

Contents - Collections

Allingham, Margery

The Case Book of Mr. Campion, Mercury # 112, 1947.

First and only edition. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Hubin.

The Crimson Letters
Safe as Houses
The Case of the Question Mark
The Definite Article
The Magic Hat
The Meaning of the Act
A Matter of Form

Booth, Charles G.

Murder Strikes Thrice, Bonded Mystery # 4, n.d.

First and only edition. Undated, but appeared in 1946. Although acknowledged as a collection, the stories are also labeled as Parts One, Two and Three.

Stag Party
Cigarette Lady
Queen High

Boswell, Charles

with Lewis Thompson

More Deadly Than the Male

see Lewis Thompson for details

Bromfield, Louis

Five Long Short Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 24, 1945.

Abridged from *It Takes All Kinds*, Harper, 1939. Prints only 5 of the 9 stories in the hardcover.

The Hand of God
New York Legend
The Girl Who Knew Everybody
Good Time Bessie
That Which Never Returns

Great Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 34, 1946.

First and only edition.

Death in Monte Carlo
The Old House
True Love
Aunt Flora

Three Short Novels from *Here Today and Gone Tomorrow*,

Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 13, 1944.

Abridged from Harper, 1934; one story omitted.

No. 55
The Listener
Fourteen Years After

Brush, Katharine

Night Club, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 48, 1949.

Abridged from Minton, Balch, 1929; two stories omitted.

Night Club
The Long Young Dreams
"The Mother Has the Custody -"

Fumble
Gaudy Lady
Eye-Opener
Seven Blocks Apart
Débutante
"All the King's Horses"

Buck, Pearl S.

The First Wife and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly
23, 1945.

Abridged from *Stories of China*, John Day, 194?, an omnibus
combining two previous collections, *Today and Forever*, John Day,
1941, and the *First Wife and other stories*, John Day, 1933.

The First Wife
The Lesson
Hearts Come Home
Golden Flower
The Face of Buddha
Guerrilla Mother
The Frill
The Old Demon

Cain, James M.

Career in C Major and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly
22, 1945.

First and only edition. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Hubin,
Fictionmags. Avon Book # 141, 1947, contains only the title story.

The Girl in the Storm
Coal Black
Career in C Major

Cain, Paul

Seven Slayers, Chartered # 21, 1946.

First edition. Not seen in this edition; details from World Catalog,
Hubin. Reprinted in 1950 as Avon Book # 268.

Black
Red 71
Parlor Trick
One, Two, Three
Murder in Blue
Pigeon Blood
Pineapple

Caldwell, Erskine

Georgia Boy and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 30,
1946.

First edition. Contains all of the episodic novel *Georgia Boy*,
Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1943, and adds 6 stories from *Jackpot*, see
below. A subsequent reprint, Avon Book # 134, had the same
contents initially, but a later printing contains only one of the extra
stories, "Maud Island."

Georgia Boy:

- I. My Old Man's Bailing Machine
- II. The Day We Rang the Bell for Preacher Hawshaw
- III. Handsome Brown and the Aggravating Goats
- IV. My Old Man and the Grass Widow
- V. The Time Ma Spent the Day at Aunt Bessie's
- VI. Handsome Brown and the Shirt-tail Woodpeckers
- VII. My Old Man and the Gypsy Queen

- VIII. The Time Handsome Brown Ran Away
- IX. My Old Man and Pretty Sooky
- X. Handsome Brown's Day Off
- XI. My Old Man's Political Appointment
- XII. The Night My Old Man Came Home
- XIII. Uncle Ned's Short Stay
- XIV. My Old Man Hasn't Been the Same Since

Handy
 Hamrick's Polar Bear
 Carnival
 Dorothy
 The Rumor
 Maud Island

22 Great Modern Stories from *Jackpot*, Avon Modern Short Story

Monthly # 14, 1944.

Abridged from Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1940. Illustrations at the end of each story. Contains 22 of the 75 stories in the hardcover.

Another 6 stories were used to fill out the SSM edition of *Georgia Boy*, above. Five more of the leftover stories appeared in various of Avon's digest anthologies. A further abridgement containing only 14 of these 22 stories was published as *Where the Girls Were Different*, Avon Book # 151. This was followed by *Midsummer Passion*, Avon Book # 177, 1948, containing 15 stories from the original hardcover, 3 of which had appeared in this digest and the rest not previously printed by Avon. Two later editions of *Midsummer Passion*, Avon Book #s 309, 1950, and # 340, 1951, are assumed to have the same contents.

Meddlesome Jack
 The Medicine Man
 Horse Thief
 Rachel
 A Day's Wooing
 Warm River
 Snacker
 Where the Girls Were Different
 The Visitor
 It Happened Like This
 My Old Man:
 I. The Night My Old Man Came Home
 II. Handsome Brown and the Aggravating Goats
 III. My Old Man Hasn't Been the Same Since
 People vs. Abe Lathan, Colored
 Balm of Gilead
 The Midwinter Guest
 A Very Late Spring
 The Mating of Marjorie
 An Autumn Courtship
 The Corduroy Pants
 The Girl Ellen
 Yellow Girl
 A Knife to Cut the Corn Bread With
 Savannah River Payday

Carr, John Dickson

Dr. Fell, Detective, and other stories, Mercury Mystery # 110, 1947.

