually published by **Pocket Books**, which is stated in the copyright notices but not on the title pages. The fact that most have no prices printed on them would seem to indicate that they were distributed through bookstores (and schools?) but not newsstands. The book lists in the backs do not even offer mail-order data. Some cover scans have been seen which carry a 35¢ cover price. Whether these were separate printings or variant editions of the same printing has not been determined. With # 35 the series changed to small paperback size and was renamed **Pocket Book Jr.**, ending with # 77 in Dec 1951. For completeness, I've provided a checklist of the **Pocket Book Jrs.** in the Appendix. Some **Comet Books** were initially published in a slightly smaller size, without the interior illustrations that appear in the digests. Although ads in these early printings list 12 books, only three of them were actually published at that time. Eight of the others were eventually published by **Comet Books**, most with different numbers than those originally advertised. One advertised title, *Nancy* by Mildred Wasson, was never published as a **Comet Book**. Those first three books all had later printings in the same digest format as the rest of the series. In the usual **Pocket Books** fashion the printing history includes both a printing date and a publication date. The former is given in parentheses in the list below. Besides the three re-issues, others are known to have had additional printings. It does not appear that any **Comet Books** were reissued in the smaller, **Pocket Book Jr.**, size.

1 Sperry, Armstrong	Wagons Westward	[Louis Glanzman]	(Jul) Oct	1948
2 Scholz, Jackson	Batter Up		(Aug) Oct	1948
3 Lambert, Janet	Star-Spangled Summer		(Jul) Oct	1948
4 Hinkle, Thomas C.	Tawney		(Feb) Apr	1947
	(second edition)	Bob Meyers	Jun	1948
5 Thurston, Howard	300 Tricks You Can Do			
6 Bugbee, Emma	Peggy Covers the News		(Aug) Oct	1948
7 Gregg, Alan	Winged Mystery		(Jul) Oct	1948
8 Crampton, Gertrude	Your Own Joke Book			
9 Boylston, Helen Dore	Sue Barton, Student Nurse		(Feb) Apr	1947
	(second edition)		Jun	1948
10 Pease, Howard	The Tattooed Man		(Feb) Apr	1947
	(second edition)	Louis Glanzman	Jun	1948
11 Brier, Howard M.	Skycruiser	Jo Kotula	(Aug) Oct	1948
12 Household, Geoffrey	The Spanish Cave		(Aug) Oct	1948
13 Queen, Ellery, Jr.	The Green Turtle Mystery	R. M. Powers	Feb	1949
14 Hinkle, Thomas C.	Silver	R. M. Powers	Feb	1949
15 Russell, Alice Dyar	Strangers in the Desert	R. M. Powers	Mar	1949
16 Haines, Donal Hamilton	The Southpaw		Mar	1949
17 Garreau, Garth	Bat Boy of the Giants	R. M. Powers	May	1949
18 Kjølgaard, Jim	Big Red		May	1949
19 Seaman, Augusta Huiell	The Mystery of the Empty Room			1949
20 Montgomery, Rutherford	Husky		Jun	1949
21 Haig-Brown, Roderick L.	Starbuck Valley Winter	Arthur Shilstone	Jul	1949
22 Davis, Lavinia R.	Hobby Horse Hill	R. M. Powers	Apr	1949
23 Crampton, Gertrude	Your Own Party Book	Abbi Damerow		1949
24 Montgomery, Rutherford	Gray Wolf	R. M. Powers	(Jul) Aug	1949
25 Scholz, Jackson	Fighting Coach			1949
26 Montgomery, Rutherford	Midnight			1949
27 Kjølgaard, Jim	Forest Patrol	George Meyerriecks	(Sep) Oct	1949
28 Norton, Andre	Scarface	HB	(Sep) Oct	1949
29 Harkins, Philip	Lightning on Ice		(Sep) Oct	1949
30 Davis, Julia	No Other White Men		(Sep) Oct	1949
31 Balch, Glenn	Indian Paint		Oct	1949
32 Cavanna, Betty	Puppy Stakes	Raymond DiSanstin	(Oct) Nov	1949
33 Pease, Howard	Long Wharf	Roswell Keller	(Oct) Nov	1949
34 Leeming, Joseph	Fun with Puzzles			1949

**Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc.**

The following imprints published by Crestwood are covered in this index:

**BLACK CAT DETECTIVE SERIES**  
**BLACK CAT WESTERN SERIES**  
**CANDID LOVE NOVELS**  
**PRIZE LOVE NOVELS**  
**PRIZE MYSTERY NOVELS**  
**PRIZE SCIENCE FICTION NOVELS**  
**PRIZE WESTERN NOVELS**



#### **CRIME NOVEL SELECTION**

Publishers: Select Publications, Inc., New York; #s 1 - 4  
Red Circle Magazines, Inc., New York; #s 5 - 6

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: Both publishing companies were owned by Martin Goodman. The last volume or two lack the full imprint; the abbreviation "CNS" appears in a magnifying glass on the front cover. This series and a companion series, **Best Detective Novel**, were folded to make way for the unnumbered **Atlas Mystery** series. The last volume is numbered only on the inside front cover.

1	Steel, Kurt	Strangler's Holiday	Saunders	[© 11/3]	1942
2	Steel, Kurt	The Traveling Corpses	Peter Driben		1942
3	Bosworth, Allan R.	The Submarine Signaled...Murder!			1942
4	Steel, Kurt	Murder for What?	George Dunsford Klein		1943
5	Spatz, H. Donald	3 Girls and a Killer		[© 8/21]	1943
6	Lariar, Lawrence	Death Is the Host		[© 10/28]	1943



**CROYDON AWARD NOVEL** (#s 11 - 12)

**CROYDON LOVE NOVEL** (#s 13 - 14)

**CROYDON BOOK** (from # 15)

Publishers: Croydon Publishing Co., New York, NY; # 11 - ?  
 [same], 286 Fifth Ave., New York 1, NY; #s (14) - (22)  
 [same], 545 Fifth Ave., New York 17, NY; from # (24)

Distributors: K; #s 11 - 16  
 ANC; #s 17 - (90), 101 - 110  
 LN & ID; #s (92) - 97?

Format: short pb; #s 13 - 16

Prices: 25¢; #s 11 - 16  
 35¢; #s 17 - 97, 101 - 110

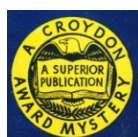
Comments: J. A. Kramer was the publisher. The 100's are a separate sequence of reissues, the first two of which were originally issued as **Gem Books**. The 100 series continued as **Croydon Books**, at some point re-issuing the 2 **Gem Books**. There are at least two books that had a second printing with the same book number, modified by adding an "R" after it. The reissues of the **Gem Books** were also distinguished by an extra "R" after the book number. There was probably a gap of several months between #s 16 and 17. There was a short-lived companion series when the imprint first started up; see **Stork Books**. See also the next entry, a mystery series from a few years earlier.

11	Williams, Wright	Cheaters at Love	L. B. Cole		1949
12	Jerome, E. D.	Love Hungry	L. B. Cole		1949
13	Watkins, Glen	Reckless Virgin	L. B. Cole		1949
14	Carter, Ralph	Shadows of Lust	L. B. Cole		1949
15	Williams, Wright	Fool for Love	L. B. Cole		1950
16	Semple, Gordon	Sinner	L. B. Cole		1950
17	Williams, Wright	Street of Sin	Safran	[© 1/2]	1951
17R	[same]				
18	Semple, Gordon	Slave of Desire		[© 1/8/52]	1951
19	Jordan, Gail	Restless Wife	Lamanna		1952
20	Watkins, Glenn [sic]	The Shame of Vanna Gilbert			1952
21	Semple, Gordon	Shameless Sue	Marchetti	[© 6/3]	1952
22	Himmel, Richard	Strange Desires	Marchetti		1952
23	Jordan, Gail	Sins of a Private Secretary		[© 8/7]	1952
24	Stonebraker, Florence	Love-Hungry Doctor	Marchetti	[© 8/7]	1952
24R	[same]			(third Printing)	1954
25	Duperrault, Doug	Spotlight on Sin	Marchetti	[© 10/21]	1952
26	Sherman, Joan	Immoral Models		[© 10/21]	1952
27	Semple, Gordon	Career of Sin	Marchetti	[© 1/5]	1953
28	Kingsland, Delmar	Mountain Sinner	B. Safran	[© 1/5]	1953
29	Davids, William	Dead-End Gal	Marchetti	[© 2/11]	1953
30	Stonebraker, Florence	Intimate Affairs of a French Nurse			
			Marchetti	[© 2/11]	1953
31	David, William	Army Mistress		[© 3/5]	1953



32	Sherman, Joan	Two-Timing Wife	B. Safran	[© 3/5]	1953
33	Frame, Bart	High-Priced Party Girl	B. Safran	[© 5/6]	1953
34	Duperrault, Doug	Gang Mistress	B. Safran	[© 5/11]	1953
35	Whittington, Harry	Vengeful Sinner	Marchetti	[© 5/22]	1953
36	Semple, Gordon	Blonde Temptress		[© 5/22]	1953
37	Stonebraker, Florence	Strange Passions	Safran	[© 6/17]	1953
38	Foster, Gerald	Part-Time Wife	Marchetti	[© 6/17]	1953
39	Frame, Bart	Indiscretions of a French Model		[© 7/28]	1953
40	Bennett, Alan	Cellar Club Girl	Marchetti	[© 7/28]	1953
41	Marcelle, Denise	Secrets of Paris Nights		[© 8/10]	1953
42	Vaneer, William	Scandals at a Nudist Colony		[© 8/10]	1953
43	Gaddis, Peggy	Love-Hungry Boss	B. Safran	[© 8/24]	1953
44	Albert, Sim	Confessions of a B-Girl	Marchetti	[© 8/24]	1953
45	Gaddis, Peggy	Man-Hungry Widow	B. Safran	[© 10/20]	1953
46	Stonebraker, Florence	Girl-Crazy Professor		[© 10/20]	1953
47	Craig, Jonathan	Red-Headed Sinners		[© 11/5]	1953
48	Frame, Bart	Co-Ed Sinners		[© 11/5]	1953
49	Vaneer, William	Sinful Island Vacation		[© 11/24]	1953
50	Duperrault, Doug	Soldier's Sinner	Nodel	[© 11/23]	1953
51	Gaddis, Peggy	Love-Starved Woman	B. Safran	[© 1/11/54]	1953
52	Vaneer, William	Love Cult		[© 1/11/54]	1953
53	Semple, Gordon	Warped Desires			1954
54	Calvert, Jean	Scandalous French Doctor		[© 2/26]	1954
55	Stonebraker, Florence	Shameless Playgirl	Marchetti	[© 2/26]	1954
56	Albert, Sim	Confessions of a Pick-Up Girl	B. Safran	[© 3/18]	1954
57	Semple, Gordon	Love-Crazy Millionaire	B. Safran	[© 3/18]	1954
58	Vaneer, William	Back(-)Road Motel	B. Safran	[© 4/14]	1954
59	Frame, Bart	Scandals at a Country Club	B. Safran	[© 4/14]	1954
60	Williams, Wright	Forbidden Passions			1954
61	Semple, Gordon	Sinner	[Rudy Nappi]		{1954}
62	Whittington, Harry	Night Club Sinner	B. Safran		1954
63	Semple, Gordon	Man-Crazy Hussy			{1954}
64	Stonebraker, Florence	Sin Cruise	B. Safran	[© 6/1]	1954
65	Semple, Gordon	Indiscretions of a TV Sinner		[© 6/1]	1954
66	Kingsland, Delmar	Joy Girl		[© 7/16]	1954
67	Gaddis, Peggy	House of Sinners		[© 7/16]	1954
68	Foster, Gerald	Lady of Many Sins			1954
69	Gaddis, Peggy	Scandalous Nurse		[© 8/16]	1954
70	Stonebraker, Florence	Confessions of a Ladies' Chauffeur		[© 8/16]	1954
71	Davids, William	Bad Girls' Club			1954
72	Kingsland, Delmar	Hoyden of the Mountains			1954
73	Albert, Sim	Woman-Crazy Doctor	Marchetti	[© 9/15]	1954
74	Semple, Gordon	Playboy's Nurse		[© 9/15]	1954
75	Himmel, Richard	Strange Desires	Marchetti		1954
76	Semple, Gordon	Career of Sin	Marchetti		1954
77	Albert, Sim	French Sinner		[© 10/30]	1954
78	Frame, Bart	Stag-Party Girl		[© 10/30]	1954
79	Stonebraker, Florence	Intimate Affairs of a French Nurse	Marchetti		1954
80	David, William	The Lonely Soldiers	Marchetti		1954
81	Albert, Sim	Rooming-House Girl		[© 11/24]	1954
82	Gaddis, Peggy	Thrill-Hungry Girl	B. Safran	[© 11/24]	1954
83	Frame, Bart	Affairs of a Party Girl	B. Safran		1954
84	Duperrault, Doug	Wayward Girl	B. Safran		1954
85	Frame, Bart	Indiscretions of a French Model			{1954}
86	Sherman, Joan	Soldier's Girl			1954
87	Albert, Sim	Wild Bride	B. Safran	[© 12/20]	1954
88	Frame, Bart	Maybelle - Georgia Girl in Harlem		[© 12/20]	1954
89	Stonebraker, Florence	Shanty-Town Tease		[© 1/10/55]	1954
90	Gaddis, Peggy	Man-Crazy Nurse		[© 1/10/55]	1954
91	Semple, Gordon	Waterfront Hotel		[© 1/10/55]	1954
92	Semple, Gordon	Warped Desires	B. Safran	[ ]	

93	Albert, Sim	Confessions of a B-Girl		1954
94	Bennett, Alan	Tenement Girl	Marchetti	1955
95	Stonebraker, Florence (as Wild Co-Ed inside)	Confessions of a Wild Co-Ed	Safran	1955
96	Marcelle, Denise	French Pick-Up		1955
97	Gaddis, Peggy	Man-Hungry Widow		{1955}
101R	Carter, Ralph	She Lived in Sin		1954
102R	Stone, Thomas	Shameful Love	Gazzola	
103	Semple, Gordon	Sinner	Nappi	1952
104	Williams, Wright	Life of Lust		1952
105	Carter, Ralph	Sin Island	Gazzola	1953
106	Jackquin, Lee	Immoral Woman		1953
107	Sherman, Joan	Intimate Affairs of a Sinful Model		
108	Duperrault, Doug	Sins of an Aspiring Actress		1954
109	Jordan, Gail	Back-Country Wench		{1954}
110	Semple, Gordon	Scandalous(-)Career Girl	Marchetti	1954



### CROYDON AWARD MYSTERY

Publisher: Croydon Publishing Co., (108 West 39th St., New York 18, NY)

Distributor: K: sporadically

Price: 25¢

Comments: The first five were unnumbered; I do not know if publication order has been established. The Mannon forecasts the Mechem, the order here should otherwise be considered random. One number is still unidentified. See also the preceding entry, a later series of love novels.

un	Mannon, M. M.	Here Lies Blood		1945
un	Mechem, Philip	Murders I've Seen		1945
un	Hurley, Gene	Have You Seen This Man?		1945
un	Long, Manning	Vicious Circle	L. B. Cole	1945
un	Van Deusen, Delia	Many a Murder	L. B. Cole	1945
6	Scott, Denis	Murder Makes a Villain		1945
7	UNKNOWN			
8	Govan, Christine Noble	Murder on the Mountain	L. B. Cole	1946
9	Burke, Richard	The Dead Take No Bows	L. B. Cole	{1946}
10	Coffin, Carlyn	Dogwatch		1946
11	Barrett, Monte	Murder at Belle Camille		1947



### DAGGER HOUSE MYSTERY

#### RED DAGGER MYSTERY

Publisher: Dagger House, Inc., 115 West 45th St, New York, NY

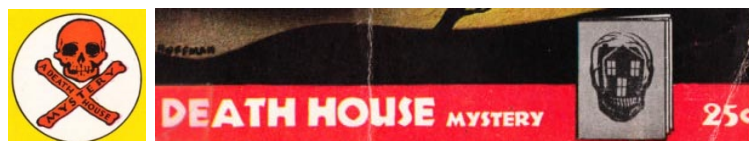
Distributor: [ANC] - see notes

Price: 25¢

Comments: Two internumbered series; for convenience they are both listed here. The even numbers were labelled **Dagger House** and the odd numbers were labelled **Red Dagger**. Although no distributor's mark appears on these books, they were publicized in the *American News Trade Journal* at the series' inception.



DH	20 Brucker, Margaretta	Murder at Lover's Lake	[© 5/21]	1946
RD	21 Holt, Allison	Death for a Hussy	[© 5/21]	1946
DH	22 Ketchum, Philip	Good Night for Murder		1946
RD	23 Ketchum, Philip	Kill at Dusk		1946
DH	24 Mortimer, Peter	If a Body Kill a Body	[ ]	
RD	25 Laing, Patrick	Murder from the Mind		1947
DH	26 Trimble, Louis	You Can't Kill a Corpse	Levine	1947
RD	27 Roeburt, John	There Are Dead Men in Manhattan		1947
DH	28 Broocks, Schuyler	Murder Makes a Marriage		1947
RD	29 Holley, Helen	Blood on the Beach		1947



### DEATH HOUSE MYSTERY

Publisher: Wm. H. Wise & Co., Inc., New York

Distributor: none indicated

Price: 25¢

Comments: The only series from Wise with dates. The first two were unnumbered, but the publication order is believed to be correct. See also **Green Dragon** and **Black Knight**, two slightly later series.

(1)	Goldthwaite, Eaton K.	Death Springs the Trap		1944
(2)	Schley, Sturges Mason	Vengeance Pulls the Trigger		1944
3	Avery, Robert	Murder on the Downbeat	Hoffman	1944
4	Goldthwaite, Eaton K.	The Case of the Nameless Corpse	Hoffman	1944
5	Bonnamy, Francis	Dead Reckoning		1945
6	Bosworth, Allan R.	Full Crash Dive		1945

## A Detective Novel CLASSIC

### DETECTIVE NOVEL CLASSIC

Publisher: Novel Selections, Inc., New York; all except:  
Hillman Periodicals, Inc., New York; # 13, of those seen  
Readers' Book Service, Inc.; # 29, of those seen

Distributor: Hillman Periodicals, Inc.; #29, of those seen

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. Probably began in 1941 and probably ended in 1946 or '47. The first volume was apparently unnumbered. One of Alex Hillman's series; see **Mystery Novel Classic** for a list of additional imprints.

(1)	Wells, Carolyn	Murder in the Bookshop		n.d.
2	Fletcher, J. S.	The Pedigreed Murder Case		n.d.
3	Hogarth, Emmett	Death by Remote Control		n.d.
4	Wentworth, Patricia	The Case Is Closed		n.d.
5	Wells, Carolyn	The Radio Studio Murder		n.d.
6	Kummer, Frederic Arnold	The Scarecrow Murders		n.d.
7	Donavan, John	The Case of the Rusted Room		n.d.
8	Nolan, Jeanette Covert	Murder Will Out		n.d.
9	Mason, Van Wyck	Hongkong Airbase Murders		n.d.
10	Kummer, Frederic Arnold	The Clue of the Twisted Face		n.d.
11	Punshon, E. R.	The Bathtub Murder Case		n.d.
12	Armstrong, Margaret	The Blue Santo Murder Mystery		n.d.
13	Wilde, Percival	Design for Murder	(9/23)	[1942]
14	Wynne, Anthony	Murder in the Morning		(1942)
15	Cunningham, A. B.	The Strange Death of Manny Square		(1942)
16	Forrest, Norman	Death Took a Greek God	(12/23)	[1942]



17 Dean, Gregory	Murder on Stilts	n.d.
18 Palmer, Stuart	The Penguin Pool Murder	(2/19) (1943)
19 Allan, Dennis	The Case of the Headless Corpse	(3/19) [1943]
20 Cunningham, A. B.	Death at "The Bottoms"	[1943]
21 Halliday, Brett	Tickets for Death	(1943)
22 Chambers, Whitman	Murder for a Wanton	(1943)
23 Reilly, Helen	Murder in the Mews	[1943]
24 Wallace, Francis	Little Hercules	[1943]
25 Cunningham, A. B.	The Bancroft Murder Case	[1943]
26 Halliday, Brett	The Uncomplaining Corpses	[1943]
27 Koehler, Robert Portner	Steps to Murder	n.d.
28 Chambers, Whitman	Dead Men Leave No Fingerprints	n.d.
29 Saxby, Charles & Molnar, Louis	Death over Hollywood	n.d.
30 Cunningham, A. B.	The Affair at the Boat Landing	n.d.
31 Halliday, Brett	Bodies Are Where You Find Them	n.d.
32 Carr, John Dickson	The Eight of Swords	n.d.
33 King, Rufus	Murder by Latitude	n.d.
34 Hale, Christopher	Exit Screaming	n.d.
35 Spain, John	Death Is Like That	[1944]
36 Christian, Kit	Death and Bitters	n.d.
37 Cunningham, A. B.	The Great Yant Mystery	n.d.
38 King, Rufus	A Murderer in This House	n.d.
39 Hale, Christopher	Dead of Winter	n.d.
40 Carr, John Dickson	The Four False Weapons	n.d.
41 Colter, Eli	The Gull Cove Murders	n.d.
42 Cunningham, A. B.	The Cane-Patch Mystery	n.d.
43 Olsen, D. B.	The Cat Wears a Moose	n.d.
44 Spain, John	The Evil Star	n.d.
45 Sterling, Stewart	Down among the Dead Men	n.d.
46 Cunningham, A. B.	Death Visits the Apple Hole	n.d.
47 McCully, Walbridge	Blood on Nassau's Moon	n.d.
48 Heberden, M. V.	Murder Makes a Racket	n.d.
49 Nolan, Jeanette Covert	I Can't Die Here (in quotes?)	n.d.
50 Lakin, Richard	The Body Fell on Berlin	n.d.
51 Hale, Christopher	Rumor Hath It	n.d.
52 Cunningham, A. B.	Murder Before Midnight	n.d.
53 McCully, Walbridge	Doctors Beware!	n.d.
54 Ferrars, E. X.	Neck in a Moose	n.d.



### THE DIAMOND LIBRARY

Publisher: The Diamond Library, New York

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: Unnumbered. Harold Hersey is credited as the editor. The flimsy cover stock and the slightly odd size make this series look like old dime novels. The one book seen made no statements about the text but I was able to check it against a hardcover and it was definitely abridged.

un Pratt, Theodore	Murder Goes Fishing	Clyde Prettyman	1945
un Elston, Allan & Beam, Maurice	Murder by Mandate	Clyde Prettyman	1945

### DIVERSEY

See **AVON BOOKS** for a complete list of Diversey's digest-size imprints.



### DIVERSEY POPULAR NOVELS #s 1 - 2

### DIVERSEY PRIZE NOVELS #s 3 - 6

Publishers: Diversey Periodicals, Inc., 3001 Knox Ave., Chicago 41, IL; all except:  
Diversey Publishing Corp., [same address]; # 2 of those seen

Distributors: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled

Prices: 35¢

Comments: Diversey was actually **Avon Books**; the Chicago address was probably the printer's. The full address is only given in the back page ads. Other addresses occasionally appear among those ads as well, including 124 East 25th St., New York 10, NY.

1 Bull, Lois	Broadway Virgin	[© 3/15]	1949
2 Bodenheim, Maxwell	Naked on Roller Skates	[© 5/24]	1949
3 Marion, Frances	The Passions of Linda Lane	[© 6/26]	1949
4 Holland, Marty	Fast Woman [© Del Hayden]	[© 10/4]	1949
5 Wilstach, John	Love for Sale	[© 11/15]	1949
6 Reltid, Edward	The Amorous Interne [© V. Bruno]	[© 12/30]	1949



### DIVERSEY ROMANCE NOVEL

Publishers:

Distributors: ANC

Format: assumed to be saddle-stapled

Prices: 35¢

Comments: Not seen by me; need publisher data.

Only one volume was published. Two more books were advertised as #s 2 and 3 but were published instead as **Diversey Popular Novels** #s 1 and 2.

1 Swados, Felice	Reform School Girl	[© 11/15]	1948
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### DOUBLE ACTION DETECTIVE NOVEL

Publisher: Close-Up, Inc., 160 W. Broadway, New York, NY; #1  
241 Church St., New York 13, NY; #3

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: Close-up, Inc. was one of the companies used by John Goldwater, Maurice Coyne and Louis Silberkleit to publish comic books. They also published pulps, under a variety of company names, some of which bore the caption "A Double Action Magazine." The comic book line eventually coalesced as Archie Comics. Other forays into paperback publishing included a second digest series, **Double Action Pocketbook**, below, and the more successful **Belmont Books** in the 1960's. The first two of the titles below were reprinted as **Big Green Detective Novels**, q.v. The description "a complete \$2.00 mystery novel" appears to be accurate; the one I

was able to check had no apparent deletions. The first volume forecast something called *The Corpse Wore Nylons* by Zachary Strong, not known to have been published anywhere.

1	Pember-Hiller, Guy	Run, Corpse, Run!!	1943
2	Nyland, Gentry	Hot Bullets for Love	1943
3	Corne, M. E.	Jealousy Pulls the Trigger	1943



## DOUBLE ACTION POCKETBOOK

Publisher: Columbia Publications, Inc., 241 Church St., New York 13, NY

Distributor: ANC

Prices: 25¢; Ford  
35¢; Loomis

Comments: See the previous entry for comments on the publisher. These books appeared just as Columbia's main science fiction magazine changed its title from *Future Science Fiction* to *Science Fiction Stories*. The Ford book has an ad for the former title while the Loomis book has an ad for the latter, resulting in the order listed here. Although not included in this listing, it may be worth noting that when *Future Science Fiction* was restarted later the same year the first issue, which was numbered but not dated, was also labeled as a **Double Action Pocketbook**.

un	Ford, T. W.	The Trigger Tribe	1955
un	Loomis, Noel	City of Glass	{Freas} 1955



## ECSTASY NOVEL

### ECSTASY NOVEL MAGAZINE #s 1 - 3 only

Publishers: Publishers Production, Inc., 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, NY; #s 1 - (8)  
Falcon Books, Inc., [same address]; #s (10) - 17

Distributors: PDC & ID

Format: saddle-stapled

Prices: 35¢

Comments: A companion to **Exotic Novel Magazine**, initially issued in alternation with it. After a short hiatus the two imprints returned with simultaneous monthly issuance. See [Hanro] for a full list of companion series. The magazine format lasted for only three issues; each of these included a short story in the back to bolster its appearance as a magazine. I have noted them parenthetically in this list. Except for the first two or three books, the full address is given only in mail-order ads at the back of the book. The first couple issues were double-dated in the indicia only. Numbers 4 through 10 were dated but not numbered. One number was deliberately skipped. All volumes are illustrated with posed photographs.

vol 1 # 1	Hamilton, Trudy	A Body to Own	Nov(-Dec)	1949
	(with "Illicit Desire" by Vera Henry, ss)			
vol 1 # 2	Lindsay, Perry	Paula Has a Price	Rodewald	Jan(-Feb) 1950
	(with "Impatient Lovers" by Cleo Adkins, ss)			
vol 1 # 3	Bligh, Norman	Harlot in Her Heart		Mar(-Apr) 1950
	(with "Kisses of Passion" by Viola Cornett, ss)			
(4)	Clayford, James	The Private Life of a Street Girl	G. Gross	May 1950
(5)	Bligh, Norman	Intimate Confessions of an Artist's Model		
			G. Gross	Jul 1950
(6)	Stonebraker, Florence	Reno Tramp		Sep 1950

(7) Duperrault, Doug	Confessions of a Dime-a-Dance Queen	G. Gross	Nov 1950
(8) Gaddis, Peggy	Virgin or Harlot?		Jan 1951
(9) Bligh, Norman	Bed-Time Angel		Mar 1951
10 Gordon, Luther	Never Say "No!"		[© 7/2] 1951
11 Gordon, Luther	Free and Easy		[© 7/26] 1951
12 Scott, Anthony	Web of Sin		[© 8/22] 1951
13	NOT PUBLISHED		
14 Deane, Elizabeth	Doris - Broadway Virgin		[© 9/19] 1951
15 Clayford, James	Wanton by Night		[© 10/31] 1951
16 Lyons, Gwen	They Call Her "Easy"		[© 11/28] 1951
17 Wade, David	Come Night--Come Desire		[© 12/26] 1951



### EERIE SERIES

Publishers: William H. Wise, Inc.	# 1
Spotlight Publication	# 2
Mathew Polak	#s 3 - 4
Spotlight Publishers, 2439 Gunnison St., Chicago, IL	#s 5 - 6
Metro Publications	# 9
Eerie Publishing Company	# 10

Distributor: LNC

Price: 25¢

Comments: Numbers 7 and 8 were not published as part of this series. An ad in # 9 identifies them as the same two books that were published without imprint by **[Metro]**, but with different numbers. Hancer suggests that they exist under both imprints but this seems unlikely.

1 Crossen, Ken	The Case of the Curious Heel	1944
(as by Crosson on title page)		
2 Crowell, Will	Murder in Mocking Valley	1945
3 Thompson, Donald	The Corpse Wore No Shoes	1945
4 Barlay, Bennett	Satan Comes Across	1945
5 Eichler, Alfred	Murder in the Radio Department	1944
6 Keating, Walter S.	The Pleasure Primer	1944
7	see notes, above	
8	see notes, above	
9 Douglas, Dayle	Haunted Harbor	1945
10 [anonymous ed.]	Adventures of the Great Crimebusters	n.d.



### EXOTIC NOVEL

#### EXOTIC NOVEL MAGAZINE (#s 1 - 5 only)

Publishers: Astro Distributing Corp., 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, NY;; #s 1 - (10)  
Falcon Books, Inc., [same address]; #s (14) - 20

Distributors: PDC & ID

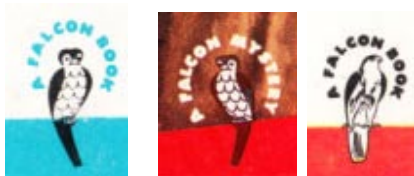
Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: Numbering continued as **Falcon Books**. Initially issued in alternation with **Ecstasy Novel Magazine**. After a short hiatus the two imprints returned with simultaneous monthly issuance. See **[Hanro]** for a full list of companion series. The first five

volumes were double-dated in the indicia only. The magazine format lasted for only six issues; each of these included a short story in the back to bolster its appearance as a magazine. I have noted them parenthetically in this list. Numbers 7 through 12 were dated but not numbered. Except for the first seven or eight books, the full address is given only in mail-order ads at the back of the books. One number was deliberately skipped. All volumes are illustrated with posed photographs.

vol 1 # 1	Gordon, Luther	Pay for My Kiss!	Rodewald	Apr{-May}	1949
	(with "Wayward Woman" by Alice Warner, ss)				
vol 1 # 2	Gordon, Luther	Any Man's Girl	Rodewald	Jun(-Jul)	1949
	(with "Strange Lover" by Viola Cornett, ss)				
vol 1 # 3	Clayford, James	Divorce Bait!		Aug(-Sep)	1949
	(with "Frenzied Lovers" by Viola Cornett, ss)				
vol 1 # 4	Woodford, Jack	Her First Sin		Oct(-Nov)	1949
	(with "Sex Starved" by Viola Cornett, ss)				
vol 1 # 5	Lindsay, Perry	Buy My Love	Rodewald	Dec 1949(-Jan	1950)
	(with "Every Man's Girl" by Alice Warner, ss)				
vol 1 # 6	Harvey, Gene	Passion's Slave	G. Gross	Feb{-Mar}	1950
	(with "Take my Love" by Ruth Brandao Ferrari, ss)				
{7}	Bligh, Norman	Once There Was a Virgin		Apr	1950
(8)	Stonebraker, Florence	Three Men and a Mistress	G. Gross	Jun	1950
(9)	Sherman, Joan	Suzy Needs a Man	G. Gross	Aug	1950
(10)	Harvey, Gene	Thrill Girl	G. Gross	Oct	1950
(11)	Sherman, Joan	Men Call Her "Tramp"		Dec	1950
(12)	Sherman, Joan	Bodies on Fire		Feb	1951
13	NOT PUBLISHED				
14	Clayford, James	Tonight for Sure	G. Gross	(© 7/2)	1951
15	Clayford, James	Man Crazy		(© 7/26)	1951
16	Stone, Tom	Bad As the Rest		(© 8/22)	1951
17	Scott, Anthony	Ten Toes Up		(© 9/19)	1951
18	Reed, Mark	Give Me Ecstasy		(© 10/31)	1951
19	Balmer, Jon	Fever Hot		(© 11/28)	1951
20	Hale, Laura	Lovers Don't Sleep		(© 12/26)	1951



## FALCON BOOK

Publisher: Falcon Books, Inc., 114 East 32<sup>nd</sup> St., New York 16, NY

Distributors: PDC & ID

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: Numbering continued from **Exotic Novel**. See **[Hanro]** for a list of companion series. The cover logo said **Falcon Mystery** on at least those marked \* below. The first three books are illustrated with posed photographs. The full address appears only in mail-order ads in the back pages. The books all advertise each other reciprocally and the copyright records confirm that they were issued in pairs.

21	Scott, Anthony	Season for Sin	(© 1/30)	1952
22	Reed, Mark	The Scarlet Bride	(© 1/30)	1952
23	Bottari, George	Mabel and Men	(© 2/27)	1952
24	Evens, Hodge	Three for Passion	(© 2/27)	1952
*	25 Daly, Hamlin	The Case of the Cancelled Redhead	(© 3/12)	1952
*	26 Reed, Mark	Lay Down and Die	(© 3/12)	1952
	27 Dann, Norma	Lida Lynn	(© 3/26)	1952
	28 Weiss, Joe	Girls out of Hell!	(© 3/26)	1952
*	29 Daniels, Norman A.	Mistress on a Deathbed!	(© 4/19)	1952

* 30 Prather, Richard S.	Dagger of Flesh!	Nappi	(© 4/19)	1952
31 Roan, Tom	Slave Girl		(© 4/25)	1952
32 Reed, Mark	Sins of the Flesh	G. Gross	(© 4/25)	1952
33 Evens, Hodge	Yellow Head		(© 5/28)	1952
(as Yellow-Head! on cover)				
34 Dann, Norma	Shack Girl		(© 5/28)	1952
35 Wade, David	Raise the Devil		(© 7/31)	1952
36 Craig, Jonathan	"Junkie!"	Victor Seach	(© 7/31)	1952
37 Hale, Laura	Woman Hunter		(© 9/5)	1952
38 Daniels, Norman A.	Sweet Savage		(© 9/5)	1952
39 Kinsey, Chet	Joy Street		(© 11/14)	1952
40 Evens, Hodge	Whip-Hand!		(© 11/14)	1952
41 Hunter, Evan	The Evil Sleep!			1952
42 Walton, Bryce	The Long Night			1952
43 Reed, Mark	House of 1000 Desires		(© 3/12)	1953
44 Beckman, Charles, Jr.	Honky Tonk Girl		(© 3/12)	1953



### FIESTA NOVEL(S)

Publisher: Rio Publishing Corporation, New York  
Distributor: none given  
Price: 35¢

Comments: Logo occasionally pluralized. At least one volume is also identified as a Rio Book on the copyright page. This is apparently one of Universal's series but these books are not cross-advertised with any of the other series. The fact that three of these books were reprinted as Beacon Books would seem to confirm the relationship. I am indebted to Bruce Black for supplying the details on this series.

1 Anton, Cal	The Private Life of a Strip-Tease Girl		(© 9/5)	1952
2 Wall, Evans	Ask for Therese		(© 9/5)	1952
3 Wall, Evans	Love Fetish			1952
4 Baroni, Nick	The Lady Was a Tramp			n.d.
5 McKnight, Evans	Television Tramp	Geygan		1952
6 Smith, Ben	Unwanted Wife			1952



### FIGHTING WESTERN NOVEL

Publisher: Novel Selections, Inc., New York  
Distributor: none given  
Price: 25c

Comments: Undated. probably began in 1947 and ended in 1951. One of Alex Hillman's series; see **Mystery Novel Classic** for a list of additional imprints.

1 McCulley, Johnston	The Cougar Kid	n.d.
2 Whipple, Chandler	Under the Mesa Rim	n.d.
3 Shappiro, Herbert	Two-Gun Texan	n.d.
4 Wilstach, John	Rope Neckties	n.d.
5 Bardwell, Denver	Coyote Hunter	n.d.
6 Seltzer, Charles Alden	Silverspurs	n.d.
7 James, Dan	Stranger at Storm Ranch	n.d.
8 McCulley, Johnston	South of the Pass	n.d.



9 Colt, Clem	Coyote Song	n.d.
10 James, Dan	Gun Thunder on the Rio	n.d.
11 West, Tom	Six-Gun Showdown	n.d.
12 McCulley, Johnston	Ghost Bullet Range	n.d.
(as by Johnson McCulley on cover)		
13 Young, Gordon	Red Clark at the Showdown	n.d.
14 Grinstead, J. E.	Law of the Trail	n.d.
15 Ernenwein, Leslie	Kincaid of Red Butte	n.d.
16 Manning, Roy	Trigger Trail	n.d.
17 Young, Gordon	Quarter Horse	n.d.
18 Manning, Roy	Vengeance Valley	Chas. Wood n.d.
19 Reilly, William K.	Miracle Range	n.d.
20 West, Tom	Spectre Spread	n.d.
21 Ermine, Will	Prairie Smoke	n.d.
22 Lehman, Paul Evan	The Cougar of Canyon Caballo	n.d.
23 Lee, Ranger	The Bar D Boss	n.d.
24 Gunn, Tom	Painted Post Roundup	n.d.
25 Ermine, Will	The Drifting Kid	n.d.
26 Westland, Lynn	Prairie Pinto	n.d.
27 Lehman, Paul Evan	Wolves of the Chaparral	n.d.
28 Westland, Lynn	Prentiss of the Box 8	n.d.
29 Haley, Glen	Rustler's Odds	n.d.
30 Young, Gordon	Tall in the Saddle	n.d.
31 West, Tom	Powdersmoke Pay-off	n.d.
32 Robertson, Frank C.	The Lost Range	n.d.
33 Piper, Anson	Black Creek Buckaroo	n.d.
34 Phillips, Ernie	Rustlers of Table Butte	Chas. Wood n.d.
35 Roan, Tom	The Rio Kid	n.d.
36 Snow, Charles H.	The Cowboy from Alamos	ED n.d.
37 Hilton, Francis W.	Phantom Rustlers	Earl Elton n.d.
38 Nye, Nelson C.	Wild Horse Shorty	n.d.
39 Robertson, Frank C.	Brand of the Open Hand	n.d.
40 Westland, Lynn	Return to the Range	n.d.
41 Nye, Nelson C.	Blood of Kings	n.d.
42 Roan, Tom	Gun Lord of Silver River	n.d.
43 McCulley, Johnston	Señor Avalanche	n.d.



#### FINGERPRINT MYSTERY

Publisher: Readers Detective Book Service, 220 Fifth Ave., New York, NY  
Distributor: FDC  
Price: 25¢  
Comments: Undated. Each book advertises the other, indicating that they were issued simultaneously, making priority unassignable. This imprint and logo were used on a short-lived hardcover mystery imprint from Alliance Book Corporation, New York City, in 1941 and 1942. The imprint was then acquired by Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., which used it from 1943 to 1948. It would appear that these paperbacks were issued by Alliance, since Ziff-Davis was located in Chicago and its distributor was ANC. The Hultman book contains a reference to paper rationing which, given the time-frame described above, suggests that these paperbacks were issued in 1942.

un Hultman, Helen Joan	Murder Rings Twice	n.d.
un Bowen, Joseph	The Man without a Head	n.d.



## FIVE STAR MYSTERY

Publisher: Green Publishing Co., New York, NY

Distributors: FDC; #s 1 - 7  
ANC; #s 41 - 47

Price: 25¢

Comments: Understood to have acquired the company that issued **Vulcan Mystery**, and replaced it with this series. The books appear to have been issued in two groupings, #s 1 to 7 and # 41 to 47. The books issued in the first group may have been left-over inventory from Vulcan. Scattered numbers in between are listed in ads in the second group. All the books so advertised were titles already issued as either **Vulcan Mysteries** or the first group of **Five Star Mysteries**. These alleged reissues are almost impossible to document. I am inclined to believe that they are phantom editions and that these numbers were only used as ordering numbers for those mail-order ads. I must report, however, that the National Union Catalog contains a library card for *Death in the Hands of Talent* which is described as **Five Star Mystery** # 37, which would seem to suggest that at least some of them were actually issued with these numbers. Nonetheless, for the time being I am omitting the numbers between 7 and 41. Number 47 forecasts the next book as *Johnny on a Slay Ride* by Frank Kane. This was presumably the same novel that was eventually published by Washburn as *Slay Ride* in 1950.

1 Yates, Peter	The Dress Circle Murders	[© 7/5]	1945
2 Crossen, Ken	Murder out of Mind	[© 7/24]	1945
3 Elliott, Bruce	You'll Die Laughing	[© 9/1]	1945
4 Yates, Peter	Death Comes to Dinner		1945
5 Foster, Richard	The Invisible Man Murders	[© 12/1]	1945
6 Brown, Wenzell	Murder Seeks an Agent	[© 1/25/46]	1945
7 Yates, Peter	Death in the Hands of Talent	[© 2/1/46]	1945
41 Wolffe, Katherine	Death's Long Shadow	[© 2/25]	1946
42 Creed, Will	Death Wears a Green Hat		1946
43 Csida, Joe	Crime Is of the Essence	[© 4/20]	1946
44 Stapledon, Douglas & Carey, Helen A.	The Corpse Is Indignant	[© 5/25]	1946
45 Allen, Leslie	Murder in the Rough	[7/12]	1946
46 Fischer, Bruno	Kill to Fit	[© 7/25]	1946
47 Creed, Will	Death Comes Grinning		1946



## GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL

Publishers: World Editions, Inc., 105 West 40th St, New York 18, NY; #s 1 - 7  
Galaxy Publishing Corp., 421 Hudson St., New York 14, NY; #s 8 - 35

Distributors: ANC; #s 1 - 24  
ID & K; #s 25 - 31  
K; #s 32 - 35

Format: short pb; #s 32 - 35

Prices: 25¢; #s 1 - 6  
35¢; #s 7 - 35

Comments: World Editions was the U.S. branch of a major Italian publisher. Galaxy Publishing Corp. was owned by Robert M. Guinn, who issued other digest-size paperbacks as **[Barmaray]** and **[Guinn]**. Started as a bimonthly companion to *Galaxy* magazine; the schedule started slipping almost immediately and by the mid-50's had become erratic. They also stopped being advertised in Guinn's magazines

which makes dating difficult. The imprint was given as simply **Galaxy Novels** on the volumes marked \*. *Needle* by Hal Clement was announced as # 3, but permission was withdrawn and the Clarke novel was published instead. Discontinued as a separate imprint in 1958; later volumes were published as tall mass-market pbs and numbered into Universal's **Beacon Books** imprint. See also **MAGABOOK** in the Appendix for later series of quasi-digests.