First and only edition. With an introduction by Ellery Queen. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Hubin.

The Proverbial Murder
 The Locked Room
 The Wrong Problem

The Hangman Won't Wait
A Guest in the House
The Devil in the Summer-House
Will You Walk into My Parlor?
Strictly Diplomatic

Chandler, Raymond

(The) Finger Man and other stories, Murder Mystery Monthly # 43, 1946.
First edition. Reprinted as Avon Book # 219, in 1950.

Finger Man
The Bronze Door
Smart-Aleck Kill
The Simple Art of Murder

Five Murderers, Murder Mystery Monthly # 19, 1944.

First edition. Reprinted as Avon Book # 63 in 1945. Not seen in this edition; details from Hubin.

Blackmailers Don't Shoot
Spanish Blood
Guns at Cyrano's
Goldfish
Nevada Gas

Five Sinister Characters, Murder Mystery Monthly # 28, 1945.

First edition. Reprinted as Avon Book # 88 in 1946.

Trouble Is my Business
Pearls Are a Nuisance
I'll Be Waiting
The King in Yellow
Red Wind

Charteris, Leslie

The Ace of Knives, Murder Mystery Monthly # 22, 1944.

Reprint, Doubleday, Doran, 1937. Not seen; copy of ToC supplied by Bruce Black.

The Spanish War
The Unlicensed Victuallers
The Beauty Specialist

Alias the Saint, Bonded # 5, 1945,

Abridged from *Wanted for Murder*, Doubleday, Doran, 1931, with a new introduction. The US hardcover cited was a combination of two British books that contained 3 stories each, titled *Alias the Saint* and *Featuring the Saint*. The six stories were re-apportioned over three two-story collections for the Bonded editions. See *Featuring the Saint* and *Paging the Saint*, below. So shuffled are these books relative to the UK editions that both of these stories originally appeared in *Featuring the Saint* in the UK.

The Logical Adventure
The Wonderful War

The Brighter Buccaneer, Chartered # 26, [1946].

Abridged from Doubleday, Doran, 1933, containing 11 of the 15 stories in the hardcover. Not seen; copy of ToC supplied by Don D'Amassa .

The Brain Workers
The Export Trade

The Tough Egg
The Bad Baron
The Brass Buddha
The Perfect Crime
The New Swindle
The Five Thousand Pound Kiss
The Green Goods Man
The Blind Spot
The Unusual Ending

Call for the Saint, Mercury Mystery # 141, [1949].

Reprint, Doubleday, 1948. Not seen; copy of ToC supplied by Bruce Black.

The King of the Beggars
The Masked Angel

Featuring the Saint, Bonded # 2, 1945.

Abridged from *Wanted for Murder*, Doubleday, Doran, 1931.
Not seen; details from dealer's ad on AbeBooks. See note under *Alias the Saint*, above. So shuffled are the Bonded editions relative to the UK editions that both of these stories originally appeared in *Alias the Saint* in the UK.

The Impossible Crime
The National Debt

Paging the Saint, Bonded # 7, 1945.

Abridged from *Wanted for Murder*, Doubleday, Doran, 1931,
with new story introductions. See note under *Alias the Saint*, above.

The Man Who Could Not Die
The Story of a Dead Man

The Saint vs. Scotland Yard, Murder Mystery Monthly # 32, 1945.

Reprint, Doubleday, Doran, 1932. Reissued as Avon Book #
T-199, 1957. Not seen; copy of ToC supplied by Don D'Amassa.

Between Ourselves [introduction]
Inland Revenue
The Million Pound Day
The Melancholy Journey of Mr. Teal

Christie, Agatha

The Incredible Theft, Mercury Mystery # 46, [1941].

Abridged from *Dead Man's Mirror*, Dodd, Mead, 1937. Not seen;
details from World Catalog, Hubin. The one story omitted was
published separately two months earlier as Bestseller # 18. All
stories feature Hercule Poirot.

The Incredible Theft
Murder in the Mews
Triangle at Rhodes

Mr. Parker Pyne, Detective, Bestseller Mystery # B79, [1946].

Reprint, Dodd, Mead, 1934. Contains all of the stories from the
Hardcover; text comparisons found no deletions. Amazingly
complete for a Mercury Press reprint.

The Case of the Middle-aged Wife
The Case of the Discontented Soldier
The Case of the Distressed Lady
The Case of the Discontented Husband

The Case of the City Clerk
The Case of the Rich Woman
Have You Got Everything You Want?
The Gate of Baghdad
The House at Shiraz
The Pearl of Price
Death on the Nile
The Oracle at Delphi

The Mysterious Mr. Quin, Bestseller Library # 9, [1940].

Abridged from Dodd, Mead, 1930. Omits three stories from the hardcover.

The Coming of Mr. Quin
The Shadow on the Glass
At the Bells and Motley
The Sign in the Sky
The Soul of the Croupier
The Voice in the Dark
The Face of Helen
The Dead Harlequin
Harlequin's Lane

Partners in Crime, Bestseller Mystery # 25, [1942].