1 Russell, Eric Frank	Sinister Barrier	David Stone	1950
2 Williamson, Jack	The Legion of Space	Paul Callé	1950
3 Clarke, Arthur C.	Prelude to Space	John Bunch	[© 1/10] 1951
4 Wright, S. Fowler	The Amphibians	Paul Callé	[1951]
5 Wright, S. Fowler	The World Below	Paul Callé	[1951]
6 Jones, Raymond F.	The Alien		1951
7 Simak, Clifford D.	Empire		1951
8 Stapledon, Olaf	Odd John	Emsh	[1951]
9 Temple, William F.	Four-Sided Triangle	Samson Pollen	[1952]
10 Franklin, Jay	The Rat Race		(3/29 1952)
11 Tucker, Wilson	The City in the Sea	Emsh	[1952]
12 Merwin, Sam, Jr.	The House of Many Worlds	Emsh	(10/21 1952)
13 Taine, John	Seeds of Life	Shaw	(1/6 1953)
14 Asimov, Isaac	Pebble in the Sky	Powers	1953
15 Mitchell, J. Leslie	Three Go Back	Powers	[1953]
16 Blish, James	The Warriors of Day	Paul Callé	1953
17 Padgett, Lewis	Well of the Worlds		1953
18 Hamilton, Edmond	City at World's End	Emsh	(12/11) 1953
19 Blish, James	Jack of Eagles	Emsh	[1954] 1953
20 Leinster, Murray	The Black Galaxy	Emsh	1954
21 Williamson, Jack	The Humanoids	Emsh	(6/26) 1954
22 Merwin, Sam, Jr.	Killer to Come	Emsh	1954
23 Reed, David V.	Murder in Space	Emsh	1954
* 24 de Camp, L. Sprague	Lest Darkness Fall	Emsh	[1955]
* 25 Leinster, Murray	The Last Space Ship	Emsh	[1955]
* 26 Padgett, Lewis	Chessboard Planet	Emsh	[1956]
* 27 Jameson, Malcolm	Tarnished Utopia	Emsh	1956
* 28 Leiber, Fritz	Destiny Times Three	{Dillon}	[Apr 1957]
* 29 Hubbard, L. Ron	Fear		[Jul] 1957
* 30 Pratt, Fletcher	Double Jeopardy	{Wallace A. Wood}	[1958]
* 31 Moore, C. L.	Shamblau		[Apr 1958]
32 Wallace, F. L.	Address: Centauri	<u>Wallace A. Wood</u>	[1958]
33 Clement, Hal	Mission of Gravity	<u>Wallace A. Wood</u>	1958
* 34 Wellman, Manly Wade	Twice in Time	<u>Wallace A. Wood</u>	1958
(name given as "Manley" on cover and spine)			
35 Clifton, Mark & Riley, Frank	The Forever Machine	<u>Wallace A. Wood</u>	1958



## GEM BOOKS

Publisher: Croydon Publishing Co., 2 East 45th St., New York 17, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 35¢

Comments: These were reissues of **Croydon** love novels. The numbering was continued under the **Croydon Books** imprint. These two numbers were eventually reissued with that imprint as well, and the reissues are listed there.

101 Carter, Ralph	She Lived in Sin	Marchetti	1952
102 Stone, Thomas	Shameful Love	Gazzola	{1952}



## GOLDEN WILLOW

Publisher: Golden Willow Press, Inc., New York  
 Distributor: LN  
 Price: 25¢  
 Comments: Golden Willow Press was one of the companies used by Harry Donenfeld (publisher of DC comics) to publish pulp magazines.

51	Green, Shoshone	Rampage in the Rockies	[© 1/20/46]	1945
52	Fischer, Bruno	So Much Blood	[© 5/17]	1946
53	Nielsen, Virginia	Try to Forget me		1946
54	Bosworth, Allan R.	Steel to the Sunset	Sherman	1946
55	Hinckley, Julian	Murder by Schedule	[© 1/20/47]	1946
56	Eberhard, Florence	It's Love I'm After	[© 2/3/47]	1946



## GREEN DRAGON BOOK

Publishers: William H. Wise & Co., 50 West 47th St, New York, NY; #s 1 - 20  
 Ideal Distributing Company, 480 Lexington Ave, New York 17, NY; #s 21 - 33  
 Distributors: IND  
 Format: short pbs; #s 25 - 33  
 Prices: 25¢  
 Comments: Imprint given on covers as "Green Dragon presents" above the book title. Undated. Most of the volumes seen, up to # 18, mention paper rationing, which ended in late 1945. The publishers seem to have passed through two periods when they briefly attempted to internumber this series with its companion series, **Black Knight Mystery**, producing two unused numbers in this series. Some of the later titles were reprints of hardcovers originally published as late as 1947, suggesting an ending date for this series as late as 1948. I suspect there is a discontinuity of as much as two years in this series, probably when it changed publishers. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> volumes were issued without numbers and inconsistencies in the order of books in Green Dragon's unnumbered ads make the assignment of numbers uncertain.

1	Secrist, Kelliher	Murder Makes By-Lines	Hoffman	n.d.
2	Daniels, Norman A.	The Mausoleum Key		n.d.
3	Dell, Amen	Johnny on the Spot		n.d.
4	Avery, Robert	Murder a Day!, A		n.d.
5	Litvinoff, Ivy	(The) Moscow Mystery	h	n.d.
6	Goldman, R. L.	The Snatch		n.d.
(un)	Smith, Laurence Dwight	The Corpse with the Listening Ear	Hoffman	n.d.
(un)	Ashbrook, H.	A Most Immoral Murder	Hoffman	n.d.
9	Dall, Jack	Murder Moves On	h	n.d.
10	Goldman, R. L.	Death Plays Solitaire	h	n.d.
11	Childerness, George	Too Many Murderers		n.d.
12	Cameron, Donald Clough	Grave without Grass		n.d.
13	Perowne, Barry	Ten Words of Poison	Hoffman	n.d.
14	Benton, John L.	Talent for Murder	Hoffman	n.d.
15	NOT PUBLISHED			
16	Bonney, Joseph L.	Murder without Clues		n.d.
17	Fleming, Robert	...And Death Drove On		n.d.
18	Ashbrook, H.	Murder Comes Back	h	n.d.
19	Muir, Denis	Death Defies the Doctor		n.d.

20 Cameron, Donald Clough	Death at Her Elbow	n.d.
21 Leitfred, Robert H.	The Man Who Was Murdered Twice	n.d.
22 NOT PUBLISHED		
23 Reed, David V.	I Thought I'd Die	n.d.
24 Ervin, Mari	If I Die - It's Murder	n.d.
25 Secrist, Kelliher	She Screamed Blue Murder	n.d.
26 Laing, Patrick	Stone Dead JDL	n.d.
27 Abbott, Anthony	About the Murder of the Night Club Lady	n.d.
28 Hawkins, Dean	Headman's Holiday	n.d.
29 Blizard, Marie	The Late Lamented Lady	n.d.
30 Merwin, Sam, Jr.	A Matter of Policy	n.d.
31 Long, Amelia Reynolds	Murder by Magic	n.d.
32 Blizard, Marie	The Men in her Death	n.d.
33 Smith, Laurence Dwight	Death Is Thy Neighbor	n.d.



### GRIFFIN BOOK

Publishers: Griffin Books Inc., New York, NY; Group A  
                   [same], 130-25 Francis Lewis Blvd., Laurelton, Queens, NY; Group B  
                   Griffin Books, 1181 Broadway, New York 1, NY; Group C

Distributors: PDC; Group A  
                   PDC & ID; Groups B & C

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. Addresses appears only in ads at the back of books. One of several publishers that seem to be related to or supersede the **[Knickerbocker]** line. All books are unnumbered. I have separated them into three groups based on the addresses and changes in distributors. Order within each group is random. Ads in Group C list all the books in Groups A and B as well as several of the **[Knickerbocker]** books.

Group A:		
un Saxon, John	Love on Call	n.d.
un Stone, Thomas	Stolen Love	n.d.
un Sloan, Gladys	Wronged Virgin	n.d.
Group B:		
un Sturdy, Carl	Confessions of a Hat Check Girl	n.d.
un Sturdy, Carl	Easy Virtue	n.d.
un McClellan, William	Hotel Love	n.d.
Group C:		
un Branch, Florenz	(The) Love Siren	Rodewald n.d.
un Brewster, Eliot	Office Play-Girl	Rodewald n.d.



### GUNFIRE WESTERN NOVEL

Publisher: Novel Selections, Inc., New York

Distributor: none given

Price: 25c

Comments: Continued from **Western Action Novel**. Undated. Probably began in 1947 and ended in 1951. One of Alex Hillman's series; see **Mystery Novel Classic** for a list of additional imprints.

5 MacDonald, William Colt	The Battle at Three-Cross	n.d.
6 Tuttle, W. C.	The Morgan Trail	n.d.
7 Mulford, Clarence E.	Deputy Sheriff, (The?)	n.d.
8 MacDonald, William Colt	Boomtown Buccaneers	n.d.
9 Robertson, Frank C.	Vigilante War in Buena Vista	n.d.
10 Bardwell, Denver	Prairie Fire	n.d.
11 MacDonald, William Colt	Rebel Ranger	n.d.
12 Robertson, Frank C.	Cowman's Jack-Pot	n.d.
13 Moore, Amos	Devlin's Day Off	n.d.
14 MacDonald, William Colt	Six-Gun Melody	n.d.
15 Robertson, Frank C.	Getley's Gold	n.d.
16 Gooden, Arthur Henry	Smoke Tree Range	[1948]
17 MacDonald, William Colt	Thunderbird Trail	n.d.
18 Knight, Kim	Dangerous Dust	Chas. Wood
19 MacDonald, William Colt	The Vanishing Gunslinger	CW
20 Robertson, Frank C.	Grizzly Meadows	n.d.
21 Lomax, Bliss	The Phantom Corral	CW
22 MacDonald, William Colt	The Three Mesquiteers	n.d.
23 Newland, N. M.	Dunn of the Double D	n.d.
24 Hoffman, W. D.	The Range Rebellion	CW
25 Rider, Brett	Boss of the OK	n.d.
26 MacDonald, William Colt	Master of the Mesa	CW
27 Gunn, Tom	Painted Post Law	[1948]
28 Halleran, E. E.	Outlaw Guns	n.d.
29 Clay, Weston	The Horseshoe Kid	n.d.
30 Hardy, Stuart	The Miracle at Gopher Creek	n.d.
31 Manning, Roy	Tangled Trail	n.d.
32 Drago, Harry Sinclair	Desert Water	n.d.
33 Robertson, Frank C.	Rope Crazy	n.d.
34 Sims, John	Outlaw of Hidden Valley	n.d.
35 West, Tom	Botched Brand	n.d.
36 Grinstead, J. E.	Feud at Silver Bend	n.d.
37 Hardy, Stuart	The Man from Nowhere	n.d.
38 Deming, Kirk	Grass Means Fight	n.d.
39 Joscelyn, Archie	Ranch of the Two Thumbs	n.d.
40 Ermine, Will	Wind River Outlaw	n.d.
41 Floren, Lee	Milk River Range	n.d.
42 Snow, Charles H.	Guns Along the Border	n.d.
43 Floren, Lee	The Long S	n.d.
44 Westland, Lynn	Long Loop Raiders	n.d.
45 Lee, Ranger	Rebel on the Range	Chas. Wood
46 Robertson, Frank C.	The Pride of Pine Creek	n.d.
47 Joscelyn, Archie	Boss of the Northern Star	n.d.
48 Roan, Tom	Montana Outlaw	n.d.
49 McCulley, Johnston	Range Lawyer	n.d.
50 Hopson, William	Silver Gulch	n.d.
51 Floren, Lee	Smugglers' Range	n.d.
52 Snow, Charles H.	Outlaws of Sugar Loaf	n.d.
53 Thomas, Lee	Dusty Boots	n.d.



### HANGMAN'S HOUSE

Publishers: Journal of Living Publishing Corp., 1819 Broadway, New York, NY; #s 1 - (10)

Parsee Publications, 122 East 42nd St., New York 17, NY; #s (13) - 21

Distributor: IND



Format: short pb; #s 14 - 21

Price: 25¢

Comments: All volumes undated. One number was skipped in an apparent attempt to internumber this series with **Bleak House**, from the same publisher. Of those seen, only #s 3 and 4 mention paper rationing, suggesting that this series began in mid-to late 1945. A copy of #8 was seen that was date-stamped "Apr 1 1946."

1 Nonweiler, Arville	Murder on the Pike	n.d.
2 Kootz	Puzzle in Paint	n.d.
3 Childerness, George	Murder in False Face	n.d.
4 Jenkins, Will F.	The Man Who Feared	n.d.
5 McKenzie, A. R.	Death Gets a Head	n.d.
6 Owen, Hans C.	Fit to Kill	n.d.
7 Brown, Gerald	Murder on Beacon Hill	n.d.
8 Holman, Hugh	Death like Thunder	n.d.
9 Vinton, Aldin	The Corpse in the Cab	n.d.
10 Hultman, Helen Joan	Murder in Odd Sizes	n.d.
11 Koehler, Robert Portner	Murder Wore Green	n.d.
12	NOT PUBLISHED	
13 Ronns, Edward	The Cowl of Doom	n.d.
14 Leitfred, Robert H.	The Corpse That Spoke	n.d.
15 Gregory, F. L.	The Cipher of Death	n.d.
16 Mullen, Clarence	Thereby Hangs a Corpse	n.d.
17 Koehler, Robert Portner	The Road House Murders	n.d.
18 Manners, David X.	Memory of a Scream	n.d.
19 Abrahams, Robert D.	Death in 1-2-3	n.d.
20 Hirsch, Lee	Murder Steals the Show	n.d.
21 Shannon, Carl	Lady, That's My Skull	n.d.



#### HART BOOK

Publisher: Horace Hart, Inc., 40 E. 49th St., New York City

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. The author profile in K1 mentions a "recent" event which can be dated to 1939, suggesting the books were probably published no later than 1940. My thanks to Jim Cameron for the data on this series.

K1	Worts, George F.	The House of Creeping Horror	n.d.
K2	Chase, Borden	The Diamonds of Death	n.d.



#### INTIMATE NOVEL(S)

Publisher: Designs Publishing Corporation, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, NY; #s 1 - (5)  
[same], 211 East 37th Street, New York 16, NY; #s (7) - 56

Distributor: none given

Format: saddle-stapled: #s 7 - 12, of those seen

Price: 35¢

Comments: Pluralization of the imprint varies from book to book. A copy of # 6 has been seen with a date stamp reading "Jul 17 '51." One volume is still unknown. See **Uni-Book** for a list of companion series. The copy of # 11 seen was a stated second printing from February 1953.

1 Gaillard, Paul	Wayward Bride		1950
2 Barr, Cecil	French Model		1950
3 Foster, Gerald	Cheap Hotel		
4 Semple, Gordon	Plaything		
5 Cole, Jerry	Secrets of a Society Doctor		
6 Anthony, Jed	Divorce Racket Girls		1951
7 Norcross, Robert	Greenwich Village Girl		(1951)
8 Lawrence, Ann	Gin Wedding		(1951)
9 Brewster, Elliot	Temptress		(1951)
10 Thornton, Charles	Dangerous Trade		(1951)
11 Lindsay, Perry	Swamp Girl	Oct	1951
12 de Forest, Barry	Seventh Wife		n.d.
13 Stonebraker, Florence	Local Talent		[ ]
14 Manning, Bruce	Off Limits	King	[ ]
15 De Mexico, N. R.	Private Chauffeur		[ ]
16 Stonebraker, Florence	Lust for Love	Kampen	[© 9/18] 1952
17 West, Ben	Sins of Jennie Benson--Showgirl		[© 9/18] 1952
18 Hanley, Jack	Hot Lips		[© 9/11] 1952
19 Bennett, Hall	Mail-Order Passion	G. Gross	[© 9/11] 1952
20 Carter, Ralph	Pleasure Alley	Geygan	[© 10/7] 1952
21 Stone, Thomas	Doctor Randolph's Women		1952
22 Grant, Richard	Office Wife		
23 Stone, Thomas	Ex-Mistress		[© 11/18] 1952
24 Branch, Florenz	The Whipping Room	{Robert Stanley}	[© 11/18] 1952
25 Manning, Bruce	Triangle of Sin		[© 12/5] 1952
26 Hanley, Jack	Very Private Secretary		[© 12/28] 1952
27 Stone, Thomas	Tramp Girl	Warren King	[© 12/28] 1952
28 Wall, Evans	Back-Country Woman		1953
29 Way, Wayne	Shameless Wife		[© 12/29] 1952
30 Hanley, Jack	Tent-Show Bride		[© 1/22] 1953
31 Nixon, Henry Lewis	Naked Desire		[© 1/22] 1953
32 Williams, David	Basement Gang		1953
33 Barry, Winchell	Scarlet City		[© 1/30] 1953
34 Reed, Kathie	Shack Woman		[© 3/27] 1953
35 Stone, Thomas	Private Practice		[© 3/27] 1953
36 Semple, Gordon	Waterfront Blonde		[© 4/2] 1953
37 Hanley, Jack	New York Model		[© 4/28] 1953
38 Brown, Beth	Lily of New Orleans		[1953]
39 Branch, Florenz	Dr. Breyton's Wife		[© 5/7] 1953
40 Semple, Gordon	Crusher's Girl		[© 5/7] 1953
41 Reed, Kathie	Forbidden Desire		[© 6/11] 1953
42 Reed, Kathie	Village Girl	E. Uppwall	[© 7/3] 1953
43 Wall, Evans	The Marriage Rite		(1953)
44 Harvey, Gene	Miami Widow		[© 8/11] 1953
45 Albert, Simms	Pound of Flesh	Kampen	[© 8/11] 1953
46 Duperrault, Doug	Trailer-Camp Girl		[© 7/21] 1953
47 Stone, Thomas	Red-Headed Nurse		[© 8/28] 1953
48 Manning, Bruce	Cafe Society Sinner		[© 8/11] 1953
49 Sydney, Gale	Strange Circle		[© 10/27] 1953
50 UNKNOWN			
51 Nixon, Henry Lewis	Ship's Doctor	Walter Popp	1954
52 Clark, Dorine B.	Gutter Star	Uppwall	1954
53 Booth, Roy	Girl Stowaway	B. Safran	[1954]
54 Clark, Dorine B.	Bachelor Girl		[© 1/5] 1954
55 Nixon, Henry Lewis	Secrets of a Doctor's Bride		[ ]
56 Moore, Hal R.	Odd Girl		1954



## JOE MOSS MYSTERY

Publisher: none given

Distributor: LNC

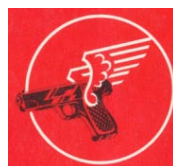
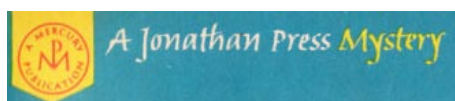
Price: 25¢

Comments: The logo appears only on the back cover. The complete lack of publisher information suggest it was self-published by the author. I would be tempted to exclude it as a Vanity Press publication, but the book did find a national distributor so I've allowed it in. My thanks to Bruce Black for the data on this book.

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Murder on Both Sides

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## MERCURY DETECTIVE BOOKS (#1 only)

## JONATHAN PRESS BOOK (# 2 only)

## JONATHAN PRESS MYSTERY

Publishers: Lawrence E. Spivak, 570 Lexington Ave., New York, NY; #s 1, 2, 10 of those seen  
The Jonathan Press, Inc.,

570 Lexington Ave., New York; #s 3 - 71

471 Park Ave., New York 22, NY; #s 72 - 86

527 Madison Ave., New York 22, NY; #s 87 - 92

Jonathan Press Books, [same address]; #s 93 - 94

Fantasy House, Inc., [same address]; #s 95 - 96

Distributors: ANC; credited from at least # 31 to # (89)

PDC; #s (94) - 96

Prices: 25¢; #s 1 - 33

35¢; #s 34 - 96

Comments: Some numbers lower than 34 have variant printings with the higher price. Many of the earlier books are labelled, on the cover at least, as **A Jonathan Mystery**. Those known are marked \* in the list below. A copy of J67 has been seen that was stamped "Nov 20." A scan of J54 was seen that was stamped "Sep 28." Maintained a bimonthly schedule from 1943 to 1954, initially on the 8<sup>th</sup> of the odd-numbered months, shifting to the 20<sup>th</sup> sometime in the late 40s. Became monthly at the beginning of 1955, dropping back to bimonthly again after a year and becoming erratic at the end. See also **Mercury Books** and **Besteseller Library** for two companion series.