Abridged from Dodd, Mead, 1929. Reprints 9 out of a set of 16 "Tommy & Tuppence" stories, the first and last chapters being parts of the same story. Not seen in this edition; details supplied by Bruce Black.

A Fairy in the Flat
A Pot of Tea
The Affair of the Pink Pearl
The Adventure of the Sinister Stranger
Finessing the King
Blind Man's Buff
The House of Lurking Death
The Unbreakable Alibi
The Clergyman's Daughter
The Man Who Was No. 16

Poirot Investigates, Bestseller Mystery # B43, (1943).

Abridged from Dodd, Mead, 1925. Contains 12 of the 14 stories in the hardcover. Not seen in this edition; copy of ToC supplied by Bruce Black.

The Adventure of "The Western Star"
The Tragedy at Marsdon Manor
The Adventure of the Cheap Flat
The Mystery of Hunter's Lodge
The Million Dollar Bond Robbery
The Adventure of the Egyptian Tomb
The Jewel Robbery at the Grand Metropolitan
The Disappearance of Mr. Davenheim
The Adventure of the Italian Nobleman
The Veiled Lady
The Lost Mine
The Chocolate Box

The Regatta Mystery, Bestseller Mystery # B36, [1943].

Reprint, Dodd, Mead, 1939. Not seen in this edition; details from World Catalog.

The Regatta Mystery
The Mystery of the Bagdad Chest
How Does Your Garden Grow?
Problem at Pollensa Bay
Yellow Iris
Miss Marple Tells a Story
The Dream
In a Glass Darkly
Problem at sea

Coward, Noel

To Step Aside, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 3, 1943.
Reprint, Doubleday, Doran, 1939. Reissued as Avon Book # 78 in 1946.

The Wooden Madonna
Traveller's Joy
Aunt Tittie
What Mad Pursuit?
Cheap Excursion
The Kindness of Mrs. Radcliffe
Nature Study

Coxe, George Harmon

Flash Casey—Detective, Murder Mystery Monthly # 39, 1946.
First edition. Reprinted as *Flash Casey Hard-boiled Detective*, Avon Book # 143 in 1948. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Hubin.

Women Are Trouble
Too Many Women
Casey—Detective
Once around the Clock

Dell, Floyd

Love in Greenwich Village, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 47, 1949.
Abridged from Doran, 1926. Prints 8 of the 15 stories in the hardcover.

The Ex-Villager's Confession
The Kitten and the Masterpiece
Phantom Adventure
The Button
The Gifts of the Fourth Goddess
"Hallelujah, I'm a Bum!"
A Piece of Slag
Green Houses

Dickson, Carter

The Department of Queer Complaints, Bestseller Mystery # B34, [1942].
Abridged from Morrow, 1940, omitting one story from the hardcover.
Not seen; copy of ToC supplied by Bruce Black.

The New Invisible Man
The Footprint in the Sky
The Crime in Nobody's Room
Hot Money
Death in the Dressing Room
The Silver Curtain
Error at Daybreak
The Other Hangman
New Murders for Old
Persons or Things Unknown

Farrell, James T.

Fifteen Selected Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 10, 1943.

First and only edition. Not seen; details from dealer's ads on Abebooks. A shuffled collection called *Yesterday's Love* was issued three times by Avon Books: #157 in 1948, # 260 in 1950, and # 475 in 1952. It contained 8 stories from this book and 4 from SSM 21, below.

Helen, I Love You
Can All This Grandeur Perish?
Wanted: a Chauffeur
Mr. Lunkhead, the Banker
A Front-Page Story
Nostalgia
The Professor
Mary O'Reilley
Soap
Counting the Waves
After the Sun Has Risen
The Fate of a Hero
The Sport of Kings
A Jazz-Age Clerk
The Fall of Machine Gun McGurk

A Hell of a Good Time and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story

Monthly # 41, 1947.

First edition. Reprinted twice by Avon Books: # 252 in 1950 and # 467 in 1952.

The Hyland Family
Guillotine Party
To Whom It May Concern
Omar James
All Things are Nothing to Me
Thanksgiving Spirit
A Practical Joke
Sunday
A Hell of a Good Time
\$1,000 a Week

Twelve Great Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 21, 1945.

First and only edition. See note about reprints under SSM 10, above.

Baby Mike
Mr. Gremmer
A Teamster's Payday
Street Scene
High-School Star
Autumn Afternoon
Yesterday's Love
The Scoop
The Oratory Contest
Jim O'Neill
A Noble Guy
Children of the Times

Ferber, Edna

They Brought Their Women, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 19, 1944.

Reprint, Doubleday, Doran, 1933. Contains uncredited illustrations reprinted from the hardcover.

Preface
Glamour
Fräulein
Meadow Lark
Hey! Taxi!!
Wall Street - '28
They Brought Their Women
No Foolin'
Keep It Holy

Feuchtwanger, Lion

Marianne in India and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 40, 1947.

Abridged from *Stories from Far and Near*, Viking, 1945, dropping one story from the hardcover. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Fictionmags.