D1 Queen, Ellery	The Chinese Orange Mystery	<b>Salter</b>	[1942]
J2 Stout, Rex	Too Many Cooks	<b>Salter</b>	[1943]
* J3 Marsh, Ngaio	Man Lay Dead, A	<b>Salter</b>	1943
J4 Dickson, Carter	The Bowstring Murders		[1943]
* J5 Queen, Ellery	The French Powder Mystery	<b>Salter</b>	(7/8 1943)
J6 Stout, Rex	Over My Dead Body		(9/3 1943)
* J7 Christie, Agatha	Murder for Christmas	<b>Salter</b>	(11/5 1943)
* J8 Simenon, Georges	Maigret Sits It out	<b>Salter</b>	[1944]
* J9 Stout, Rex	The Broken Vase	<b>Salter</b>	[1944]
* J10 Christie, Agatha	Death in the Air	<b>Salter</b>	[1944]
* J11 Dickson, Carter	The Red Widow Murders	<b>Salter</b>	[1944]
* J12 Queen, Ellery	The Roman Hat Mystery	<b>Salter</b>	[1944]
* J13 Christie, Agatha	N or M?	<b>Salter</b>	[1944]
* J14 Dickson, Carter	The White Priory Murders	<b>Salter</b>	[1945]
* J15 Stout, Rex	Cordially Invited to Meet Death	<b>Salter</b>	[1945]

* J16 Christie, Agatha	Murder in Retrospect	{Salter}	[1945]
* J17 Hammett, Dashiell	The Return of the Continental Op	Salter	[©7/6] 1945
J18 Simenon, Georges	Maigret Returns	Salter	[1945]
J19 Dickson, Carter	The Plague Court Murders	Salter	[1945]
J20 Sale, Richard	Passing Strange	Salter	[1946]
J21 Daly, Elizabeth	Arrow Pointing Nowhere	Salter	(3/8) [1946]
J22 Wilde, Percival	Design for Murder	Salter	(5/8) [1946]
J23 Woolrich, Cornell	Black Alibi	George Salter	[1946]
J24 Sale, Richard	Lazarus #7	Salter	[1946]
J25 Carr, John Dickson	It Walks by Night	Salter	[1946]
J26 Palmer, Stuart	The Riddles of Hildegard Withers	George Salter	[© 2/7] 1947
J27 Stout, Rex	Not Quite Dead Enough	Salter	[1947]
J28 Venning, Michael	Jethro Hammer	George Salter	[1947]
J29 Hammett, Dashiell	Dead Yellow Women	George Salter	(7/22) 1947
(forecast as The Golden Horseshoe)			
J30 Coxe, George Harmon	The Glass Triangle	Salter	[1947]
J31 Irish, William	And So to Death	Salter	[1947]
J32 Allingham, Margery	Dancers in Mourning	Salter	[1948]
J33 Stout, Rex	The League of Frightened Men	Salter	[1948]
J34 Chambers, Dana	Dear, Dead Women	Salter	[5/18 1948]
J35 Homes, Geoffrey	Build My Gallows High	Salter	[7/20 1948]
J36 Hammett, Dashiell	The Big Knockover	Salter	(9/21 1948)
J37 Black, Thomas B.	The Pinball Murders	Salter	[11/24 1948]
J38 Chambers, Dana	The Frightened Man	George Salter	[1949]
J39 Coles, Manning	With Intent to Deceive	George Salter	[1949]
J40 Hammett, Dashiell	The Continental Op	Salter	[1949]
J41 Black, Thomas B.	The 3-13 Murders	Salter	[7/14 1949]
J42 Shallit, Joseph	The Billion Dollar Body	Salter	[1949]
J43 Chambers, Dana	Darling, This Is Death	George Salter	[11/28 1949]
J44 Gordon, Russell	Dead Level	Duffy-Coplan	[1950]
J45 Fischer, Bruno	The Spider Lily	Salter	[1950]
J46 Chambers, Dana	The Last Secret	George Salter	[1950]
J47 Warren, Charles Marquis	Deadhead	George Salter	[1950]
J48 Hammett, Dashiell	The Creeping Siamese	George Salter	(9/22) 1950
J49 Marquand, John P.	Mr. Moto Is So Sorry	George Salter	[11/21 1950]
J50 Chambers, Dana	Death Against Venus	Salter	[1/19 1951]
J51 Woolrich, Cornell	The Black Angel		[4/2 1951]
J52 Marquand, John P.	No Hero	Salter	[5/21 1951]
J53 Roos, Kelley	Dangerous Blondes		[1951]
J54 Marquand, John P.	Ming Yellow	Salter	[9/25 1951]
J55 Chambers, Dana	Blood on the Blonde		[1951]
J56 Kane, Frank	Dead Weight	Salter	[1/16 1952]
J57 Coles, Manning	Dangerous by Nature	Salter	[3/25 1952]
J58 Chambers, Dana	The Blonde Died First	{Salter}	[5/13 1952]
J59 Hammett, Dashiell	Woman in the Dark	Salter	(7/18 1952) 1951
J60 Innes, Hammond	The Blue Ice	Salter	[9/15 1952]
J61 Woolrich, Cornell	The Black Path of Fear		[1952]
J62 Coles, Manning	Now or Never	Salter	[1/14 1953]
J63 Chambers, Dana	Rope for an Ape	Salter	[3/9 1953]
J64 Kane, Frank	Bullet Proof	Salter	[5/2 1953]
J65 Latimer, Jonathan	The Fifth Grave	Salter	[6/24 1953]
J66 Gruber, Frank	Die like a Dog	Salter	[1953]
J67 Bagby, George	Scared to Death	Salter	[11/24 1953]
J68 Coles, Manning	Operation Manhunt	Salter	[1/19 1954]
J69 Latimer, Jonathan	Murder in the Madhouse		[3/19 1954]
J70 Hughes, Dorothy B.	Kiss for a Killer	Salter	[5/21 1954]
J71 Bagby, George	Body for the Bride, A	Salter	[7/20 1954]
J72 Gruber, Frank	Too Tough to Die	Salter	[9/1 1954]
J73 Bagby, George	Dead Drunk	Salter	[11/20 1954]
J74 Coles, Manning	All That Glitters	Salter	[2/1 1955]
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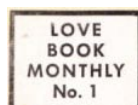
J75 Goldsmith, Gene	Layout for a Corpse	Salter	[2/5	1955]
J76 Gruber, Frank	Fall-Guy for a Killer	Salter	[3/8	1955]
J77 Latimer, Jonathan	Some Dames Are Deadly	Salter	[4/5	1955]
J78 Calin, Hal (Jason)	Payoff in Blood	Salter	(5/22)	[1955]
J79 Chambers, Whitman	Deadly Lure	Salter	(6/20)	[1955]
J80 Wilmot, Robert Patrick	Death Rides a Painted Horse	Salter	(7/21)	[1955]
J81 Lee, Edward	Lust to Kill	Salter	(8/18)	[1955]
J82 Farr, John	Naked Fear	Emsh	[9/7	1955]
J83 Deming, Richard	Give the Girl a Gun	Salter	(10/20)	[1955]
J84 Latimer, Jonathan	Headed for a Hearse	Emsh	[11/12	[1955]
J85 Gruber, Frank	The Long Arm of Murder	Salter	(12/20)	[1955]
J86 Franklin, Max	Hell Street	Dick Shelton	[1/16	1956]
J87 Bagby, George	Death Ain't Commercial	Salter	(2/21)	[1956]
J88 Dean, Spencer	The Smell of Fear	RTS	(3/22)	[1956]
J89 Gruber, Frank	Once Over Deadly	Salter	[6/5	1956]
J90 Coles, Manning	The Man in the Green Hat	{Emsh}	(8/23)	[1956]
J91 Deming, Richard	Hand-Picked to Die	RS	[10/9	1956]
J92 Fox, James M.	Shroud for Mr. Bundy, A	{Emsh}	[3/16	1957]
J93 Coles, Manning	The Basle Express		(6/18	1957]
J94 Barns, Glenn M.	Murder Is Insane		[9/5	1957]
J95 Dodge, David	The Long Escape	Waldman	(11/15)	[1957]
J96 Fox, James M.	Rites for a Killer		(1/16)	[1958]



#### LEV GLEASON LIBRARY

Publisher: Lev Gleason Publications, Inc., New York City, NY  
Distributor: PDC  
Price: 25¢  
Comments: Holroyd lists a seventh book, for which I have been unable to find confirmation. An oft-reprinted non-fiction work, it seems an unlikely reprint for this series so I have left it off for now. The advertisements in the books suggest that they were issued in pairs.

101 Lyons, Ruth	Hotel Wife	1949
102 Saxon, John	Devil-May-Care Girl	1949
103 James, Griffith	The Wench Is Willing	1949
104 Stone, Thomas	Passion's Darling	1949
105 Knight, Doris	Scandal Girl	1950
106 Grant, Richard	Dishonorable Lady	1950
(as by Richard Lee on cover & spine)		



#### LOVE BOOK MONTHLY

Publisher: Diversey Publishing Corp., 4600 Diversey Ave., Chicago, IL  
Distributor: ANC  
Format: saddle-stapled  
Price: 35¢  
Comments: The publisher was actually **Avon Books**; the Chicago address is presumably the printer's. See **AVON BOOKS** For a complete list of Diversey's other digest size imprints.

1 Dekobra, Maurice	Bedroom Eyes	Peter Driben	[© 9/25]	1948
2 Collison, Wilson	One Night with Nancy		[© 11/15]	1948



**MERCURY DETECTIVE BOOKS**  
see **JONATHAN PRESS MYSTERY**



**AMERICAN MERCURY BOOK** (#s 1 - 2 (#3 inside only), #s 31 - 34)

**MERCURY BOOK** (#s 3 - 30)

**MERCURY MYSTERY** (from # 35)

Publisher: The American Mercury, Inc., 570 Lexington Ave., New York City; #s 1 - 152

Mercury Publications, Inc., [same address]; #s 153 - 197

[same], 471 Park Ave., New York 22, NY; #s 198 - 209

Mercury Press, Inc., 347 East 53rd St., New York 22, NY; # 233

Distributors: ANC: credited from at least # 121, to 209

PDC: # 233

Prices: 25¢: #s 1 - 130

35¢: #s 131 - 209

50¢: # 233

Comments: After an erratic beginning, they appeared on a monthly schedule and were always issued individually, theoretically on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. There appears to have been a two-month interval between #s 101 and 102. The imprint variations shown are those that appear on the covers. One or more volumes after # 2 continued to be described as **American Mercury Books** on the indicia pages. The same imprint appeared on the back covers through at least # 30. For some time after the covers changed to **Mercury Mystery** they were still called **Mercury Books** inside, to at least #111. With # 210 it became *Mercury Mystery Book-Magazine* starting with Vol. 1 No. 1 (Sept. 1955), but including whole numbers that continued the original numbering. The magazine suspended publication with the Apr 1959 issue, whole # 232. The original imprint and numbering were revived in 1962 to publish the last Dashiell Hammett collection. Lawrence E. Spivak was the original publisher and is sometimes credited without reference to any of the corporate names. Joseph W. Ferman bought the company from Spivak and became publisher at the time the address changed to 471 Park Ave. Number 26 was originally advertised to be # 25 but was bumped back a number when the publisher got a chance to issue a movie tie-in edition of *The Light that Failed*. See also **Bestseller Books** and **Jonathan Press Mystery** for two companion series. A short-lived fourth series, **Mercury Library**, is mentioned by both Hancer and Holroyd but has not been seen.

At least one volume earlier than # 131, marked with an \* in the listing below, was test marketed with the higher price. The list of prior editions in **Pocket Book** # 245 lists 2 additional printings for **Mercury Mystery** # 47, in June and November 1942. It is not known if they can be differentiated. Bruce Black has documented variant editions of #29, one with a pictorial cover and the other a typographical cover. He reports that the only other difference is the back cover slugs. The typographical cover has the



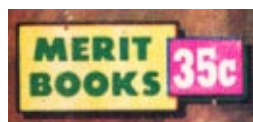
octagonal slug; the pictorial one has the later circular slug. This would seem to indicate that the pictorial cover is the later version. It must also be considered that, since the interior pages are identical in the two copies, the publisher may have simply wrapped a new cover around unsold copies of the book without actually going back to press. It is possible that other books in this period with pictorial covers may also have variant editions.

1 Cain, James M.	The Postman Always Rings Twice		[Jan 1937]
2 Hardy, J. L.	Everything Is Thunder		[1937]
3 Chambers, Whitman	Thirteen Steps		[1937]
4 March, William	Company K		[1937]
5 Anderson, Edward	Thieves like Us		[1937]
6 Chidsey, Donald Barr	Weeping Is for Women		[1938]
7 Morell, Parker	Diamond Jim Brady		[1938]
8 Fergusson, Harvey	Hot Saturday	(5/5	1938)
9 Tracy, Don	Criss-Cross	(6/5	1938)
10 Forester, C. S.	The General		[1938]
11 Lewis, Sinclair	Mantrap	(8/50	1938)
12 Miller, Max	I Cover the Waterfront	(9/20	1938)
13 Wylie, I. A. R.	To the Vanquished	(10/5	1938)
14 Greene, Ward	Death in the Deep South		[1938]
15 Paul, Elliot H.	Indelible	(Dec	1938)
16 Chambers, Whitman	Once Too Often	(1/10	1939)
17 Lewis, Sinclair	The Prodigal Parents	(4/10	1939)
18 du Maurier, Daphne	The Loving Spirit	(6/9	1939)
19 Buck, Pearl S.	East Wind: West Wind	(8/10	1939)
20 Steinbeck, John	Cup of Gold	(9/7	1939)
21 Kästner, Erich	The Missing Miniature		[1939]
22 Flannagan, Roy	County Court		[1939]
23 Yates, Dornford	The Devil in Satin	Salter	[1939]
24 Gilman, Mildred	Divide by Two	Salter	(1/5 1940)
25 Kipling, Rudyard	The Light That Failed		[1940]
26 Hardy, J. L.	Never in Vain	Salter	(3/5 1940)
27 Queen, Ellery	The Dutch Shoe Mystery	Salter	(4/5 1940)
28 du Maurier, Daphne	Jamaica Inn	Salter	(5/3 1940)
29 Werfel, Franz	Class Reunion		(6/4 1940)
	(pictorial cover)	Salter	
30 Walker, Mildred	Dr. Norton's Wife	Salter	(7/2 1940)
31 Simenon, Georges	The Death of Monsieur Gallet	Salter	(8/2 1940)
32 Queen, Ellery	The Door Between		(9/3 1940)
33 Nebel, Frederick	Fifty Roads to Town		(10/2 1940)
34 Disney, Dorothy Cameron	Strawstack	Salter	(11/1 1940)
35 Rutledge, Brett	The Death of Lord Haw Haw	Salter	[1940]
36 Queen, Ellery	The Siamese Twin Mystery	Salter	[1/3 1941]
37 Stout, Rex	Meet Nero Wolfe		[1941]
38 Latimer, Jonathan	Headed for a Hearse		[1941]
39 Queen, Ellery	Halfway House	Salter	(4/2 1941)
40 Gardner, Erle Stanley	The D.A. Calls it Murder	Salter	[1941]
41 Christie, Agatha	Poirot Loses a Client	Salter	[1941]
42 Queen, Ellery	The American Gun Mystery		[1941]
43 Christie, Agatha	The Murder at the Vicarage	Salter	[1941]
44 Lockridge, Frances & Richard	The Norths Meet Murder	Salter	[1941]
45 Seeley, Mabel	The Listening House	Salter	[1941]
46 Christie, Agatha	The Incredible Theft	Salter	[1941]
47 Queen, Ellery	The Four of Hearts	Salter	[Nov 1941]
48 Stout, Rex	The League of Frightened Men	Salter	[1942]
49 Allingham, Margery	Mystery Mile	Salter	[1942]
50 Christie, Agatha	Murder in Mesopotamia		[1942]
51 Eberhart, Mignon G.	Hasty Wedding	Salter	[1942]
52 Dickson, Carter	The Unicorn Murders		[1942]
53 Christie, Agatha	Cards on the Table	Salter	[1942]
54 Disney, Dorothy Cameron	The Golden Swan Murder	Salter	[1942]

55 Latimer, Jonathan	Red Gardenias			[1942]
56 Gardner, Erle Stanley	The D.A. Draws a Circle	Salter	[Sep	1942]
57 Queen, Ellery	The Dragon's Teeth	Salter		[1942]
58 Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Case of the Dangerous Dowager	Salter		[1942]
59 Christie, Agatha	Thirteen at Dinner	Salter		[1942]
60 Steeves, H. R.	Good Night, Sheriff	Salter		[1943]
61 Perdue, Virginia	The Singing Clock	Salter		[1943]
62 Gardner, Erle Stanley	The Clew of the Forgotten Murder	Salter	[Mar	1943]
63 Coles, Manning	Toast to Tomorrow, A	Salter		[1943]
64 Woolrich, Cornell	The Black Curtain	Salter		[1943]
65 Postgate, Raymond	Verdict of Twelve	Salter	(6/1	1943)
66 Christie, Agatha	Death on the Nile	Salter	(6/29	1943)
67 Gilbert, Anthony	Mystery in the Woodshed	Salter	(8/3	1943)
68 Queen, Ellery	Challenge to the Reader	Salter	(9/2	1943)
69 Christie, Agatha	The Secret of Chimneys	Salter	(10/1	1943)
70 Heard, H. F.	Taste for Honey, A	Salter	(10/29	1943)
71 Disney, Dorothy Cameron	Death in the Back Sea	Salter		[1943]
72 Stout, Rex	Black Orchids	Salter		[1944]
73 Jepson, Selwyn	Keep Murder Quiet	Salter		[1944]
74 Seeley, Mabel	The Crying Sisters	Salter		[1944]
75 Du Bois, William	The Case of the Haunted Brides	Salter		[1944]
76 Wilde, Percival	Mystery Week-End	Salter		[1944]
77 Lockridge, Frances & Richard	Murder out of Turn	Salter		[1944]
78 Oursler, Will	Folio on Florence White	Salter		[1944]
79 Marsh, Ngaio & Jellett, Dr. Henry	The Nursing Home Murder			[1944]
80 Perdue, Virginia	He Fell Down Dead	Salter		[1944]
81 Wallis, J. H.	Once Off Guard	Salter		[1944]
82 Irish, William	I Wouldn't Be in Your Shoes			[1944]
83 Wilde, Percival	Tinsley's Bones	Salter		[1944]
84 Christie, Agatha	The Moving Finger	Salter		[1945]
85 Armstrong, Charlotte	The Case of the Weird Sisters	Salter		[1945]
86 Oursler, Will	The Trial of Vincent Doon	Salter		[1945]
87 Siodmak, Curt	Donovan's Brain	Salter		[1945]
88 Eberhart, Mignon G.	The White Cockatoo	Salter		[1945]
89 Simenon, Georges	Maigret to the Rescue	Salter		[1945]
90 Bloch, Blanche	The Bach Festival Murders	Salter		[1945]
91 Gilbert, Anthony	The Woman in Red	Salter		[1945]
92 Perdue, Virginia	The Case of the Foster Father	Salter		[1945]
93 Kelsey, Vera	The Bride Dined Alone	Salter		[1945]
94 Little, Constance & Gwennyth	The Black Paw	Salter		[1945]
95 Strange, John Stephen	Look Your Last	Salter		[1945]
96 Head, Matthew	The Smell of Money	Salter	(1/4)	[1946]
97 Grafton, C. W.	The Rat Began to Gnaw the Rope	Salter		[1946]
98 Hull, Richard	Keep It Quiet	Salter	[3/1	1946]
99 Shearing, Joseph	The Spectral Bride	Salter		[1946]
100 Christie, Agatha	Murder on the Links	Salter		[1946]
101 Henderson, Donald	Mr. Bowling Buys a Newspaper	Salter		[1946]
102 Rutledge, Nancy	Beware the Hoot Owl	Salter		[1946]
103 Venning, Michael	Murder Through the Looking Glass	Salter		[1946]
104 Wilson, Mitchell	Footsteps Behind Her	Salter		[1946]
105 Roos, Kelley	There Was a Crooked Man	Salter		[1946]
106 Weston, Garnett	The Undertaker Dies	George Salter		[1946]
107 Little, Constance & Gwennyth	The Black Rustle	Salter		[1947]
108 Gilbert, Anthony	30 Days to Live	Salter		[1947]
109 Fitt, Mary	Clues to Christabel	Salter		[1947]
110 Carr, John Dickson	Dr. Fell, Detective, and Other Stories		[© 4/4]	1947
111 Forester, C. S.	Payment Deferred	George Salter		[1947]
112 Allingham, Margery	The Case Book of Mr. Campion		[© 6/10	1947]
113 Shriber, Ione Sandberg	Pattern for Murder	Salter		[1947]
114 Disney, Doris Miles	Dark Road	Salter		[1947]
115 Rhode, John	Too Many Suspects	Salter		[1947]
116 Martin, A. E.	The Outsiders	Salter		[1947]

117 Branson, H. C.	Case of the Giant Killer	Salter	[1947]
118 Hobhouse, Adam	The Hangover Murders	Salter	[1947]
119 Mitchell, Gladys	When Last I Died	Salter	[1948]
120 Hammett, Dashiell	Nightmare Town	Salter (2/10)	1948
121 Finnegan, Robert	The Bandaged Nude	George Salter	[1948]
122 Powell, Richard	And Hope to Die	George Salter	[1948]
123 Black, Thomas B.	The Whitebird Murders	Salter	[5/5 1948]
124 Stokes, Manning Lee	The Dying Room	Salter	[6/1 1948]
125 Smith, Shelley	Come and Be Killed	Salter	[7/2 1948]
126 Coles, Manning	Let the Tiger Die	Salter	[1948]
127 Fischer, Bruno	The Plgskin Bag	Salter	[8/31 1948]
128 Siller, Van	Fatal Bride	Salter	[10/5 1948]
129 Lockridge, Frances & Richard	Death of a Tall Man	George Salter	[11/2 1948]
* 130 Kutak, Rosemary	I Am the Cat	Salter	[1948]
131 Hammett, Dashiell	They Can Only Hang You Once	Salter	(1/4 1949)
132 Allingham, Margery	Legacy in Blood	Salter	[2/1 1949]
133 Lockridge, Frances & Richard	Untidy Murder	Salter	[3/8 1949]
134 Duncan, David	Sweet and Deadly	Salter	[1949]
135 Irish, William	Dead Man Blues	Salter	[1949]
136 Lorac, E. C. R.	Relative to Poison		[1949]
137 Lockridge, Frances & Richard	I Want to Go Home		[1949]
138 Murray, Max	The King and the Corpse	Salter	[8/4 1949]
139 Marquand, John P.	Last Laugh, Mr. Moto	Salter	[1949]
140 Scherf, Margaret	Murder Makes Me Nervous	George Salter	[10/4 1949]
141 Charteris, Leslie	Call for the Saint	George Salter	[1949]
142 Hutton, J. F.	Too Good to Be True	George Salter	[1949]
143 Aarons, Edward S.	Nightmare	Salter	[1950]
144 Coles, Manning	Not Negotiable	George Salter	[1950]
145 Lockridge, Frances & Richard	Murder Is Served	George Salter	[1950]
146 Du Bois, Theodora	Rogue's Coat		[1950]
147 Blake, Nicholas	The Beast Must Die	George Salter	[5/2 1950]
148 Bronson, F. W.	The Bulldog Has the Key	Salter	[1950]
149 Stone, Hampton	The Girl with the Hole in Her Head	Salter	[7/11 1950]
150 Tucker, Wilson	The Stalking Man	George Salter	[1950]
151 Daly, Elizabeth	And Dangerous to Know	George Salter	[8/29 1950]
152 Ronns, Edward	Terror in the Town	George Salter	[10/3 1950]
153 Branson, H. C.	The Leaden Bubble	George Salter	[1950]
154 Lockridge, Frances & Richard	Spin Your Web, Lady (!)	George Salter	[1950]
155 Rawson, Clayton	Death from a Top Hat	Salter	[1951]
156 Bagby, George	Drop Dead	Salter	[Feb 1951]
157 Hagen, Miriam-Ann	Dig Me Later	Salter	[1951]
158 Lyon, Dana	House on Telegraph Hill	Salter	[4/24 1951]
159 Crispin, Edmund	Sudden Vengeance	Salter	[1951]
160 Stagge, Jonathan	The Three Fears	Salter	[6/7 1951]
161 Sherwood, John	Dr. Bruderstein Vanishes	Salter	[1951]
162 Piper, Evelyn	Death of a Nymph	Salter	[1951]
163 Erskine, Margaret	Give up the Ghost	Salter	[1951]
164 Queen, Ellery	The American Gun Mystery	Salter	[10/5 1951]
165 Daly, Elizabeth	Death and Letters	Salter	[10/30 1951]
166 Cunningham, A. B.	Skeleton in the Closet	Salter	[1951]
167 Fenisong, Ruth	Ill Wind	Salter	[1/2 1952]
168 Gilbert, Anthony	Murder Comes Home	Salter	[1952]
169 Cumberland, Marten	The House in the Forest	Salter	[1952]
170 Cairns, Cecily	Murder Goes to Press	Salter	[3/25 1952]
171 Truss, Seldon	Never Fight a Lady	Salter	[1952]
172 Ronald, James	The Murder in Gay Ladies	Salter	[6/4 1952]
173 Fearing, Kenneth	The Sound of Murder	Salter	[7/8 1952]
174 Crispin, Edmund	Noose for Her, A	Salter	[1952]
175 Holding, Elisabeth Sanxay	The Party Was the Pay-Off	Salter	[1952]
176 Bax, Roger	A Grave Case of Murder	Salter	[1952]
177 Hastings, MacDonald	Fish and Kill	Salter	[1952]
178 Treat, Lawrence	D As in Dead	Salter	[12/10 1952]

179 Boucher, Anthony	Blood on Baker Street	Salter	[1/5 1953]
180 Shattuck, Richard	The Body in the Bridal Bed	Salter	[1953]
181 MacDonald, Philip	Murder Gone Mad	Salter	[1953]
182 Latimer, Jonathan	The Dead Don't Care	Salter	[1953]
183 Bacon, Peggy	Lady Marked for Murder	Salter	[1953]
184 Reeves, Robert	Come Out Killing		[1953]
185 Blankfort, Michael	The Widow-Makers	Salter	[1953]
186 Offord, Lenore Glen	Clues to Burn	Salter	[1953]
187 Black, Thomas B.	The Pinball Murders	Salter	[1953]
188 Tyre, Nedra	Death Is a Lover	Salter	[9/23 1953]
189 Carey, Bernice	The Missing Heiress	Salter	[10/30 1953]
190 Hare, Cyril	The Christmas Murder	Salter	[1953]
191 Gruber, Frank	Kiss the Boss Goodbye	Salter	[1/6 1954]
192 Lockridge, Richard & Frances	Trial by Terror	Salter	[1954]
193 Gilbert, Anthony	The Wrong Body	Salter	[3/12 1954]
194 Shattuck, Richard	With Blood and Kisses	Salter	[3/30 1954]
195 Teilhet, Hildegard Tolman	The Screaming Bride	M. Glaser	[4/30 1954]
196 Knowland, Helen	Baltimore Madam	Salter	[5/28 1954]
197 Johns, Veronica Parker	Murder by the Day	Kirberger	[6/29 1954]
198 Sherwood, John	Murder of a Mistress	Salter	[7/29 1954]
199 Cunningham, A. B.	Blood Runs Cold	Salter	[8/3 1954]
200 Tey, Josephine	Killer in the Crowd	Salter	[9/6 1954]
201 Eshleman, John M.	The Deadly Chase	Salter	[10/2 1954]
202 Carey, Bernice	The Frightened Widow	Salter	[11/9 1954]
203 Marsh, Ngaio	The Bride of Death	Salter	[12/15 1954]
204 Davis, Mildred	They Buried a Man	Salter	[1/19 1955]
205 Kendrick, Baynard	You Die Today [!]	Salter	[2/15 1955]
206 Eshleman, John M.	Death of a Cheat	Salter	[3/9 1955]
207 Long, Manning	Savage Breast	Solovioff	[4/21 1955]
208 Lockridge, Richard & Frances	Killer in the Straw	Salter	[5/14 1955]
209 Seeley, Mabel	The Blonde with the Deadly Past	Salter	[6/14 1955]
series suspended and revived:			
233 Hammett, Dashiell	Man Named Thin, A		2/20 1962



## MERIT BOOKS

Publisher: Century Publications, 139 N Clark St., Chicago 2, IL

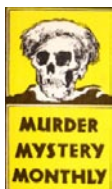
Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled; #s B-15 - B-16

Prices: 25¢; # B-10, of those seen  
35¢; #s B-11 - B-16

Comments: Unlike its sister imprint, **Century Books**, which were almost all reprints, this series is mostly original publications. Based on the internal dates these eight books were issued in a little over a year's time, not a very aggressive publishing schedule. Ads, from # 11 on, list no **Century** book above #130. No **Century** books have been seen which advertise this series. It is possible that there is little or no overlap between the two imprints and that **Merit Books** largely postdate **Century Books**.

B-9 Carter, Ralph	Passion's Folly		[ ]
B-10 Smith, George O.	Operation Interstellar	Malcolm Smith	1950
B-11 Lindsay, Perry	Sin for Two		1951
B-12 Thompson, Lewis & Boswell, Charles	More Deadly than the Male	Herb Rund	1951
B-13 Phillips, Rog	World of If		1951
B-14 Seton, Gerald	Model for Love		[ ]
B-15 Stone, Thomas	50-50 Girl		1952
B-16 Collins, A. J.	The Tin Ear	Herb Rund	1952



## MURDER OF THE MONTH (#s 1 - 4 only)

### MURDER MYSTERY MONTHLY

Publishers: Avon Book Company, 432 Fourth Ave., New York, NY; #s 1 - 28

[same], 119 West 57th St., New York 19, NY; #s 29 - 46

Avon Publishing Co., Inc., [same address]; #s 47 - 49

Distributors: ANC; credited from # 47

format: saddle-stapled; #s 47 - 49

Price: 25¢

Comments: In spite of the "monthly" designation, never issued more than 10 books in a year.

There is a two-year gap between #s 46 and 47. Before the break, # 47 was

forecast as *This Is Murder, Mr. Herbert*, a collection by Day Keene; it was

published as **Avon Book # 159** instead. See **AVON BOOKS** for a complete list of Avon's digest size imprints.

1 Merritt, A.	Seven Footprints to Satan		1942
2 Paul, Elliot	The Mysterious Mickey Finn		1942
3 Wallace, Edgar	Silinski Master Criminal		1942
4 Gruber, Frank	The French Key Mystery		1942
5 Merritt, A.	Burn Witch Burn		1942
6 Cain, James M.	The Postman Always Rings Twice	[© 11/24]	1942
7 Chandler, Raymond	The Big Sleep	[© 1/8/43]	1942
8 Simenon, Georges	Maigret Abroad		1943
9 Stout, Rex	The Red Box	[© 3/26]	1943
10 Babcock, Dwight V.	Homicide for Hannah	[© 4/15]	1943
11 Merritt, A.	Creep, Shadow Creep	[© 5/11]	1943
12 Gruber, Frank	(The) Hungry Dog Murders		1943
13 Roos, Kelley	If the Shroud Fits		1943
14 Sayers, Dorothy L.	Whose Body?	Ric [© 8/23]	1943
15 Cheyney, Peter	Premeditated Murder	[© 9/16]	1943
16 Cain, James M.	Double Indemnity	[© 10/26]	1943
17 Allingham, Margery	Who Killed Chloe?	[© 11/26]	1943
18 Merritt, A.	The Moon Pool	[© 1/4]	1944
19 Chandler, Raymond	Five Murderers	[© 2/3]	1944
20 Cain, James M.	The Embezzler	[© 3/3]	1944
21 Cheyney, Peter	The Counter Spy Murders	[© 4/5]	1944
22 Charteris, Leslie	The Ace of Knaves	[© 5/8]	1944
23 Gruber, Frank	Simon Lash - Private Detective		1944
24 Merritt, A.	Dwellers in the Mirage	[© 8/10]	1944
25 Abbott, Anthony	About the Murder of a Startled Lady		1944
26 Christie, Agatha	The Mysterious Affair at Styles	[© 10/23]	1944
27 Woolrich, Cornell	The Black Angel		1944
28 Chandler, Raymond	Five Sinister Characters	[© 2/14]	1945
29 Merritt, A.	The Face in the Abyss	Paul Stahr [© 3/23]	1945
30 Cheyney, Peter	Farewell to the Admiral	[© 4/20]	1945
31 Irish, William	If I Should Die Before I Wake	[© 6/7]	1945
32 Charteris, Leslie	The Saint vs. Scotland Yard	[© 8/6]	1945
33 Burnett, W. R.	Nobody Lives Forever	[© 9/14]	1945
34 Merritt, A.	The Ship of Ishtar	[© 10/24]	1945
35 Allingham, Margery	Flowers for the Judge	[© 1/21]	1946
36 Cheyney, Peter	They Never Say When (!)	[© 2/11]	1946
37 Footner, Hulbert	Orchids to Murder	[© 3/19]	1946
38 Babcock, Dwight V.	Hannah Says Foul Play!	[© 7/22]	1946
39 Coxe, George Harmon	Flash Casey - Detective		
		[© Carl Bower]	[© 9/16] 1946
40 Burnett, W. R.	High Sierra		[© 10/22] 1946



41 Merritt, A.	The Metal Monster	[© 12/7]	1946
42 Irish, William	Borrowed Crime	[© 12/31]	1946
43 Chandler, Raymond	(The) Finger Man and other stories		
	Lionel Gelb	[© 4/15/47]	1946
44 Cain, James M.	Love's Lovely Counterfeit	Don Milsop	
		[© 6/30]	1947
45 Wallace, Edgar	On the Spot	[© Renaldo Epworth]	[© 9/2] 1947
46 Whitfield, Raoul	The Green Ice Murders		
	[© Renaldo Epworth]	[© 11/15]	1947
47 Clark, Dale	The Blonde, the Gangster and the Private Eye		
	[© Ann Cantor]	[© 11/4]	1949
48 Long, Julius	Murder in Her Big Blue Eyes		
	[© Ann Cantor]	[© 1/6]	1950
49 Ronns, Rdward	Lady, the Guy Is Dead		1950



**THE MYSTERY NOVEL OF THE MONTH** (through # 40)  
**THE MYSTERY NOVEL CLASSIC** (from # 41)

Publisher: [none], 11 East 44th St., New York City; (unknown vols of the unnumbered books)  
Mystery Book of the Month, Inc., 1476 Broadway, New York, NY; (un) # (37)  
Novel Selections, Inc., New York; from # (39)

Distributor: none given

Price: 25c

Comments: Addresses appear only in ads at the back of the books. The unnumbered volumes are in approximate order but I have seen too few to be verify this completely. The first volume, *Murders in Silk*, was mentioned in the New York Times, Aug. 9, 1938, as "issued recently." One number is still unidentified. It appears that all volumes were dated until sometime in 1943. Unfortunately, I have, again, seen too few to be able to accurately report those dates. This series seems to have ended in 1950. The parent company was Hillman Periodicals, owned by Alex Hillman. By the early 40s had spawned four companion series; see **Adventure Novel Classic**, **Detective Novel Classic**, **Thriller Novel Classic**, and **Western Novel Classic**. By the late 40s the first three had folded and been replaced by two more western series; see **Western Action Novel** (later **Gunfire Western Novel**) and **Fighting Western Novel**. Hillman's other ventures into mass-market paperbacks were spottier, coming and going sporadically during the 1950s. Hillman had more success with comic books and magazines, particularly *Pageant*, a digest-sized women's slick. Hillman sold his entire publishing company to Macfadden in 1961.

Teagle, Mike	Murders in Silk	[1938]
Fisher, Steve	Murder on the S-23	Oct [1938]
Harris, Colver	Murder by Proxy	Dec 1938
Dinneen, Joseph F.	The Merry-Go-Round of Murder	Feb 1939
Fisher, Steve	The Night Before Murder	1939
Donavan, John	The Case of the Beckoning Dead	1939
Newman, Bernard	The Mussolini Murder Case	1939
Torrey, Roger	42 Days for Murder	1939
Price, Wesley	Death Is a Stowaway	[ ]
Jones, Inigo	The Clue of the Hungry Corpse	1940
Heath, Eric	Death Takes a Dive	1940
Heath, Eric	Murder in the Museum	1940
King, Sherwood	If I Die before I Wake	1940
Boucher, Anthony	The Case of the Crumpled Knave	1940
Weiner, Henri	The Case of the Severed Skull	1940
Haggard, Paul	Poison from a Wealthy Widow	1940
Mosher, J. S.	Liar Dice	1941



18 Horler, Sydney	A Gentleman for the Gallows	1941
19 Fleming, Rudd	Cradled in Murder(!)	1941
20 McCombs, R. L. F.	Clue in Two Flats	{1941}
21 Rice, Craig	Murder Stops the Clock	1941
22 Storme, Peter	The Case of the Thing in the Brook	1941
23 O'Hanlon, James	Murder at Coney Island	{1941}
24 Garland, Isabel	Death Comes Courting	{1941}
25 Hull, Richard	Murder by Invitation	{1941}
26 Punshon, E. R.	Death in the Chalk Pits	1941
27 MacVeigh, Sue	Grand Central Murder	1941
28 Scott, Sutherland	Murder on Stage	1941
29 Smith, Laurence Dwight	The Case of the Rented Coffin	[     ]
30 Forrest, Norman	Death Took a Publisher	1942
31 Adams, Cleve F.	Death Before Breakfast	{1942}
32 Cunningham, A. B.	Murder at the Schoolhouse	{1942}
33 Jones, Inigo	The Albatross Murders	{1942}
34 Branson, H. C.	I'll Kill You Last	{1942}
35 Cunningham, A. B.	Murder at Deer Lick	{1942}
36 Adams, Cleve F.	And Sudden Death	{1942}
37 Avery, Robert	The Corpse in Company K	{1942}
38 Charles, Franklin	The Vice Czar Murders	{1942}
39 Demarest, Ann(e?)	Murder on Every Floor	{1942}
40 Stevenson, Burton	The Clue of the Red Carnation	1942
41 Worts, George F.	The Case of the Blue Lacquer Box	[     ]
42 Bardon, Minna	The Case of the Advertised Murders	[     ]
43 Adams, Cleve F.	What Price Murder	[     ]
44 Newell, Audrey	Murder Is Not Mute	1943
45 Fletcher, J. S.	The Mystery of the Hushing Pool	{1943}
46 Fowler, Sydney	The Jordans Murder	{1943}
47 Eberhart, Mignon G.	Fair Warning	1943
48 Trimble, Louis	Date for Murder	1943
49 MacVeigh, Sue	Streamlined Murder	{1943}
50 St. John, Darby	The Bride Brings Death	1943
51 Daiger, K. S.	Murder on Ghost Tree Island	
52 Footner, Hulbert	The Death of a Celebrity	
53 Strange, John Stephen	The Ballot-Box Murders	
54 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Death Wears a Bridal Veil	
55 Pierson, Eleanor	Murder without Clues	
56 Eberhart, Mignon G.	The Glass Slipper	n.d.
57 Holbrook, Marion	Death Writes an Ad	n.d.
58 Holding, Elisabeth Sanxay	Hostess to Murder	n.d.
59 Strange, John Stephen	Murder at World's End	n.d.
60 Knight, Kathleen Moore	The Case of the Tainted Token	n.d.
61 Chambers, Whitman	Bring Me Another Murder	n.d.
62 Paradise, Viola	A Girl Died Laughing	n.d.
63 Holbrook, Marion	Wanted: a Murderess	n.d.
64 Treat, Lawrence	O as in Omen	n.d.
65 Siller, Van	Echo of a Bomb	n.d.
66 Reisner, Mary	Shadows on the Wall	[1945]
67 Scherf, Margaret	They Came to Kill	n.d.
68 Treat, Lawrence	The Leather Man Murders	n.d.
69 King, Rufus	The Case of the Dowager's Etchings	n.d.
70 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Terror by Twilight	n.d.
71 Scherf, Margaret	The Corpse Grows a Beard	n.d.
72 Marlett, Melba	Escape While I Can	n.d.
73 Howes, Royce	The Case of the Copy-Hook Killing	n.d.
74 Hill, Katharine	The Case of the Absent Corpse	n.d.
75 Scherf, Margaret	The Case of the Kipperped Corpse	n.d.
76 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Acts of Black Night	n.d.
77 Ransome, Stephen	Death Checks In	n.d.
78 Davis, Frederick C.	Let the Skeletons Rattle	n.d.

79 Ryan, Jessica	Clue of the Frightening Coin	n.d.
80 Heberden, M. V.	Murder Goes Astray	n.d.
81 Dean, Amber	Dead Man's Float	n.d.
82 Stein, Aaron Marc	The Case of the Absent-Minded Professor	n.d.
83 Barry, Jerome	The Cat's Cradle Murders	n.d.
84 McCully, Walbridge	Death Rides Tandem	n.d.
85 Burton, Miles	Who Killed the Doctor?	n.d.
86 Barry, Jerome	Lady of Night	n.d.
87 Olsen, D. B.	Cat's Claw	n.d.
88 Eby, Lois & Fleming, John C.	The Case of the Wicked Twin	n.d.
89 Dean, Amber	The Blonde Is Dead	n.d.
90 Cunningham, A. B.	One Man Must Die	n.d.
91 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Stream Sinister	n.d.
92 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Bells for the Dead	n.d.
93 UNKNOWN		
94 Cunningham, A. B.	Death Rides a Sorrel Horse	n.d.
95 Coppel, Alec	Over the Line	n.d.
96 Du Bois, Theodora	Murder Strikes an Atomic Unit	n.d.
97 Fenisong, Ruth	The Butler Died in Brooklyn	n.d.
98 Disney, Doris Miles	Family Skeleton	n.d.

## AN UNABRIDGED OMNIBUS MYSTERY

### OMNIBUS MYSTERY

Publisher: Omnibus Publishing Company, Inc., 80 Maiden Lane, New York, NY

Distributor: none given

Price: 25¢

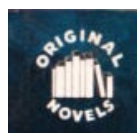
Comments: This book is advertised in the back pages in an early **[Knickerbocker]** book, which may indicate a link to that publisher.

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Night of Crime

Cravath

1944



### ORIGINAL NOVELS

Publishers: Original Novels, Inc., New York, NY

Distributors: ANC

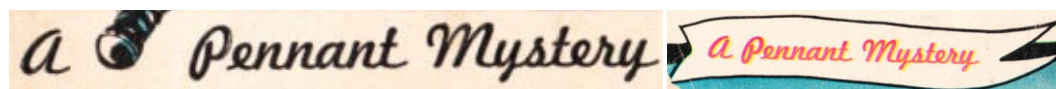
Format: saddle-stapled; through # 727.

Prices: 35¢

Comments: See **[Hanro]** for a list of companion series. There is a 9-10 month gap in this series' issuance after # 749. When the series resumed the imprint was changed to **Star Novels**.

700 Gaddis, Peggy	Women of the Night	G. Gross	[© 10/30]	1951
701 Hatter, Amos	Backstage Affair	Rudy Nappi	[© 10/30]	1951
702 Bligh, Norman	Strictly for Pleasure		[© 12/4]	1951
703 Quandt, Albert L.	Cellar Club		[© 12/7]	1951
704 Welles, Kermit	Gambler's Girl	[Rudy Nappi]	[© 12/24]	1951
705 Hatter, Amos	On Borrowed Love		[© 12/28]	1951
706 Stonebraker, Florence	Scarlet Lil	Nappi	[© 1/29]	1952
707 Quandt, Albert L.	Beyond Desire		[©] (Feb) [19]	1952
708 Whittington, Harry	Forever Evil		[© 3/25]	1952
709 Quandt, Albert L.	Gang Moll		[© 4/22]	1952
710 Welles, Kermit	See No Evil		[© 5/6]	1952
711 Quandt, Albert L.	Crime Boss		[© 6/3]	1952
712 Keene, Day	Farewell to Passion		[© 6/24]	1952
713 McCary, Reed	Sleep with the Devil		[© 7/20]	1952

714	Harrison, Whit	Body and Passion		[© 8/7]	1952
715	Gill, Elisabeth	Wayward Nymph	G. Gross	[© 8/28]	1952
716	Quandt, Albert L.	Cellar Club			(1952)
717	Arnold, William	Sheila's Daughter		[© 9/19]	1952
718	Harrison, Whit	Savage Love	Belarski	[©] (Oct) [16]	1952
719	Arnold, William	Harlem Woman		[© 11/4]	1952
720	Quandt, Albert L.	Baby Sitter	Ray Pease	[©] (Nov) [18]	1952
721	Quandt, Albert L.	Zip-Gun Angels	Tauss	[©] (Nov) [21]	1952
722	Saber, Robert O.	City of Sin	G. Gross	[© 12/17]	1952
723	Whitney, Hallam	Backwoods Hussy	Nappi	[©] (Dec) [22]	1952
724	Arnold, William	Runaway Girl	Ray Pease	[© 12/30]	1952
725	Nickerson, Kate	Ringside Jezebel		[© 2/5]	1953
726	Quandt, Albert L.	Dream Club			1953
727	Bligh, Norman	Visiting Nurse	Ray Pease	[© 3/17]	1953
728	Quandt, Albert L.	Baby Peddler		[©] (Apr) [14]	1953
729	Nickerson, Kate	Street of the Blues	Herb Tauss	[© 5/13]	1953
730	Hatter, Amos	Waterfront Girl		[© 6/12]	1953
731	Whitney, Hallam	Shack Road		[© 7/24]	1953
732	Reynolds, Robert E.	Streets of Paris	Belarski	[©] (Sep) [14]	1953
733	Whitney, Hallam	Backwoods Hussy	Nappi		(1953)
734	Arnold, William	Runaway Girl			(1953)
735	Quandt, Albert L.	Boy-Crazy	Tauss		n.d.
736	Quandt, Albert L.	Baby Sitter	Ray Pease		n.d.
737	Whitney, Hallam	City Girl	Schulz	[© 1/22]	1954
738	Quandt, Albert L.	Cellar Club			(1954)
739	Coleman, Mitchell	Ward Nurse	Ray Pease	[© 3/8]	1954
740	Bligh, Norman	River Boat Girl	Belarski		(1954)
741	Bligh, Norman	Motel Mistress		[© 5/7]	1954
742	Harrison, Whit	Shanty Road		[© 6/11]	1954
743	Quandt, Albert L.	Big City Nurse	Al Rossi		(1954)
744	Harvey, Gene	City Streets	DeSoto	[© 8/10]	1954
745	Harrison, Whit	Native Girl			(1954)
746	Clay, Matthew	French Alley	Nappi	[© 10/19]	1954
747	Whitney, Hallam	Shack Road			
748	Reynolds, Robert E.	Streets of Paris	Belarski		n.d.
749	Whitney, Hallam	City Girl	Schulz		



#### PENNANT MYSTERY

Publisher: MACO, Chicago, IL

Distributor: FDC

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. Mention of paper rationing puts them somewhere during World War II, but probably no earlier than 1943 based on the copyrights of the hardcovers reprinted. The list below was taken from the backcover of # 2, the only one seen. I have been unable to confirm the existence of the others from any secondary sources. It is worth noting that this series had the same distributor as **Arrow Mysteries**, which series began with # 5. If all four of the **Pennant Mysteries** were issued, they may account for the front end of the **Arrow Mysteries**, although I am unable to connect the two publishers through anything other than a common distributor.

1	Towne, Stuart	Death out of Thin Air		n.d.
2	Taylor, Phoebe Atwood	The Six Iron Spiders	MR	n.d.
3	Fischer, Bruno	So Much Blood		n.d.
4	Clason, Clyde B.	The Purple Parrot		n.d.