Marianne in India
The House in the Shady Lane
History of the Brain Specialist Dr. B
Faithful Peter
Herr Hannsicke's Second Birth
The Aunt who Told Lies
A Wager
The Steward Antonio
The Death of Nero
Bullfight
The Armored Cruiser Potemkin
Wollstein's Trunk Checks
The Little Season
Polard Expedition

Gollomb, Joseph

Eleven True Crimes, Green Publishing Co. # 7, n.d.

Abridged from *Crimes of the Year*, Liveright, 1931. A collection of true crime stories. Drops two stories from the hardcover. Not seen; details supplied by Bruce Black.

The Perfect Mystery
Scotland Yard's Latest
The Loving Son
The Youth with Smiling Eyes
A Grim Tale of Vienna Woods
The Killer Who Laughed Last
Nemesis in Texas
The Mystery of Chung Yi Maio
The Drudge Who Turned Bandit
A County of Crime
The Women of Nagyrev and Tiszakurt

Hammett, Dashiell

The Adventures of Sam Spade (and other stories),

Bestseller Mystery # B50, 1944. First edition. Also as: **They Can Only Hang You Once**, Mercury Mystery # 131, (1949).

There were three abridged reprints from Dell Books as *A Man Called Spade*--the first # 90, in 1945, between these two editions; the others later, # 411 and # 452, both in 1950. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

Too Many Have Lived
They Can Only Hang You Once
A Man Called Spade
The Assistant Murderer

Nightshade
The Judge Laughed Last
His Brother's Keeper

The Big Knockover

See \$106,000 Blood Money

The Continental Op, Bestseller Mystery # B62, 1945. First edition.

Also as: Jonathan Press Mystery # 40, (1949).

Reprinted between these two editions as Dell Book # 129, in 1946.

Not seen in these editions; details from Mercury 233, Hubin. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

Fly Paper
Death on Pine Street
Zigzags of Treachery
The Farewell Murder

The Creeping Siamese, Jonathan Press Mystery # J48, 1950.

First edition. Reprinted as Dell Book # 538 in 1951. Not seen in this edition; details from Mercury 233, Hubin. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

The Creeping Siamese
The Man Who Killed Dan Odams
The Nails in Mr. Cayterer
The Joke on Eloise Morey
Tom, Dick or Harry
This King Business

Dead Yellow Women, Jonathan Press Mystery # J29, 1947.

First edition. Reprinted twice by Dell Books, # 308 in 1949 and # 421 in 1950. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

Dead Yellow Women
The Golden Horseshoe
Thou Art the Man! by Ellery Queen ES
House Dick
Who Killed Bob Teal?
The Green Elephant
The Hairy One

Hammett Homicides, Bestseller Mystery # B81, 1946.

First edition. Reprinted in 1948 as Dell Book # 223.

Not seen; details from Mercury 233, Hubin. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

The House in Turk Street
The Girl with the Silver Eyes
Night Shots
The Main Death
Two Sharp Knives
Ruffian's Wife

A Man Named Thin (and other stories), Mercury Mystery # 233, 1962.

First and only edition. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

A Man Named Thin
Postscript by Ellery Queen
Wages of Crime
The Gatewood Caper
The Barber and His Wife
Itchy the Debonair

The Second-Story Angel
In the Morgue
When Luck's Running Good

Nightmare Town, Mercury Mystery # 120, 1948.

First edition. Reprinted as Dell Book # 379 in 1950. With an introduction by Ellery Queen. Not seen; details from Mercury 233, Hubin.

Nightmare Town
The Scorched Face
Albert Pastor at Home
Corkscrew

\$106,000 Blood Money, Bestseller Mystery # B40, 1943. First edition

Also as: **The Big Knockover**, Jonathan Press Mystery # 36, (1948).
A two-story collection disguised as a novel, with the two parts still identified. Reprinted by Dell Books as *Blood Money*, after each of these editions, in 1944 (# 53), and 1951 (# 486). Not seen in these editions; details from the Dell editions. Features the Continental Op.

The Big Knockover
\$106,000 Blood Money

The Return of the Continental Op, Jonathan Press Mystery # J17, 1945.

First edition. Reprinted as Dell Book # 154 in 1947. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

The Whosis Kid
The Gutting of Couffignal
Death & Company
One Hour
The Tenth Clew [spelled "Clue" on ToC]

They Can Only Hang You Once

See The Adventures of Sam Spade

Woman in the Dark, Jonathan Press Mystery # 59, 1951 (*sic* - actually 1952).

First and only edition. Not seen; details from Mercury 233, Hubin.
With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

Arson Plus
Slippery Fingers
The Black Hat that Wasn't There
Woman in the Dark
Afraid of a Gun
Holiday
The Man Who Stood in the Way

Hecht, Ben

Concerning a Woman of Sin and other stories,

Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 37, 1947.

Abridged from *The Collected Stories of Ben Hecht*, Crown, 1945.

Contains 8 of the 21 stories in the hardcover. The story marked * is not listed on the contents page.

Concerning a Woman of Sin
Café Sinister
The Pink Hussar
Specter of the Rose
The Ax
* The Lost Soul

Crime without Passion
The Rival Dummy

11 Selected Great Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 11, 1943.
First and only edition.

Crime without Passion
The Champion from Far Away
The Ghost of the San Mareno Hotel
A Wistful Blackguard
The Bull That Won
The Shadow
In the Midst of Death
The Mystery of the Fabulous Laundryman
Lindro the Great
Actor's Blood
The Widow Cagle's Trousers

Stories from *A Thousand and One Afternoons in New York*,

Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 26, 1945.