## PHANTOM BOOKS

Publisher: Hanro Corp.

Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: No addresses given in the copies seen. See [Hanro] for a list of companion series.  
The first eight were issued in pairs.

500	Barry, Joe	Homicide Hotel	[© 9/11]	1951
501	Carey, Donnell	Kisses Can Kill	[© 9/14]	1951
502	Saber, Robert O.	The Deadly Lover	[© 10/16]	1951
503	Whittington, Harry	Married to Murder	[© 10/19]	1951
504	Keene, Day	Love Me—and Die!	[© 11/20]	1951
505	Whittington, Harry	Satan's Widow	[© 11/23]	1951
506	Hoges, Carl G.	Crime on My Hands	[© 12/11]	1951
507	Keene, Day	Hunt the Killer	[© 12/14]	1951
508	Harrison, Whit	Swamp Kill	[© 2/1]	1952
509	Keene, Day	Naked Fury	[© 2/26]	1952
510	Saber, Robert O.	Murder Doll	[© 3/28]	1952
511	Harrison, Whit	Violent Night	[© 4/25]	1952
512	Saber, Robert O.	No Way Out	[© 5/9]	1952
513	Keene, Day	Wake Up to Murder	[© 6/6]	1952

## PRIVATE EDITIONS

Publisher: Crescent Publishing Co., Inc., New York

Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: The bylines are clearly swapped on the covers of these two books. I have not been able to determine if the byline is given correctly on the title page of # 1.

1	Stone, Thomas	Nature Girl	[ ]
	(as by Hall Bennett inside?)		
2	Stone, Thomas	Playful Wife	1951
	(as by Hall Bennett on cover)		



## PRIZE LOVE NOVELS

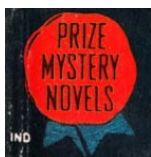
Publisher: Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, NY

Distributor: ID; #s 22 - 28

Price: 25¢

Comments: From # 22, published in alternation with **Candid Love Novels**. See **Crestwood** for a complete list of related series.

20	Millburn, Cynthia	Thanks, Angel	B	
21	Harris, Kathleen	The Loves of Young Dr. Bob		
22	Saxon, John	Old Man's Darling		1949
23	Carter, Ralph	Night Club Angel	Wenzel	1949
24	Jacquín, Lee	Time for Love		n.d.
25	Stone, Thomas	Passion's Prophecy	Wenzel	n.d.
26	Brewster, Eliot	Sisters in Sin	Wenzel	n.d.
27	Brewster, Eliot	Skin-Deep	Wenzel	n.d.
28	Brown, Beth	Love Racket		n.d.



## PRIZE MYSTERY NOVELS

Publisher: Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, NY

Distributor: IND; #s 13 - 28

ID; probably #s 29 - 30

Price: 25¢

Comments: Apparently published in alternation with **Black Cat Detective Series**. Suspended publication after # 28. Resumed about three years later, this time in alternation with **Prize Science Fiction Novels**. It would appear that the publisher goofed and issued two **Black Cat Mystery** # 3s, then offset this by not issuing a **Prize Mystery Novel** # 3. See **Crestwood** for a complete list of related series.

1	Givens, Charles G.	The Rose Petal Murders	H		1943
2	Saxby, Charles	Murder at the Mike			1943
3	NOT PUBLISHED				
4	Casey, Robert J.	Hot Ice			1943
5	Adams, Cleve F.	And Sudden Death			1943
6	Goldman, Lawrence	Fall Guy for Murder	h	[© 9/30]	1943
7	Propper, Milton	The Great Insurance Murders		[© 12/10]	1943
8	Propper, Milton	The Station Wagon Murder	D		1944
9	Casey, Robert J.	The Third Owl		[© 4/14]	1944
10	Huxley, Elspeth	Murder on Safari		[© 6/14]	1944
11	Crombie, Michael	The Frightened Girl		[© 8/10]	1944
12	Barry, Joe	The Third Degree		[© 10/11]	1944
13	Wood, S. Andrew	Sinners' Castle		[© 12/10]	1944
	(as Sinner's Castle on cover and spine)				
14	Porcelain, Sidney E.	The Purple Pony Murders		[© 2/14]	1945
15	Randolph, Vance & Clemens, Nancy	The Camp-Meeting Murders			1945
16	Goldman, R. L.	Murder without Motive		[© 6/15]	1945
17	Low, Gardner	Invitation to Kill	FW	[© 8/17]	1945
18	Goldman, R. L.	Out on Bail		[© 10/17]	1945
19	Hunt, Peter	Murder for Breakfast		[© 12/18]	1945
20	Bogart, William G.	Murder Is Forgetful		[© 2/15]	1946
21	Stokes, Manning Lee	The Wolf Howls "Murder"		[© 4/12]	1946
22	Merwin, Sam, Jr.	Message from a Corpse			{1946}
23	Malmar, McKnight	Never Say Die			1946
24	Eisinger, Jo	The Walls Came Tumbling Down		[ ]	
25	Willard, Joshua	The Thorne Theater Mystery		[ ]	
26	Du Bois, Theodora	Death Dines Out			1947
27	Lyon, Dana	It's My Own Funeral			1947
28	Fenwick, E. P.	Two Names for Death		[ ]	
29	Fleischman, A. S.	The Straw Donkey Case			n.d.
30	Keystone, Oliver	Major Crime			



## PRIZE SCIENCE FICTION NOVELS

Publisher: Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, NY

Distributor: ID

Price: 25¢

Comments: Apparently published in alternation with the last two **Prize Mystery Novels**. Undated. By rolling forward from the last dated books, these would seem to have been issued at the tail end of 1950 or the beginning of 1951. See **Crestwood** for a complete list of related series.

10	Leinster, Murray	Fight for Life	n.d.
11	Wellman, Manly Wade	Sojarr of Titan	n.d.



### PRIZE WESTERN NOVELS

Publisher: Crestwood Publishing Co., Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, NY

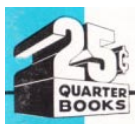
Distributor: IND; #s 20 - (28)

ID; #s (30) - (39)

Price: 25¢

Comments: From # 24, published in alternation with **Black Cat Western Series**. See **Crestwood** for a complete list of related series.

20	Shapiro, Herbert	Gunsmoke Over Utah	1946
21	Heckelmann, Charles N.	Lawless Range	[ ]
22	Holt, Tex	Trail of Lost Men	[ ]
23	Coolidge, Dane	Wolf's Candle	1947
24	Holt, Tex	Thunder of Hoofs	[ ]
25	Shapiro, Herbert	Trouble at Moon Pass	1948
26	Hardy, Stuart	Trouble from Texas	[ ]
27	Shapiro, Herbert	Silver City Rangers	1948
28	Joscelyn, Archie	Judge Colt	[ ]
29	Newton, D. B.	Gunmaster of Saddleback	1948
30	Drago, Harry Sinclair	Smoke of the .45	1949
31	Westland, Lynn	Over the Frontier Trail	1949
32	Starr, Clay	Powder Smoke Blood	1949
33	Holt, Tex	Point West	1949
34	Sims, John	Ramrod Vengeance	1949
35	Tompkins, W. A.	Wyoming Trail	
36	Carder, Leigh	Bravo Trail	
37	Arthur, Burt	The Valley of Death	
38	Hanson, V. J.	Yellow Dust	1950
39	Sumner, Earl	Trouble Buster	1950
40	Floren, Lee	Guns of Powder River	



### QUARTER BOOKS

Publishers: Astro Distributing Corp., 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, NY; #s 19 - 21, 71

Magazine Village, Inc., [same address]; #s 22 - 42, 70

Quarter Books, Inc., [same address]; #s 43 - 96, except as noted above

Distributors: PDC & ID

Format: saddle-stapled; #s 91 - 96

Price: 25¢

Comments: The first 18 books were issued without imprint, see **[Hanro]**. Some of those earlier titles were reissued as **Quarter Books** but reproduced the original title pages and thus show the earlier publisher instead of **Quarter Books**. Discontinued and replaced by the higher-priced **Rainbow Books**. All books are "love novels," except for three westerns, originally intended for the **West in Action** series, which carry



both imprints. These are marked with \* in the list below. The full address is given only in mail-order ads at the back of the books. From # 48 on all books (except reissues) are illustrated with posed photographs. See **[Hanro]** for a full list of companion series.

19 Clayford, James	Bed-Time Girl	Rodewald	1948
* 20 Leinster, Murray	Fighting Horse Valley		1948
21 Gordon, Luther	Shamed!	Rodewald	1948
22 Gordon, Luther	Unfaithful!	Rodewald	1948
* 23 Leinster, Murray	Texas Gun Law		1949
24 Gordon, Luther	Passion's Mistress	Rodewald	1949
* 25 Leinster, Murray	Wanted Dead or Alive!	Rodewald	1949
26 Clayford, James	Respectable Harlot	Rodewald	1949
27 Clayford, James	Sinful!		1949
28 Clayford, James	Lure for Love	G. Gross	1949
29 Gordon, Luther	Immoral!	G. Gross	1949
30 Clayford, James	Marriage Can Wait		1949
31 Gordon, Luther	Wicked!	G. Gross	1949
32 Clayford, James	Careless!	G. Gross	1949
33 Gordon, Luther	Naughty Virgin		1949
34 Gordon, Luther	Pleasure Girl		1949
35 Gordon, Luther	Ecstasy!		1949
36 Gordon, Luther	Tempted!	Rodewald	1949
37 Gordon, Luther	Love Cheat	G. Gross	1949
38 Gordon, Luther	Wolf Trap Blonde	G. Gross	1949
39 Bellamy, Harmon	Frenchy		1949
40 Caldwell, John	Night of Passion		1949
41 Bellamy, Harmon	Pick-Up		1949
42 Caldwell, John	Midnight Sinners		1949
43 Foster, Gerald	Vera Is a Tramp	Rodewald	1949
44 Higgins, Russell	Bad Woman		1949
45 Sloane, Ross	Hot Number		1949
46 Jordan, Gail	Call Girl		1949
47 Bligh, Norman	Sin Child		1949
48 Lindsay, Perry	As Good as Married	G. Gross	1949
49 Higgins, Russell	The Intimate Affairs of a Burlesque Queen		1949
50 Colohan, Charles E.	Overnight Blonde		1949
51 Wright, Watkins E.	Wild Passion		1949
52 Sloane, Ross	Three Naked Souls		1949
53 Colohan, Charles E.	Virgin No More		1949
54 Appel, H. M.	Illicit Desires	G. Gross	1949
55 Clayford, James	Wedding Night Confession		1950
56 Wilstach, John	Bedtime Blonde	Rodewald	1950
57 Foster, Gerald	The Virgin and the Barfly		1950
58 Wright, Watkins E.	Margie Is for Loving		1950
59 Sherman, Joan	Pushover		1950
60 Foster, Gerald	Room and Dame		1950
61 Clayford, James	Careless Virgin	Rodewald	1950
62 Williams, Wright	Everybody Loves Irene		1950
63 Jones, Harvey	One Night with Diane		1950
64 Clayford, James	Bed-Time Girl	Rodewald	1950
65 Dupperault, Doug	Passionate Pick-Up	G. Gross	1950
66 Bellamy, Harmon	Flesh and Females	T. V.	1950
67 Gordon, Luther	Shamed!	Rodewald	1950
68 Clayford, James	Marriage Can Wait		1950
69 Clayford, James	Illicit Wife		1950
70 Gordon, Luther	Naughty Virgin		1950
71 Gordon, Luther	Passion's Mistress	Rodewald	1950
72 Clayford, James	Respectable Harlot	Rodewald	1950
73 Stonebraker, Florence	Love Life of a Hollywood Mistress		1950
74 Harvey, Gene	"Leg-Art" Virgin	G. Gross	1950
75 Quandt, Albert L.	The Sins of Allie-May		1950

76 Foster, Gerald	Quickie!		1950
77 Duperrault, Doug	Red-Light Babe		1950
78 Bligh, Norman	Waterfront Hotel		1950
79 Bligh, Norman	Bad Sue		1950
80 Stonebraker, Florence	Frisco Dame		1950
81 Bligh, Norman	Fast, Loose and Lovely		1950
82 Gaddis, Peggy	Illicit Pleasure		1950
83 Stonebraker, Florence	Four Men and a Dame		1951
84 Bligh, Norman	Born to Be Bad		1951
85 Stonebraker, Florence	Flesh Is Weak		1951
86 Sherman, Joan	Girl on the Make		1951
(as by Peggy Gaddis inside)			
87 Quandt, Albert L.	Ticket to Passion	(Mar)	1951
88 Hatter, Amos	Untamed Woman		1951
89 Bligh, Norman	The Lady Is Taboo	G. Gross	1951
90 Stonebraker, Florence	Flirting Eyes		1951
91 Quandt, Albert L.	Street Girl	(© 6/11)	1951
92 Stonebraker, Florence	Three Men and a Mistress	G. Gross (© 6/11)	1951
93 Sherman, Joan	Thrill Me-Suzy	(© 7/9)	1951
94 Bligh, Norman	Artist's Model	G. Gross (© 7/9)	1951
95 Scott, Anthony	Diary of a Pleasure Cruise	(© 8/15)	1951
96 Duperrault, Doug	Confessions of a Dime-a-Dance Queen	(© 8/15)	1951



## RAINBOW BOOK

Publisher: Magazine Productions, Inc., 114 East 32nd St., New York 16, NY

Distributors: PDC & ID

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: The cover logo said "Rainbow Romance" on at least the books marked \* below. The full address is given only in mail-order ads in the back of the books. This imprint was a replacement for **Quarter Books**, but is not a continuation. There is a gap in the numbering and, if the dates can be trusted, there may be an overlap in time as well. Most (all?) volumes through # 115 are illustrated with posed photographs. . The books all advertise each other reciprocally and the copyright records confirm that they were issued in pairs. See **[Hanro]** for a list of companion series. This series had barely ceased publication when another publisher picked up the name. This later imprint was entirely non-fiction; a list of known titles appears in the Appendix.



* 101	Harvey, Gene	Thrill Girl		1951
* 102	Stonebraker, Florence	Reno Tramp	Jun	1951
* 103	Hale, Laura	Wild Is the Woman	(© 10/5)	1951
* 104	Balmer, Jon	Moment of Rapture	(© 10/5)	1951
* 105	Reed, Mark	Four Dames Named "Sin"	Rudy Nappi (© 11/14)	1951
* 106	Stone, Tom	Nora's No Angel	(© 11/14)	1951
	Reed, Mark	Street of Dark Desires	(© 12/12)	1951
	McCollum, R. R.	Passion Has Red Lips	(© 12/12)	1951
* 109	Evens, Hodge	Her Candle Burns Hot!	(© 12/28)	1951
	Culver, Kathryn	Sleepy-Time Honey	(© 12/28)	1951
	Wade, David	Walk the Evil Street!	(© 2/13)	1952
	Stone, Tom	Red-Headed Wench	(© 2/13)	1952
	Wayne, Rick	Play Rough!	(© 3/7)	1952
	Reed, Mark	Tease the Wild Flame	(© 3/7)	1952
	Munroe, Val	Carnival of Passion	G. Gross (© 4/4)	1952
	Wade, David	She Walks by Night	(© 4/4)	1952

117	Daniels, Norman A.	Bedroom in Hell!	G. Gross	[© 5/2]	1952
118	Hale, Laura	Kiss of Fire		[© 5/2]	1952
119	Treat, Roger	Joy Ride!	G. Gross	[© 7/2]	1952
120	Reed, Mark	The Nude Stranger		[© 7/2]	1952
121	White, Lionel	Seven Hungry Men!	G. Gross	[© 9/5]	1952
122	Burleson, Terry O. K.	The Madam Who Blushed!		[© 9/5]	1952
123	Reed, Mark	Vice Cop		[© 10/1]	1952
124	Wade, David	Bedroom with a View		[© 10/1]	1952
125	Munroe, Val	Tender Hearted Harlot	Barton	[© 12/3]	1952
126	Turner, Robert	She Devil	G. Gross	[© 12/3]	1952
127	Colton, Mel	The Big Woman	Barton	[© 2/11]	1953
128	Dann, Norma	The Twist!		[© 2/11]	1953
129	Wade, David	Only Human		[© 4/18]	1953
130	Bottari, George	Off Limits!	G. Gross	[© 4/18]	1953



### READERS-CHOICE LIBRARY

Publisher: St. John Publishing Co., 545 Fifth Ave, New York 17, NY

Distributor: ANC

Format: short pb: #s 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 37 - 40

Price: 25¢

Comments: Imprint given without hyphen on all covers seen. Apostrophe on cover ("Reader's") only on first 2 books. Some but not all books contain dates. Two numbers are still unaccounted for. Holroyd lists a crossword puzzle book that would seem to be # 34, but the date he gives, 1952, would be too late to fit comfortably into this run, so I have left it out for now. A copy of # 20 was seen with a date stamp of "Aug 25." Publisher was Archer St. John, known primarily as a comic book publisher; he also issued *Manhunt* magazine in the 1950s.

1	Robertson, Frank C.	Six-Gun Law in Wrango			1950
2	Gruber, Frank	Smoky Road	Saunders		[1950]
3	Glax, George Albert	Gina			{1950}
4	Robertson, Frank C.	The Powder Burner			{1950}
5	Echols, Allan K.	The Stranger from Texas		Apr	1950
6	Mann, E. B.	Texas Lightnin'		Apr	1950
7	Fowler, Gene	Shoe the Wild Mare		Apr	1950
8	Kane, Frank	Green Light for Death		Apr	1950
9	Bragg, W. F.	Smokey Joe			{1950}
10	Echols, Allan K.	Barb Wire Showdown			1950
11	Caspary, Vera	Stranger Than Truth	W. Blickenstaff		{1950}
12	Irish, William	Nightmare	W. Blickenstaff	Jun	1950
13	Gruber, Frank	Outlaw			{1950}
14	Robertson, Frank C.	Trouble Shootin' Man			1950
15	Gruber, Frank	The Lock and the Key	W. Blickenstaff		n.d.
16	Gruber, Frank	Murder '97	W. Blickenstaff		n.d.
17	Overholser, Wayne D.	Gun Crazy			n.d.
18	Holmes, L. P.	Bloody Saddles			n.d.
19	Gruber, Frank	Broken Lance			
20	Fowler, Gene	Trumpet in the Dust			n.d.
21	Greig, Maysie	Don't Wait for Love	Dawson		
22	Grainger, Boine	The Hussy	Warren King		n.d.
23	Campbell, Alice	Veiled Murder	Dawson		
24	Robertson, Frank C.	Red Rustlers			n.d.
25	Ross, Zola	Bonanza Queen			
26	Henderson, George C.	The Killers	Singer		n.d.
27	Valbeck, Michael	Sinful Bargain			
28	UNKNOWN				

29 Colt, Clem	Gun-Smoke		
30 Nezelof, Pierre	Scandalous Loves		n.d.
(as by N. P. Nezelof on cover and spine)			
31 de Lange, Anneke	Farm Girl	W. Blickenstaff	n.d.
32 Branch, Houston & Waters, Frank	Secret Affair		
33 Halleran, E. E.	Prairie Guns		n.d.
34 UNKNOWN			
35 Rockey, Howard	Wild Oats	Downes	
36 Glemser, Bernard	Strange Love		1951
37 Eagan, Alberta Stedman	They Call It Sin	Downes	
38 Brock, Stuart	Death Is My Lover		{1951}
39 Hayden, Eric Rhodes	Lover Boy	Downes	1951
40 De Rosso, H. A.	Tracks in the Sand		1951

## RED DAGGER MYSTERY

see **DAGGER HOUSE MYSTERY**.



## ROMANTIC NOVELS

Publisher: Romantic Reprint Publications, Inc., Madison Sq. P.O., Box 82, NY, NY

Distributor: PDC

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. *Reckless Girl* has an ad in the back for a book "just published, 1952." The same ad appears in **[Novels, Inc.]** # 10. Addresses appears only in ads in the back of the books. Full page ads for **[Knickerbocker]** books may indicate that this was related to or superseded that line. These four books may be the front end of the **[Novels, Inc.]** series. To my knowledge no publication order has been established; the order below should be considered random.

un Semple, Gordon	The Affairs of a Mistress	Rodewald	n.d.
un Lawrence, Ann	Dance Hall Girl		n.d.
un Saxon, John	Reckless Girl	Rodewald	n.d.
un Brown, Beth	The Loves of a Harlot	Rodewald	n.d.



## ROYAL BOOKS

Publisher: Royal Books, 211 East 37th St., New York 17, NY

Distributor: none given

Format trade pb: #s 14, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 28

Price: 50¢

Comments: Continuation of **Universal Giant**. Number 13 was never advertised and is believed not to exist. Several are double volumes, with two title pages, but paginated continuously. Several volumes are 7 <sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" tall by 5" wide, about an inch taller than the others, making them closer to true "trade paperbacks." Full address is given only in the back-page ads. A copy of # 19 seen was stamped "Sep 1 1953." Number G-25 was mis-numbered G-28 on the title page. See **Uni-Book** for a list of companion series.

12 Mundy, Talbot	Jimgrim Sahib		[1953]
13 NOT PUBLISHED			
14 Steen, Marguerite	Matador		[1953]
15 [anonymous ed.]	Highlights from YANK	[© 6/9]	1953
16 Plievier, Theodore	Stalingrad		[1953]
17 Winston, Daoma	The Other Stranger	[© 6/26]	1953
with [anonymous]	Adam and Two Eves		1953
18 Haggard, H. Rider	King Solomon's Mines		[1953]
with Haggard, H. Rider	Allan Quatermain		[1953]
19 Mundy, Talbot	Trek East		[1953]
20 Mundy, Talbot	Full Moon		1953
with Willeford, Charles	High Priest of California	Walter Popp	
		[© 8/14]	1953
21 Weller, George	Highway Episode		{1953}
22 Mundy, Talbot	Affair in Araby		1953
with Jakes, John	Gonzaga's Woman	Walter Popp	1953
23 Zweig, Arnold	The Case of Sergeant Grischa		[1953]
24 DeFoe, Daniel	Roxana	Barye	[1953]
25 Voltaire	Candide	Walter Popp	[1953]
with Gautier, Theophile	Mademoiselle De Maupin	Walter Popp	[1953]
26 [anonymous]	The Harem of Hsi Men		
27 Nixon, Henry Lewis	Confessions of a Psychiatrist	[© 12/22/53]	1954
with Winston, Daoma	The Woman He Wanted	Upwall [© 12/22/53]	1954
28 Twain, Mark	A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court		
		Saul Levine	n.d.
with Twain, Mark	Unnatural Son	Saul Levine	n.d.
29 Butler, Samuel	The Way of All Flesh		



## STALLION BOOKS

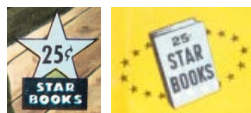
Publisher: Designs Publishing Corp., 117 E. 31 Street, New York, NY

Distributor: none given

Price: 35¢

Comments: A series of reprints from Universal's other series. Such ads as I've seen in these books mostly advertise **Beacon Books**, suggesting that this series postdates most of Universal's other digests. See **Uni-Book** for a list of companion series.