Abridged from Viking, 1941. Contains 29 of the 87 pieces in the hardcover. Illustrations by George Grosz at the head of each story. These are all essays originally published as newspaper columns.

Feast of the Bums
Go, Scholar-Gypsy!
Good-by to an Old Man
How Do You Do?
Open Letter to Mr. Churchill
Obit for Nobody
A Poet out of Yesterday
Four Rabbis Speak
A Maverick from Movie Land
Wreath for a Little Girl
The Bewitched Tailor
"Hand Me My Sword"
Three without a Story
I Want to Go Home
Murder in Broome Street
Mishkin's Soul of Man
An Apple Blossom Falls
No Casting
Echoes from a Rubbish-Heap
Ballad of Dead Reporters
My Tribe is Called Israel
Poor People
Hitler's Lost Cause
Nude on Rocks
Evening in Ermine
Miracle on WHN
A Paganini of the Gutter
Tale of a Midget
Afternoon of an Author

Henry, O.

Cops and Robbers, Bestseller Mystery # B94, 1948.

First edition. A reprint edition was published in 2001 by Fredonia, in the Netherlands. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Hubin. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

The Adventures of Shamrock Jolnes
After Twenty Years
Babes in the Jungle

The Caballero's Way
The Clarion Call
The Cop and the Anthem
The Dissipated Jeweler
A Double-Dyed Deceiver
Jeff Peters as a Personal Magnet
The Man Higher Up
The Marionettes
A Municipal Report
One Dollar's Worth
The Ransom of Red Chief
A Retrieved Reformation

Hilton, James

Ill Wind, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 5, 1943.

Reprint, Morrow, 1932. Had already appeared as Avon Book # 4 in 1941 and was reprinted again as Avon Book # 325 in 1951. A set of independent but loosely connected stories.

Charles Gathergood
Florence Faulkner
Stuart Brown
Sylvia Seydel
Nicholas Paulescu
Leon Mirsky
Max Oetzler
Paula Courvier
Henry Elliott

Hurst, Fannie

8 Long Short Stories from *We Are Ten*, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 16, 1944.

Abridged from Harper, 1937; omits 2 stories from the hardcover.

Carousel
Soiled Dove
Elaine, Daughter of Elaine
God Made Little Apples
Hattie Turner versus Hattie Turner
Nothing Ever Happens
The Laugh Was on Harry
Home, James

Irish, William

And So to Death, Jonathan Press Mystery # J31, [1947].

Abridged from *I Wouldn't Be in Your Shoes*, Lippincott, 1943.

See below for comments.

Three O'Clock
Nightmare
Papa Benjamin

Borrowed Crime (and other stories), Murder Mystery Monthly # 42, 1946. First and only edition.

Borrowed Crime
The Cape Triangular
Detective William Brown
Chance

Dead Man Blues, Mercury Mystery # 135, [1949].

Abridged from Lippincott, 1948. Contains 6 of the 7 stories in the hardcover. Not seen; details from Nevins, Hubin.

Guillotine
The Earring
Fire Escape
Fountain Pen
You Take Ballistics
Funeral

I Wouldn't Be in Your Shoes, Mercury Mystery # 82, [1944].

Abridged from Lippincott, 1943. The remainder of the hardcover was issued as *And So to Death*, above. A different abridgement appeared from another publisher--see *Nightmare*, below. Not seen; details from Nevins, Hubin.

I Wouldn't Be in Your Shoes
Last Night

If I Should Die Before I Wake, Murder Mystery Monthly # 31, 1945.

First edition. Reprinted as Avon Book # 104, 1946. Not seen; details from Nevins, Hubin.

If I Should Die Before I Wake
I'll Never Play Detective Again
Change of Murder
A Death Is Caused
Two Murders, One Crime
The Man Upstairs

Nightmare, Readers-Choice Library # 12, 1950.

Abridged from *I Wouldn't Be in Your Shoes*, Lippincott, 1943. See above for comments.

Nightmare
Three O'Clock
I Wouldn't Be in Your Shoes

King, Rufus

Diagnosis: Murder, Century # 14, n.d.

Abridged from Doubleday, Doran, 1941, dropping one story. All stories feature Dr. Colin Starr.

The Case of the Three Baleful Brothers
The Case of the Prodigal Bridegroom
The Case of the Sudden Shot
The Case of the Imperious Invalid
The Case of the Buttoned Collar
The Case of the Lonely Ladies

Kline, Otis Adelbert

The Man Who Limped and other stories, Chartered # 22, 1946.

First and only edition. Hamed bin Ayyub recounts adventures from his tempestuous youth.

The Man Who Limped
The Dragoman's Secret
The Dragoman's Slave Girl
The Dragoman's Confession
The Dragoman's Pilgrimage

Lawrence, D.,H.

Love Among the Haystacks and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 46, 1949.

First edition. Reprinted at least three times by Avon Books: # 248 in 1950, # 423 in 1952, and # T-163 in 1957. Not seen in this edition; details from World Catalog.

Love Among the Haystacks
Once
Tickets, Please
The Witch à la Mode
Monkey Nuts
The Horse Dealer's Daughter
Fanny and Annie
The Old Adam

A Modern Lover and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 49, 1949.

First edition. Reprinted at least twice by Avon Books: # 296 in 1950 and # T-218 in 1958. Not seen in this edition; copy of ToC obtained through Inter-Library Loan.

A Modern Lover
New Eve and Old Adam
Wintry Peacock
You Touched Me
Samson and Delilah
The Primrose Path
Her Turn
The Prussian Officer

Leinster, Murray

The Last Space Ship, Galaxy Novel # 25, [1955].

Reprint, Fell, 1949. Passed off as a novel, divided into three parts which still retain the titles of the original magazine stories.

The Disciplinary Circuit
The Manless Worlds
The Boomerang Circuit

Lewis, Sinclair

Seven Selected Short Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 6, 1943.

Abridged from *Selected Short Stories*, Doubleday, Doran, 1935.

Prints 7 of the 13 stories in the hardcover. The same selection was reprinted as *The Ghost Patrol*, Avon Book # 74, 1946.

The Willow Walk
A Letter from the Queen
The Ghost Patrol
The Hack Driver
Go East, Young Man
Moths in the Arc Light
Young Man Axelbrod

Maugham, W. Somerset

Ah King and other Romance Stories of the Tropics, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 18, 1944.

Abridged from Doubleday, Doran, 1933. One story was dropped and the untitled introduction was given a title so it would appear that there were still six stories in the book.

Ah King [introduction]
Footprints in the Jungle
The Door of Opportunity
The Vessel of Wrath
The Book-bag
The Back of Beyond

Cosmopolitans, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 1, 1943.

Reprint, Doubleday, Doran, 1936. Illustrated. Not seen; details from World Catalog. Apparently all the stories had been published in *Cosmopolitan* magazine. These pieces read more like the character studies in his travel books but this book is always catalogued as fiction. *The Avon Book of W. Somerset Maugham*, Avon Book # 115, 1946, is an abridged reprint with seven fewer stories.

Raw Material
Mayhew
German Harry
The Happy Man
The Dream
In a Strange Land
The Luncheon
Salvatore
Home
Mr. Know-All
The Escape
A Friend in Need
The Portrait of a Gentleman
The End of the Flight
The Judgement Seat
The Ant and the Grasshopper
French Joe
The Man With the Scar
The Poet
Louise
The Closed Shop
The Promise
A String of Beads
The Bum
Straight Flush
The Verger
The Wash Tub
The Social Sense
The Four Dutchmen

East of Suez, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 43, 1948.

First and only edition. A selection of stories and travel pieces from two previous collections. The hardcover of this title published in 1922 is a play. Forecast as *More Tales of Tropical Romance*.

Before the Party
My Lady's Parlour
The Mongol Chief
P. & O.
Dinner Parties
The Outstation
The Opium Den
Romance
The Force of Circumstance
The Stripling
The Yellow Streak
The Sinologue

(Great) Stories of Love and Intrigue, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 38, 1947.

Abridged from *The Mixture as Before*, Doubleday, Doran, 1940.
Omits three stories, one of which appeared in an *Avon Annual*.

The Facts of Life
A Man with a Conscience
The Treasure
The Lion's Skin
Lord Mountdrago
Gigilo and Gigolette
An Official Position

More Great Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 8, (1943).

Revised from *First Person Singular*, Doubleday, Doran, 1931, by the substitution of one story. With an introduction by the author.

Virtue
The Round Dozen
The Human Element
Jane
A Marriage of Convenience
The Creative Impulse

The Romantic Young Lady and Other Intriguing People,

Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 51, 1950.

Abridged from *Creatures of Circumstance*, Doubleday, 1947. Prints only 7 of the 15 stories in the hardcover; the remaining 8 stories were published as *Favorite Stories*, Avon Book # T-412. Not seen; details from World Catalog.

The Romantic Young Lady
Winter Cruise
The Happy Couple
The Kite
Sanatorium
The Colonel's Lady
Episode

The Trembling of a Leaf, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 35, 1946.

Abridged from Doubleday, Doran, 1921. Omits two stories from the hardcover, including his most famous story, "Rain."

The Pacific
Macintosh
The Fall of Edward Barnard
The Pool
Honolulu
Envoi

Moore, C. L.

Shambleau, Galaxy Novel # 31, [1958].

Abridged from Gnome Press, 1953. Prints 3 out of the 7 stories in the hardcover, which featured two different series characters.

These three stories are about space adventurer Northwest Smith.

Shambleau
Black Thirst
The Tree of Life

O'Hara, John

All the Girls He Wanted, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 50, 1949.

First edition. Reprinted as Avon Book # 368, 1951, with the same contents. Twenty of the 32 stories had previously appeared in SSM # 2, below. Not seen; copy of ToC obtained through Inter-Library Loan from Penn State library.