201 Bogar, Jeff	Hill Billy in High Heels		n.d.
(as Hillbilly inside)			
202 Woodford, Jack & Thompson, John B.	Male Virgin		n.d.
203 Harragan, Steve	Three Bad Girls		n.d.
204 De Mexico, N. R.	Marijuana Girl		n.d.
205 Stone, Thomas	Tramp Girl	Warren King	n.d.
206 Harragan, Steve	The Queer Sisters	B Safran	n.d.
207 Harvey, Gene	Miami Widow		n.d.
208 Sydney, Gale	Strange Circle		n.d.
209 Nixon, Henry Lewis	Ship's Doctor		n.d.
210 Clark, Dorine B.	Gutter Star		n.d.
211 Duperrault, Doug	Trailer-Camp Girl		n.d.
212 Harragan, Steve	Side-Show Girl		n.d.
213 Roberts, Luke	Reefer Club		n.d.
214 Carruthers, Margaret	Another Man's Wife	B Safran	n.d.
215 Harragan, Steve	Smuggled Sin		n.d.
216 Whittington, Harry	Cracker Girl		n.d.



## STAR BOOKS

Publisher: Star Guidance, Inc., 114 East 32<sup>nd</sup> St., New York, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 25¢

Comments: The street address is given in only the first two books. Most of the books in this series seem to have been issued in pairs, from #5 to at least # 42. A cover scan of #17 was seen with a date stamp of "June 18, 1951." This series seems to have ceased in mid- to late 1954, probably about the same time that this publisher's various series of "love novels" were temporarily suspended, but was not revived with the others. See **[Hanro]** for a list of companion series.

1 Leinster, Murray	Texas Gun Slinger	G. Gross	1949
2 Gaddis, Peggy	Bachelor Bait	Shoyer	1949
3 Leinster, Murray	Outlaw Guns		1950
4 Gregor, Martin	Hell Cat!		1950
5 Leinster, Murray	Outlaw Deputy	Rodewald	1950
6 Arthur, Burt	Flaming Guns	G. Gross	1950
7 Joscelyn, Archie	Bad Hombre	G. Gross	[© 7/25] 1950
8 Lehman, Paul Evan	Range Justice	G. Gross	[© 7/25] 1950
9 Joscelyn, Archie	Border Wolves	G. Gross	[© 9/25] 1950
10 Lehman, Paul Evan	Law of the '45	G. Gross	[© 9/25] 1950
11 Arthur, Burt	Killer's Moon	G. Gross	[© 11/27] 1950
12 Arthur, Burt	The Black Rider	G. Gross	1950
13 Joscelyn, Archie	Gun-Thunder Valley(!)	G. Gross	1951
14 Joscelyn, Archie	The Vengeance Trail		[© 2/21] 1951
15 Floren, Lee	The Long Trail North		[© 4/26] 1951
16 Lehman, Paul Evan	The Sheep Killers		[© 4/26] 1951
17 Floren, Lee	Two-Gun Trail	G. Gross	[© 6/28] 1951
18 Joscelyn, Archie	Wyoming Outlaw	G. Gross	[© 6/28] 1951
19 Arthur, Burt	Duel on the Range	G. Gross	[© 9/8] (Jul) 1951
20 Floren, Lee	Rustler's Trail		[© 9/8] 1951
21 Floren, Lee	Black Gunsmoke	G. Gross	[© 10/26] 1951
22 Lehman, Paul Evan	Texas Vengeance	G. Gross	[© 10/26] 1951
23 Arthur, Burt	The Black Rider	G. Gross	{1951}
24 Joscelyn, Archie	Gun-Thunder Valley(!)	G. Gross	{1951}
25 Lehman, Paul Evan	Law of the '45	G. Gross	{1951}
26 Arthur, Burt	Killer's Moon	G. Gross	1951
27 Floren, Lee	Deputy's Revenge		1952
28 Lehman, Paul Evan	Texas Guns	G. Gross	1952
29 Joscelyn, Archie	Duel at Killman Creek	G. Gross	1952
30 Joscelyn, Archie	Texas Outlaw	G. Gross	1952
31 Lehman, Paul Evan	Range War at Keno	[Mort Künstler]	1952
32 Joscelyn, Archie	Ambush on Satan's Hill	G. Gross	1952
33 Arthur, Burt	Outlaw Fury	G. Gross	[© 10/8] 1952
34 Arthur, Burt	Action at Spanish Flat		[© 10/8] 1952
35 Lehman, Paul Evan	Rustlers of the Rio Grande	G. Gross	[© 11/20] 1952
36 Arthur, Burt	Two-Gun Outlaw	S. Cherry	[© 11/20] 1952
37 Joscelyn, Archie	The Texan's Revenge	Künstler	[© 12/29] 1952
38 Arthur, Burt	Gun-Law on the Range	Barton	[© 12/29] 1952
39 Joscelyn, Archie	Texas Showdown		[© 3/20] 1953
40 Lehman, Paul Evan	Fighting Buckaroo		[© 3/20] 1953
41 Coburn, Walt	The Way of a Texan	G. Gross	[© 5/21] 1953
42 Joscelyn, Archie	Two-Gun Vengeance	G. Gross	[© 5/21] 1953
43 Arthur, Burt	Duel on the Range	G. Gross	[1953]
44 Lehman, Paul Evan	Texas Vengeance	G. Gross	
45 Floren, Lee	Black Gunsmoke	G. Gross	[1954]
46 Floren, Lee	Two-Gun Trail	G. Gross	





47 Joscelyn, Archie  
48 Joscelyn, Archie

Wyoming Outlaw  
Texas Revenge

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## STAR NOVELS

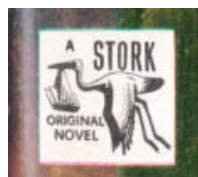
Publisher: Publication House, Inc., New York, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 35¢

Comments: Continuation of **Original Novels**. There appears to have been a break of about nine months between the last **Original Novel** and the first **Star Novel**. See [Hanro] for a full list of companion series.

750	Quandt, Albert L.	Boy-Crazy	Tauss	[© 11/4]	1955
751	Quandt, Albert L.	Baby Sitter		[© 12/7]	1955
752	Clay, Matthew	French Alley	Nappi	[© 1/6]	1956
753	Whitney, Hallam	Shack Road		[© 2/8]	1956
754	Quandt, Albert L.	Cellar Club		[© 3/9]	1956
755	Harvey, Gene	City Streets	DeSoto	[© 4/5]	1956
756	Harrison, Whit	Shanty Road		[© 5/17]	1956
757	Reynolds, Robert E.	Streets of Paris	Belarski	[© 6/7]	1956
758	Whittington, Harry	Sinners Club	Belarski	[© 7/9]	1956
759	Whitney, Hallam	City Girl	Schulz	[© 8/6]	1956
760	Hatter, Amos	Waterfront Girl			(1956)
761	Harrison, Whit	Native Girl		[© 10/4]	1956
762	Whitney, Hallam	Backwoods Hussy	Nappi	[© 11/9]	1956
763	Bligh, Norman	Motel Mistress		[© 12/12]	1956
764	Underwood, John	Hollywood Hellcat		[© 1/15]	1957
765	Bligh, Norman	River Boat Girl		[© 2/8]	1957
766	Hatter, Amos	Hollywood Sinners		[© 3/15]	1957
767	Hunter, John	Office Hussy		[© 3/28]	1957
768	Coleman, Mitchell	Ward Nurse		[© 5/10]	1957



## STORK ORIGINAL NOVEL

Publisher: Star Publications Inc., 286 Fifth Ave., NY 1, NY

Distributor: K: sporadically; #s 3, 4, 7, 8 of those seen

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 35¢

Comments: Started as a companion to **Croydon Books**, publishing only new books. All of these were subsequently reissued by **Croydon Books**, some as many as three times, usually under different titles.

(1)	Semple, Gordon	Life of Passion	Rodewald		1949
(2)	Williams, Wright	Lust for Love	Rodewald		1949
3	Watkins, Glenn	Sinful Life	Rodewald		1950
4	Himmel, Richard	Soul of Passion	Rodewald		1950
5	Jordan, Gail	Passionate Lover	Rodewald		1950
6	Carter, Ralph	The Sins of Donna Kenyon	Rodewald	[© 5/18]	1950
7	Stone, Thomas	Raging Passions	L. B. Cole		1950
8	Jackquin, Lee	Two Sinners	L. B. Cole	[© 8/17]	1950



## SUSPENSE NOVEL

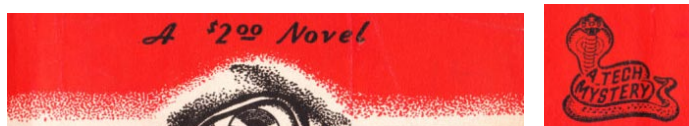
Publisher: Farrell Publishing Corp., 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, NY

Distributor: [ANC] - see notes

Price: 35¢

Comments: Companion to *Suspense* magazine, both tie-ins to the popular radio show. Although neither the magazine nor books carry distributors' marks both were highlighted in the *American News Trade Journal* when they debuted. The magazine lists Tom Farrell as the publisher.

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|---|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 1 | De Mexico, N. R. | Strange Pursuit               |                         | 1951 |
| 2 | Daemer, Will     | The Case of the Lonely Lovers | [© 5/8]                 | 1951 |
| 3 | Hodges, Carl G.  | Naked Villainy                | <b>Docktor</b> [© 8/12] | 1951 |



## TECH MYSTERY

Publisher: Tech Mysteries Inc., 475 Fifth Ave., New York, NY

Distributor: [ANC], see notes

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. The two numbered books were highlighted in the *American News Trade Journal* for June 1946; either they were issued simultaneously or it was a catch-up description. Given the foregoing, the unnumbered book most likely came out after the numbered ones.

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|----|---------------------|---------------------|--|--------|
| 1  | Hopkins, Linton C.  | The Candle          |  | [1946] |
| 2  | Leitfred, Robert H. | Murder Is My Racket |  | [1946] |
| un | Bogart, William     | Murder Man          |  | n.d.   |



## TECH NOVEL

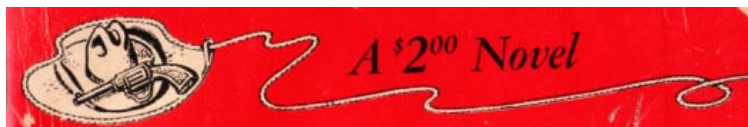
Publisher: Tech Books, Inc., New York

Distributor: [ANC], see notes

Price: 49¢

Comments: The earliest of the Tech imprints and the only one dated. A little-known political fantasy about the first woman President. It was highlighted in the *American News Trade Journal* for February 1946.

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|---|------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| 1 | Shapiro, Herbert | Woman in the White House | [© 10/19] | 1945 |
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## TECH WESTERN

Publisher: Tech Books, Inc., 475 Fifth Ave., New York, NY

Distributor: [ANC], see notes

Price: 25¢

Comments: Undated. Both books were highlighted in the *American News Trade Journal* for June 1946; either they were issued simultaneously or it was a catch-up description. The Tech books I've seen make no statements about the text; the one I was able to check appeared to be complete.

1 Shappiro, Herbert	The Black Rider	[1946]
2 Shappiro, Herbert	Rainbow Trail	[1946]

## A Thriller Novel CLASSIC

### THRILLER NOVEL CLASSIC

Publisher: Novel Selections, (Inc.), New York

Readers' Book Service Inc.: # 15 only, of those seen

Distributor: none given

Price: 25c

Comments: Undated. Probably began in 1942 and probably ended in 1946 or 1947. One of Alex Hillman's series; see **Mystery Novel Classic** for a list of additional imprints. The decision to start this imprint must have been a sudden one; the first book is identified as a **Detective Novel Classic** on the title page.

1 Frost, Frederick	Secret Agent No. 1	n.d.
2 Fairlie, Gerard	Bulldog Drummond on Dartmoor	n.d.
3 Robertson, Colin	The Yellow Strangler	n.d.
4 Rohmer, Sax	The Insidious Dr. Fu Manchu	(1943)
5 Horler, Sydney	Lord of Terror	(1943)
6 Worts, George F.	Murder and the Secret Weapon	(1943)
7 Frost, Frederick	Spy Meets Spy	(1943)
8 Packard, Frank L.	Jimmy Dale and the Phantom Clue	(1943)
9 Rohmer, Sax	The Golden Scorpion	(1943)
10 Gregory, Franklin	The White Wolf	[1943]
11 Beeding, Francis	Death in Four Letters	[1943]
12 Frost, Frederick	The Bamboo Whistle	[1943]
13 Chambers, Whitman	Invasion	n.d.
14 McNeile, H. C.	Bulldog Drummond Meets a Murderess	n.d.
15 Crosby, Lee	Terror by Night	n.d.
16 Charteris, Leslie	The Saint in Miami	n.d.
17 Holding, Elisabeth Sanxay	Trial by Murder	n.d.
18 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Murder Greets Jean Holton	n.d.
19 Beeding, Francis	Eleven Were Brave	n.d.
20 Crosby, Lee	Night Attack	n.d.
21 King, Rufus	Design in Evil	n.d.
22 Boutell, Anita	Cradled in Fear	n.d.
23 Carr, John Dickson	Poison in Jest	n.d.
24 Leonard, Charles L.	Deadline for Destruction	n.d.
25 Crosby, Lee	Doors to Death	n.d.
26 Davis, Frederick C.	Deep Lay the Dead	n.d.
27 Leonard, Charles L.	Assignment to Death	[1945]

28 O'Neil, Kerry	Death at Dakar	n.d.
29 Woolrich, Cornell	The Black Path of Fear	n.d.
30 Leonard, Charles L. (as by Charles A. Leonard on cover)	The Secret of the Spa	n.d.
31 Kelsey, Vera	Fear Came First	n.d.
32 Lee, Edward	Death Goes Fishing	n.d.
33 Knight, Kathleen Moore	Murder for Empire	n.d.
34 Chambers, Whitman	Action at World's End	n.d.
35 William, Peter	Death at Abu Mina	n.d.
36 Dannett, Sylvia G. L. & Bennett, Edwin	Defy the Tempest	n.d.
37 Selmark, George	Murder in Silence	n.d.
38 Siller, Van	Under a Cloud	n.d.
39 Ransome, Stephen	A Shroud for Shylock	n.d.



### THRILLING BOOKS (#s 11 - 12 only) THRILLING NOVELS

Publisher: Popular Library, Inc., 10 East 40th St., New York 16, NY

Distributor: ANC

Price: 25¢

Comments: Popular Library was owned by Ned Pines, who also published the Standard Magazines pulp titles. All volumes were undated and have so far resisted dating. Based on the most recent dates of the hardcovers reprinted, this series couldn't have appeared any earlier than 1947-1950. I considered the possibility that this series was issued as late as 1955, after Standard's pulp line was dropped by American News, and may have been created to offer ANC something to distribute in their place. However, the fact that # 21 was reprinted by **Ace Books** in 1955 argues for a much earlier issuance of this series. A scan of # 16 has been seen stamped "May 1" with no discernible year given.



11 Mulford, Clarence E.	Trail Dust	n.d.
12 Raine, William MacLeod	Texas Man	n.d.
13 Young, Gordon	Holster Law	n.d.
14 Seltzer, Charles Alden	Square Deal Sanderson	n.d.
15 Bower, B. M.	The Quirt	n.d.
16 Robertson, Frank C.	Cow Country Law	n.d.
17 Gregory, Jackson	Man to Man	n.d.
18 White, William Patterson	Guns of Paradise Bend	n.d.
19 Cameron, Caddo	Two Rangers from Texas	n.d.
20 Mulford, Clarence E.	Rustler's Valley	n.d.
21 Drago, Harry Sinclair	Trigger Gospel	n.d.
22 Seltzer, Charles Alden	Hot Lead Trail	n.d.
23 Young, Gordon	Gunman from Tulluco	n.d.
24 White, William Patterson	[The] Heart of the Range	n.d.
25 Robertson, Frank C.	The Longhorns of Hate	n.d.
26 Fox, Norman A.	Dead End Trail	n.d.
27 Cameron, Caddo	It's Hell to Be a Ranger	n.d.
28 Payne, Stephen	Riders of the Rocker K	n.d.
29 Mulford, Clarence E.	"Bring Me His Ears"	n.d.
30 Fox, Norman A.	Thorson of Thunder Gulch	n.d.
31 Drago, Harry Sinclair	Guardians of the Sage	n.d.
32 White, William Patterson	Hidden Trails	n.d.

Hunter Barker



## UNI-BOOK

Publisher: Universal Publishing & Distributing Corp.,  
420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, NY; #s 3 - (8)  
211 East 37th Street, New York 16, NY; #s (10) - 78

Distributor: none given

Format: saddle-stapled: #s 10, 21, 22, of those seen

Price: 35¢

Comments: Follows from the two unnumbered **Universal Romances**, below. Two numbers are still unaccounted for. At least two books are known to have had second printings with the same book number. I have also seen several books that were printed in Canada, but have no idea whether these were separate printings or whether the entire print run of that number was done there. Universal was owned by Arnold Abramson, who issued several other digest series under different publishing companies; see **Bronze Books**, **Fiesta Books**, **Intimate Novels**, **Universal Giants** (later **Royal Books**), and **Stallion Books**. Universal replaced their digests in 1954 with **Beacon Books**, the first mass-market-size porn imprint. In the 1960s they started **Award Books**, a more conventional mass-market paperback imprint.

3 Gaddis, Peggy	Unfaithful Wives	1950
4 Gates, Eleanor	Wicked	
5 Bramson, Karen	Sins of a Paris Doctor	1950
6 Grant, Richard	Man Bait	
7 Branch, Florenz	Male for Sale	n.d.
8 Lewis, Dana	Backstage Sin	n.d.
9 Pritchard, Janet	Warped Women	
10 Pitigrilli, M.	Without Consent	1951
11 UNKNOWN		
12 UNKNOWN		
13 Meeker, Richard	Torment	
14 Williams, Wright	Stripper!	
15 Reed, David V.	The Thing That Made Love	
	{Robert Stanley}	n.d.
16 Martin, Charles	Raw Passion	n.d.
17 Branch, Florenz	Scandalous Affair	1951
18 Arthur, William	Love Cheat	1951
19 De Mexico, N. R.	Marijuana Girl	[© 1/8/52] 1951
20 Williams, Wright	Side Street	n.d.
21 Gaddis, Peggy	Hideaway	1952
22 Appel, H. M.	Tainted Passions	n.d.
23 Pritchard, Janet	Sin Ship	[ ]
24 Abram, Arthur	Badge of Shame	1952
25 Williams, Wright	River(-)Barge Virgin	n.d.
26 Foster, Gerald	The Fiend	[1952]
27 Lawrence, Ann	Jezebel's Daughter	n.d.
28 Jordan, Gail	Unleashed Woman	[1952]
29 Appel, H. M.	Brutal Kisses	[1952]
30 Grant, Richard	Eurasian Girl	Warren King [1952]
31 Gaddis, Peggy	Doctor Prescott's Secret	n.d.
32 West, Ben	Loves of a Girl Wrestler	Ed Chass {1952}
33 Poynter, Beulah	White Trash	[© 4/29] 1952
34 Semple, Gordon	Resort Hostess	[© 4/29] 1952
35 Drake, H. B.	Slave Ship	
36 Lawrence, Ann	Hoyden of the Hills	[1952]
37 Jordan, Gail	Student Nurse	[Robert Stanley]
38 West, Ben	Secrets of a Co-Ed	Kampen [© 7/14] 1952
39 Semple, Gordon	Pleasure Resort Women	1952

40 Field, Rudolph	Ike, Man of the Hour		1952
41 Saxon, John	She Devil		
42 Harragan, Steve	Side-Show Girl		1952
43 Harragan, Steve	The Queer Sisters	B. Safran	n.d.
44 Harragan, Steve	Sin Is a Redhead	Geygan	n.d.
45 Wall, Evans	Bad Sister		n.d.
46 Harragan, Steve	Smuggled Sin		1953
47 Harragan, Steve	Kiss of the Damned		(1953)
48 Brenning, L. H.	Woman of Paris	Walter Popp	1953
49 Roberts, Luke	Reefer Club	King	[© 4/10] 1953
50 Wall, Evans	River Woman		(1953)
51 Mitchell, Francis [O.]	Dirt Farm		[© 4/9] 1953
52 Harragan, Steve	The Shayne Dame		1953
53 Clay, Manning	Wild Body		[© 5/19] 1953
54 Harragan, Steve	Carney's Burlesque	Walter Popp	(1953)
55 Ford, Jean	Mountain Woman	Saul Levine	(1953)
56 Freeman, Kelsey	Her Last Lover	Walter Popp	(1953)
57 Harragan, Steve	Three Bad Girls		(1953)
58 Whittington, Harry	Cracker Girl		[© 8/28] 1953
59 Carruthers, Margaret	Another Man's Wife		{1953}
60 Woodford, Jack & Thompson, John B.			
	Savage Eve		{1953}
61 Winston, Daoma	Runaway Blonde		[© 9/1] 1953
62 Willis, George	Hungry for Love		{1953}
63 Woodford, Jack	Passion in the Pines		{1953}
64 Harragan, Steve	Cuban Heel		[1953]
65 Bogar, Jeff	Hill Billy in High Heels		n.d.
66 Boltin, Bill	Witch on Wheels		
	(as by Bill Bolton inside)		
67 Woodford, Jack & Thompson, John B.	Male Virgin		
68 Pritchard, Janet	Country Club Cheat		1953
69 Bogar, Jeff	Confessions of a Chinatown Moll		n.d.
70 Whittington, Harry	Wild Oats		1954
71 Woodford, Jack & Thompson, John B.			
	Hoyden of the Swamps		n.d.
	(as Swamp Hoyden on cover & spine)		
72 Woodford, Jack & Thompson, John B.	Honey		n.d.
73 Hitt, Orrie	Cabin Fever		1954
74 Rifkin, Leo	Gang Girl		1954
75 Roberts, Luke	Harlem Doctor		[© 11/16] 1953
76 Lucas, Robert	Below the Belt	Paul	[© 11/16] 1953
77 Thompson, John B.	Bayou Girl		
78 Matthews, Ernest L., Jr.	Out of Bounds		1954



## UNIVERSAL GIANT

Publisher: Universal Publishing & Distributing Corp., 211 East 37 Street, New York 16, NY  
 Distributor: none given  
 Format: see notes below  
 Price: 50¢  
 Comments: Several are double volumes, with two title pages, but paginated continuously. Series continued as **Royal Books**. One or more of these may be an inch taller than usual. This was common during the **Royal Books** phase but I lack any documentation of it in these earlier volumes. See the previous entry for a list of companion imprints.