All the Girls He Wanted
Never a Dull Moment
The Gentleman in the Tan Suit
I Could Have Had a Yacht
Peggy
Days
Are We Leaving Tomorrow?
Portistan on the Portis
Lunch Tuesday
Shave
Price's Always Open
Mary
I Never Seen Anything Like It
Frankie
Sportsmanship
Good-by, Herman
New Day
It Wouldn't Break Your Arm
Pleasure
Saffercisco
Ice Cream
Screen Test
Sidesaddle
Most Gorgeous Thing
A Day Like Today
Brother
Hotel Kid
Except in my Memory
My Girls
The Ideal Man
On His Hands
Of Thee I Sing, Baby

Files on Parade, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 2, 1943.

With an introduction by the author. Reprint, Harcourt, Brace, 1939.
Four stories are part of the "Pal Joey" series.

Foreword
Price's Always Open
Trouble in 1949
The Cold House
Days
Are We Leaving Tomorrow?
Portistan on the Portis
Lunch Tuesday
Shave
Sidesaddle
No Mistakes
Brother
Saffercisco
Ice Cream
Peggy
And You Want a Mountain
Pal Joey
Ex-Pal
How I am Now in Chi

Bow Wow
Give and Take
The Gentleman in the Tan Suit
Good-by, Herman
I Could Have Had a Yacht
Richard Wagner: Public Domain?
Olive
It Wouldn't Break Your Arm
My Girls
No Sooner Said
Invite
All the Girls He Wanted
By Way of Yonkers
Most Gorgeous Thing
A Day Like Today
Do You Like it Here?
The Ideal Man

Hellbox, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 45, 1949.

Reprint, Random House, 1947. Reprinted twice by Avon Books:
293 in 1950 and # 679 in 1955.

Common Sense Should Tell You
Pardner
Someone to Trust
Horizon
Like Old Times
Ellie
Life Among These Unforgettable Characters
War Aims
Clara
Secret Meeting
Drawing Room B
The Decision
Somebody Can Help Somebody
The Pretty Daughters
Everything Satisfactory
The Moccasins
Doctor and Mrs. Parsons
Wise Guy
The Three Musketeers
Other Women's Households
Transaction
Miss W.
Time to Go
A Phase of Life
The Chink in the Armor
Conversation in the Atomic Age

Hope of Heaven and other stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly
#29, 1946.

First and only edition. Reprints the title novel, Harcourt, Brace,
1938, plus four stories from *Pipe Night*; see the next entry. Later
editions from Avon contain only the novel.

Hope of Heaven
Platform
A Purchase of Some Golf Clubs
Too Young
Where's the Game

Stories of Venial Sin from *Pipe Night*, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 39, 1947. Also as: Avon Special, un, n.d.
Abridged from Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1945. Omits five stories from the hardcover, four of which had already been used to fill out *Hope of Heaven*, SSM # 29, above. Only "Civilized" did not appear in the Short Story Monthlies. The edition printed as Avon Book # 661, 1955, restores the five stories cut from this edition but drops five others. Two stories are in the "Pal Joey" series.

Joey and the Calcutta Club
Summer's Day
Walter T. Carriman
Now We Know
Free
Can You Carry Me?
Radio
Nothing Missing
The King of the Desert
Bread Alone
Reunion over Lightly
Memo to a Kind Stranger
The Erloff
Patriotism
A Respectable Place
The Magical Numbers
On Time
Graven Image
Adventure on the Set
Revenge
Fire!
The Lieutenant
The Next-to-last Dance of the Season
Leave
The Handler
Mrs. Whitman

Palmer, Stuart

The Monkey Murder, Bestseller Mystery # B128, 1950.

First and only edition. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen. Eight stories featuring Hildegard Withers. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Hubin.

The Monkey Murder
The Purple Postcards
Miss Withers and the Unicorn
The Riddle of the Double Negative
The Long Worm
The Hungry Hippo
Tomorrow's Murder
Fingerprints Don't Lie

The Riddles of Hildegard Withers, Jonathan Press Mystery # 26, 1947.

First and only edition. With an Introduction by Ellery Queen.

The Riddle of the Lady from Dubuque
The Riddle of the Yellow Canary
The Riddle of the Blue Fingerprint
The Riddle of the Doctor's Double
The Riddle of the Twelve Amethysts
The Riddle of the Black Museum
Random Remarks on Ratiocination by Ellery Queen
The Riddle of the Green Ice

Queen, Ellery

(The) Adventures of Ellery Queen, Bestseller Library, un [1940].

Abridged from Stokes, 1934. Contains 6 out of the 11 stories in the hardcover. The other 5 appeared in Bestseller #s 3 and 59, below.

The Adventure of the Mad Tea-Party
The Adventure of the Seven Black Cats
The Adventure of the Hanging Acrobat
The Adventure of "The Two-Headed Dog"
The Adventure of the Bearded Lady
The Adventure of the Three Lame Men

The Case Book of Ellery Queen, Bestseller Mystery # B59, 1945.

First and only edition. Contains selections from *Adventures...* and *New Adventures of Ellery Queen* plus three radio scripts.

The Adventure of the House of Darkness
The Adventure of the Teakwood Case
The Adventure of the Hollow Dragon
Long Shot
Mind over Matter
The Double Triangle
The Invisible Clock
Honeymoon House

More Adventures of Ellery Queen, Bestseller Library # 3, [1940].