1	Whittington, Harry with Williams, Idabel	Prime Sucker The Hussy		1952
2	von Stroheim, Erich	Paprika		
3	Klingman, Lawrence & Green, Gerald	His Majesty O'Keefe		
4	Harragan, Steve with Harragan, Steve	Dope Doll The Bigamy Kiss		n.d. n.d.
5	Williams, David with Leiber, Fritz	Bulls, Blood and Passion The Sinful Ones	[© 1/30]	1953 1953
6	Marston, William	The Private Life of Julius Caesar	Geygan	1953
7	Hartt, Jon with Dean, Elsie	Savage Mistress Concubine	[© 3/20] Warren King	1953 1953
8	Taylor, Valerie with Lucas, Curtis	The Lusty Land Forbidden Fruit	[© 3/20] [© 3/20]	1953 1953
9	MacArthur, Arthur	Aphrodite's Lover		(1953)
10	Casanova	The Memoirs of Casanova		{1953}
11	Cobb, Humphrey with Mundy, Talbot	Paths of Glory The Queen's Warrant		1953 1953

### UNIVERSAL ROMANCE

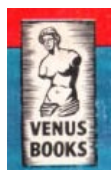
Publisher: Universal Publishing & Distributing Corp., New York, NY

Distributor: none indicated

Price: 35¢

Comments: Two unnumbered books, priority uncertain. The order given can be inferred from ads in later books. A numbered series continued as **Uni-Books**, starting with # 3.

un	Barr, Cecil (as Anybodies Woman inside)	Any Man's Woman	n.d.
un	Booth, Ray	Red Hot	n.d.



### VENUS BOOKS

Publisher: Star Guidance, Inc, New York, NY

Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled through at least # 155 but not beyond 158

Price: 35¢

Comments: There is a 9-10 month gap in this series' issuance. The exact break point is not certain but is probably between #s 179 & 180. Several of the early volumes are reissues of **Ecstasy** or **Exotic Novels** and include both the posed photos and the short stories (as noted) from the earlier volumes See **[Hanro]** for a list of companion series. The bylines are swapped on #s 102 and 103.

101	Gaddis, Peggy	Girl with No Past		1950
102	Sherman, Joan (with "Wayward Woman" by Alice Warner, ss)	She Wanted Love!		1950
103	Foster, Gerald (with "Strange Lover" by Viola Cornett, ss)	Mazie: Any Man's Girl		1950
104	Gaddis, Peggy	Beach Party		1950
105	Gaddis, Peggy (with "Frenzied Lovers" by Viola Cornett, ss)	Take My Love!		1950
106	Bligh, Norman (as <i>Over Night</i> on cover) (with "Kisses of Passion" by Viola Cornett, ss)	Overnight		1950
107	Bligh, Norman	Play-Girl	G. Gross	1950
108	Harvey, Gene (with "Take My Love" by Ruth Brandao, ss)	Cutie		1950

109	Bellamy, Harmon	Lover Boy	G. Gross	1950
110	Bellamy, Harmon	Hard-Boiled(!)		1950
111	Quandt, Albert L.	Pick-Up Alley		1950
112	Gaddis, Peggy	Temptation	G. Gross	1950
113	Clayford, James	Reckless!		[© 2/2] 1951
114	Harvey, Gene	Confessions of a Carnival Dancer		[© 2/2] 1951
	(with "One Man Woman" by James Clayford, ss)			
117	Harvey, Gene	Desire Is a Woman		[© 3/7] 1951
118	Gaddis, Peggy	Honey: Broadway Playgirl		1951
119	Charlson, David	No Time for Marriage		1951
120	Bligh, Norman	The Naked Night		1951
121	Quandt, Albert L.	Girl of the Slums		1951
122	Gaddis, Peggy	Pleasure at Midnight		1951
123	Gaddis, Peggy	Emotions of Fire		[© 5/9] 1951
124	Harvey, Gene	She Couldn't Be Good		[© 5/9] 1951
125	Quandt, Albert L.	Thrill Me Again		[© 6/4] 1951
126	Hatter, Amos	No Time for Sleep		[© 6/4] 1951
127	Gaddis, Peggy	Painted Lips		[© 6/18] 1951
128	Welles, Kermit	She Had What It Takes	[Rudy Nappi]	[© 6/18] 1951
129	Quandt, Albert L.	Big-Time Girl		[© 7/13] 1951
130	Bligh, Norman	The Men She Knew		[© 7/13] 1951
131	Gaddis, Peggy	Tough Doll		[© 7/25] 1951
132	Hatter, Amos	Lady with a Past		[© 7/25] 1951
133	Stonebraker, Florence	She Tried to Be Good	Nappi	[© 8/6] 1951
134	Marin, Arthur	The Doctor's Wife	[Rudy Nappi]	[© 8/6] 1951
135	Charlson, David	Night Nurse		[©](Dec)[28] 1951
136	Arnold, William	Torch Singer		© 12/28] 1951
137	Gaddis, Peggy	Lost to Desire		[© 2/26] 1952
138	Sherman, Joan	Reckless		[© 3/7] 1952
139	Arnold, William	The Naked Canvas	G. Gross	[© 4/1] 1952
140	Stonebraker, Florence	Oriental Nights	Nappi	© 4/29] 1952
141	Harvey, Gene	Strip Street	Nappi	[©] (May) [20] 1952
142	Gaddis, Peggy	Unfaithful	Nappi	[©] (Jun) [13] 1952
143	Sherman, Joan	Lovers in the Sun		[©] (Jul) [1] 1952
144	Welles, Kermit	The Innocent Wanton		[©] (Jul) [24] 1952
145	Charlson, David	Frenchie		[© 8/21] 1952
146	Jordan, Gail	Call It Marriage		[© 9/19] 1952
147	Tucker, Joan	Weekend of Madness		[© 10/3] 1952
148	Bligh, Norman	Remembered Moment	Johnson	[© 10/31] 1952
149	Gaddis, Peggy	Runaway Lovers		[© 11/14] 1952
150	Manning, Jane	The Affairs of a Leading Lady	Johnson	[© 11/20] 1952
151	Bligh, Norman	Young Wife		[©] (Nov) [24] 1952
152	Nickerson, Kate	Passion Is a Woman	Belarski	[©] (Dec) [19] 1952
153	Harrison, Whit	Sailor's Weekend	Herb Tauss	[©] (Dec) [26] 1952
154	Hatter, Amos	Hired Girl		[© 1/28] 1953
155	Charlson, David	Night Nurse		(1953)
156	Marin, Arthur	The Doctor's Wife	[Rudy Nappi]	(1953)
157	Haskell, Frank	Women's Doctor		[© 3/20] 1953
158	Harrison, Whit	Girl on Parole		[© 4/24] 1953
159	Tucker, Joan	Shanty Girl	Belarski	[© 5/22] 1953
160	Gaddis, Peggy	Farmer's Wife		[© 6/23] 1953
161	Harrison, Whit	Army Girl	Belarski	[© 8/21] 1953
162	Bligh, Norman	Wayward Nurse	Belarski	[© 9/28] 1953
163	Charlson, David	Private Nurse	Rudy Nappi	[© 10/28] 1953
164	Hatter, Amos	Hired Girl		
165	Nickerson, Kate	Passion Is a Woman	Belarski	
166	Harrison, Whit	Sailor's Weekend	Herb Tauss	
167	Tucker, Joan	Young Secretary		[© 2/4] 1954
168	Gaddis, Peggy	Backwoods Girl	G. Gross	[© 3/8] 1954
169	Harvey, Gene	Strip Street	Nappi	(1954)
170	Coleman, Mitchell	Male Ward	Belarski	[© 5/7] 1954

171	Sherman, Joan	Beach Girl		(Jun)	1954
172	Gaddis, Peggy	Farmer's Woman		[© 6/24]	1954
173	Haskell, Frank	Young Doctor	Belarski	[©] (Jul) [26]	1954
174	Charlson, David	Night Nurse			(1954)
175	Manning, Jane	Young Sinners	Belarski		(1954)
176	Haskell, Frank	Women's Doctor	[Rudy Nappi]		(1954)
177	Bligh, Norman	Young Wife		(Nov	1954)
178	Welles, Kermit	Wild Sister			
179	Haskell, Frank	Hotel Doctor			
180	Sherman, Joan	Beach Girl			
181	Hatter, Amos	Hired Girl			
182	Harvey, Gene	Strip Street	Nappi		
183	Manning, Jane	Young Sinners	Belarski	[© 2/8]	1956
184	Haskell, Frank	Hotel Doctor			(1956)
185	Welles, Kermit	Wild Sister			(1956)
186	Bligh, Norman	Wayward Nurse	[Belarski]		(1956)
187	Gaddis, Peggy	Backwoods Girl	G. Gross		(1956)
188	Bligh, Norman	Young Wife			(1956)
189	Haskell, Frank	Women's Doctor	Nappi		(1956)
190	Gaddis, Peggy	Farmer's Woman	[Rudy Nappi]		(1956)
191	Haskell, Frank	Young Doctor	Belarski		(1956)
192	Charlson, David	Night Nurse			(1956)
193	Tucker, John	Waterfront Club	Paul Kresse	[© 12/12]	1956
194	Harrison, Whit	Army Girl	Belarski		[1957]
195	Jordan, Gail	Young Bride		[© 2/8]	1957
196	Gaddis, Peggy	Cabin Hostess	Nappi		(1957)
197	Arnold, William	Professional Model	G. Gross	[© 4/8]	1957
198	Hall, Richard	Hollywood Starlet			(1957)



#### VITAL BOOK

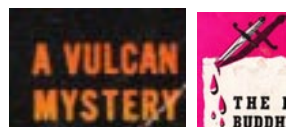
Publisher: Vital Publications, Inc., 148 Lafayette St., New York 13, NY

Distributor: S M

Price: 25¢

Comments: Unnumbered. Julien J. Proskauer is stated to be president of the company. There is some connection with Martin Goodman, whose second **Atlas Mystery** imprint issued two more Nick Carter novels using this same publishing company. The later imprint also issued two novels by Walter Gibson that Gibson stated were written for Proskauer. These books appear to have been issued in pairs; only the ads in the last two provide book numbers.

(1)	Carter, Nicholas	Empire of Crime(!)	[© 4/18]	1945
(2)	Carter, Nicholas	Murder Unlimited(!)	[© 4/18]	1945
(3)	Carter, Nicholas	Death Has Green Eyes!		1946
(4)	Carter, Nicholas	Park Avenue Murder!		1946



#### VULCAN MYSTERY

Publisher: Vulcan Publications, Inc., New York, NY

Distributor: FDC

Price: 25¢

Comments: It is my understanding that this company was owned by Jerry Albert, who had previously issued several short-lived pulps as Albing Publications. See also **Five Star Mystery**, which was a follow-on to this imprint, from a new publisher.

un	George, David Robinson	Death Meets the Deadline	Hoffman	[© 8/21]	1944
un	Albert, Andrew I.	The Maori Murder Case	Hoffman	[© 9/7]	1944
3	Foster, Richard	The Laughing Buddha Murders	Hoffman	[© 12/7]	1944
4	Albert, Andrew I.	Murder for a Hollow Shell		[© 2/1]	1945
5	Crossen, Ken	The Case of the Phantom Fingerprints	h	[© 3/15]	1945
6	Yates, Peter	Curtain Call for Murder	h		1945



### THE WEST IN ACTION

Publisher: Astro Distributing Corp., 114 East 32<sup>nd</sup> St., New York, NY

Distributor: PDC

Price: 25¢

Comments: Three more volumes appeared, numbered into the **Quarter Books** line and carrying both imprints. See also **[Astro]** and **[Hanro]** for additional series from this publisher.

1	Leinster, Murray	Outlaw Sheriff		1948
2	Leinster, Murray	Guns along the Western Trail		1948
3	Leinster, Murray	Kid Deputy	Rodewald	1948
4	Leinster, Murray	Two-Gun Showdown	Rodewald	1948



### WESTERN ACTION NOVEL

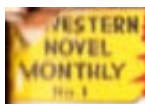
Publisher: Novel Selections, Inc., New York

Distributor: none given

Price: 25c

Comments: Undated. These four books probably appeared around 1947. Imprint continued as **Gunfire Western Novel**. One of Alex Hillman's series; see **Mystery Novel Classic** for a list of additional imprints.

1	Robertson, Frank C.	Round-Up in the River		n.d.
2	MacDonald, William Colt	The Riddle of Ramrod Ridge		n.d.
3	Foster, Bennett	Powdersmoke Fence		n.d.
4	Gooden, Arthur Henry	Donovan Rides		n.d.



### WESTERN NOVEL MONTHLY

Publisher: Avon Publishing Co., Inc., 119 West 57th St., New York 19, NY

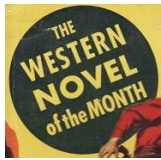
Distributor: ANC

Format: saddle-stapled

Price: 25¢

Comments: Hancer lists a 4th volume, an anthology, which seems unlikely. I have not been able to separately confirm its existence. See **AVON BOOKS** for a complete list of Avon's digest size imprints.

1	Nye, Nelson	The Gun-Wolf of Tubac	© Ann Cantor	[© 11/15]	1949
2	Hopson, William	Cattle War Buckeroo	© Ed Moore	[© 1/16]	1950
3	Hopson, William	Arizona Round-Up			{1950}



#### THE WESTERN NOVEL OF THE MONTH (#s 1 - 21)

#### THE WESTERN NOVEL CLASSIC (from # 22)

Publisher: Novel Selections, Inc., New York

Distributor: none given

Price: 25c

Comments: Undated. Probably began in 1941 and ended in 1951. I have not examined either of The two un-numbered volumes; I've ordered them on the basis of cover scans. The Bardwell title has a completely different logo than the others, so I've listed it first. One of Alex Hillman's series; see **Mystery Novel Classic** for a list of additional imprints. The **Pocket Book** edition of # 48, from which the date below is taken, lists a second printing in July 1946. It is not presently known if it can be differentiated.

un	Bardwell, Denver	Gun Smoke in Sunset Valley		n.d.
un	James, Dan	Rancho Bonita		1940
3	Adams, Stewart	Guns at Lazy River		n.d.
4	Repp, Ed Earl	Hell on the Pecos		n.d.
5	Brand, Max	The Gun Tamer		n.d.
6	Cunningham, Eugene	Quick Triggers		n.d.
7	Raine, William MacLeod	Border Breed		(Sep 1941)
8	Rodney, George B.	Gunpowder Heritage		n.d.
9	Brand, Max	Rustler's Range		n.d.
10	Raine, William MacLeod	Roaring River	S. Cherry	n.d.
11	Lehman, Paul Evan	Brand of the Outlaw		[© 2/20 1942]
12	Coolidge, Dane	Ranger Two-Rifles		n.d.
13	Brand, Max	The Outlaw Trail		n.d.
14	Cunningham, Eugene	Riders of the Night		n.d.
15	Robertson, Frank C.	The Outlaw of Antler		n.d.
16	Pitzer, Robert Claiborne	Badmen of Elk Head		n.d.
17	Coolidge, Dane	Comanche Chaser		n.d.
18	Brand, Max	The Seven of Diamonds	CW	n.d.
19	Repp, Ed Earl	Suicide Ranch		n.d.
20	Crane, Robert	Stormy Range		n.d.
21	Cunningham, Eugene	Pistol Passport		n.d.
22	Raine, William MacLeod	The Sheriff's Son		(1943)
23	Brand, Max	Brothers on the Trail		(1943)
24	Robertson, Frank C.	Thunder on the Range		[1943]
25	Crane, Robert	Wild Blood		[1943]
26	Mulford, Clarence E.	Hopalong Cassidy and the Eagle's Brood		(1943)
27	Tuttle, W. C.	(The?) Bluffer's Luck		(1943)
28	Raine, William MacLeod	Ironheart		[1943]
29	Cunningham, Eugene	Diamond River Man		[1943]
30	Coolidge, Dane	Hell's Hip Pocket		[1943]
31	Brand, Max	Hunted Riders		(Oct 1943)
32	Mulford, Clarence E.	Thunder Ranch		n.d.
33	Tuttle, W. C.	Tumbling River Range		n.d.
34	Raine, William MacLeod	Riders of Buck River		n.d.
35	LeMay, Alan	Murder Range		n.d.
36	Short, Luke	Raiders of the Rimrock		n.d.
37	MacDonald, William Colt	Black Sombrero		n.d.
38	Cunningham, Eugene	Red Range		[Jun 1944]

39 Raine, William MacLeod	Trail's End		n.d.
40 Short, Luke	War on the Cimarron		(1944)
41 Tuttle, W. C.	The Keeper of Red Horse Pass		n.d.
42 Young, Gordon	Tall in the Saddle		n.d.
43 Cunningham, Eugene	Whistling Lead		n.d.
44 Gooden, Arthur Henry	Roaring River Range		n.d.
45 Short, Luke	The Feud at Single Shot		n.d.
46 Tuttle, W. C.	The Tin God of Twisted River		n.d.
47 Raine, William MacLeod	On the Dodge		n.d.
48 Cunningham, Eugene	Texas Triggers	[Oct	1945]
49 Bechdolt, Frederick R.	Murder at Two Rivers		n.d.
50 Tuttle, W. C.	The Dead-Line		n.d.
51 Robertson, Frank C.	The Moose Hangs High		n.d.
52 Lomax, Bliss	Outlaw River		n.d.
53 Coolidge, Dane	Bear Paw		n.d.
(as by W. C. Tuttle on title page)			
54 MacDonald, William Colt	Cartridge Carnival		n.d.
55 Tuttle, W. C.	Hash Knife of the Double Bar 8		n.d.
56 West, Tom	Bushwhack Basin		n.d.
57 Lomax, Bliss	Rusty Guns		n.d.
58 Coolidge, Dane	Hell in Paradise Valley		n.d.
59 Mulford, Clarence E.	Hopalong Cassidy Serves a Writ		n.d.
60 West, Tom	Trouble Trail		n.d.
61 Coolidge, Dane	Long Rope		n.d.
62 Raine, William MacLeod	Bullets for the MK		n.d.
63 Lomax, Bliss	Horsethief Creek		n.d.
64 Seltzer, Charles Alden	So Long, Sucker		n.d.
65 Ogden, George W.	Windy Range		n.d.
66 Lomax, Bliss	Saddle Hawks		n.d.
67 Strange, O.	Sudden Takes Charge		n.d.
68 Trace, John	Rough Mesa	CW	n.d.
69 Johnson, Ryerson	South to Sonora		n.d.
70 Joscelyn, Archie	Death in the Saddle		n.d.
71 Trace, John	Range of Golden Hoofs		n.d.
72 Tracy, Ray Palmer	Gunsmoke in the Hills		n.d.
73 Adams, Frank R.	Gunsight Ranch		n.d.
74 West, Tom	Renegade Range		n.d.
75 Bechdolt, Frederick R.	Horsethief Trail	(Jun	1948)
(as Horse Thief on cover)			
76 Trace, John	Trigger Vengeance	Ed DeLavy	n.d.
77 Rister, Claude	Guns of Ghost Valley	Will Gimby	n.d.
78 Elston, Allan Vaughan	Come Out and Fight		n.d.
79 Hale, Randolph	The Prodigal Bandit		n.d.
80 Rister, Claude	Red River Gunman		n.d.
81 Moore, Ed	Black Gold Stampede		n.d.
82 Page, Ralph	Flame of Forgotten Guns		n.d.
83 Robertson, Frank C.	The Firebrand from Burnt Creek		n.d.
84 Legner, Louis E.	Blood on the Sage		n.d.
85 Westland, Lynn	Black River Ranch		n.d.
86 Snow, Charles H.	The Brand Stealer	ED	n.d.
87 Craig, William J.	The Outlaw Brand		n.d.
88 Robertson, Frank C.	Poison Valley		n.d.
89 Wire, Harold Channing	Marked Man		n.d.
90 Ernenwein, Leslie	Gunsmoke Galoot		n.d.
91 West, Tom	Meddling Maverick	Chas. Wood	n.d.
92 Bosworth, Allan R.	Bury Me Not		n.d.
93 Moore, Amos	Lead Law		n.d.
94 Martin, Charles M.	The Deuce of Diamonds		n.d.
95 Lee, Ranger	Badland Bill		n.d.
96 Lomax, Bliss	Closed Range		n.d.
97 Grinstead, J. E.	The Lightning Kid		n.d.
98 Riley, Tex	The Shootin' Sheriff		n.d.



99 Snow, Charles H.	Horsethief Pass	n.d.
100 Ermine, Will	Barbed-Wire Empire	n.d.
101 Gunn, Tom	Painted Post Rustlers	n.d.
102 Deming, Kirk	Colt Lightnin'	n.d.
103 Lomax, Bliss	Canyon of Golden Skulls	n.d.
104 Hopkins, Tom J.	The Hard Riders	n.d.
105 Westland, Lynn	Dakota Marshal	n.d.
106 Ermine, Will	Lawless Legion	n.d.
107 Colter, Eli	Poison Springs	n.d.
108 Tuttle, W. C.	The Vultures of Vacaville	1951
109 Corcoran, William	Blow, Desert Winds	(1951)
110 Sinclair, Bertrand W.	Both Sides of the Law	[© 6/14] 1951
111 Joscelyn, Archie	Hell for Leather	[© 8/3] 1951
112 Sinclair, Bertrand W.	Room for the Rolling M	[© 10/19] 1951

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