First and only edition of this assemblage. Contains 4 stories from *Adventures of Ellery Queen*, above, plus a novella from *New Adventures of Ellery Queen*, Stokes, 1940. Not seen; details from World Catalog, Hubin.

The Lamp of God
The Adventure of the Invisible Lover
The Adventure of the African Traveler
The Adventure of the Glass-domed Clock
The Adventure of the One-penny Black

Robertson, Frank C.

Trouble Shootin' Man, Readers-Choice Library # 14, 1950.

First and only edition. Illustrated. Not seen; details from World Catalog, dealer's listing on Abebooks.

Trouble Shootin' Man
Fury in the Foothills
Dead Man's Due
The Deadly Dugway
Owlhooters' Roost

Runyon, Damon

Ten Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 27, 1945.

First edition. A second edition, Avon Book # 102, 1946, as *Three Wise Guys*, drops "Social Error."

Money from Home
Broadway Complex
It Comes up Mud
Pick the Winner
Social Error
Dark Dolores
What, no Butler?

For a Pal
The Lemon Drop Kid
The Three Wise Guys

Sabatini, Raphael

Stories of Love and Adventure, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 36,
1947.
Abridged from *The Historical Nights' Entertainment*, Houghton,
Mifflin, 1924. Accounts of historical events cast as stories.
Contains 7 of the 13 stories in the hardcover.

The Night of Kirk o'Field
The Night of Witchcraft
The Night of Nuptials
The Night of Stranglers
The Night of Hate
The Night of Escape
The Night of Masquerade

Saroyan, William

Someday I'll Be a Millionaire, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 12,
1944.
Reprint of *The Trouble with Tigers*, Harcourt, Brace, 1938, with a
new introduction by the author. A mixture of stories and essays.
Although billed on the cover, spine, etc. as "34 More Great Stories"
the book contains all 36 pieces from the hardcover. Three stories
were retitled for this edition.

Someday I'll Be a Millionaire Myself
The Ants
The Acrobats
Memories of Paris
The Dale Carnegie Friend
The Broken Hearted Comedian (and the Girl who Took the Place of
His Unfaithful Wife)
The Tiger
Sweetheart Sweetheart Sweetheart
The Brothers and the Sisters
I Was Only Kidding
The Way to Be Alive
I Could Say Bella Bella
The Nurse, the Angel, the Daughter of the Gambler
O.K., Baby, This Is the World
What Hurts You?
On Malibu Bay
A Scenario for Karl Marx
The Legend-Makers
The Great Leapfrog Contest
Lately I've Been Wanting to Go Away
Citizens of the Third Grade
The People, Yes and Then Again No
Everything
Woof Woof
A Prayer for the Living
Little Old New York
The World
A Letter to the Old City Editor
A Clear Warm Day
The Job
The Vision
Anything for a Laugh
A Nice Boy, Even if He Is Rich

The Pool Game
We Want a Touchdown

Thirty-One Selected Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 4,
1943.

Abridged from *Inhale and Exhale*, Random House, 1936, with a new introduction by the author. A mixture of stories and essays.
Contains 31 out of the 71 items in the hardcover.

Five Ripe Pears
The Oranges
The Younger Brother
London, Ah, London
Two Days Wasted in Kansas City
The Bridge
Going Home
The Drinkers
The Horses and the Sea
The Broken Wheel
The Death of Children
Our Friends the Mice
Raisins
The Barber Whose Uncle Had His Head Bitten off by a Circus Tiger
How Pleasant to Have Passed Through Buffalo
The Drunkard
My Picture in the Paper
Secrets in Alexandria
Antranik of Armenia
Six Hundred and Sixty-Six
Little Miss Universe
An Occurrence at Izzy's
Our Little Brown Brothers the Filipinos
At Sundown
Rain
The Dark Sea
Malenka Manon
The Proletarian at the Trap Drum
The Black Tartars
Train Going
The Armenian and the Armenian

Sayers, Dorothy L.

Hangman's Holiday, Bestseller Mystery # B38, [1943].

Abridged from Harcourt, Brace, 1933, omitting 2 stories.
Not seen; copy of ToC supplied by Bruce Black.

The Image in the Mirror
The Incredible Elopement of Lord Peter Wimsey
The Queen's Square
The Necklace of Pearls
The Poisoned Dow '08
One Too Many
Murder at Pentecost
Maher-shalal-hashbaz
The Man Who Knew How
The Fountain Plays

In the Teeth of the Evidence, Bestseller Mystery # 20, [1941].

Abridged from Harcourt, Brace, 1940. Contains 10 of the 17 stories in the hardcover. Not seen in this edition; copy of the ToC supplied by Bruce Black.

In the Teeth of the Evidence
Absolutely Elsewhere
The Milk-Bottles
Dilemma
An Arrow o'er the House
Scrawns
The Inspiration of Mr. Budd
Suspicion
The Leopard Lady
The Cyprian Cat

Lord Peter Views the Body, Bestseller Library # 13, (1941).

Abridged from Brewer, 1929. Contains 7 of the 12 stories in the hardcover. Not seen; copy of ToC supplied by Bruce Black.

The Undignified Melodrama of the Bone of Contention
The Unsolved Puzzle of the Man with No Face
The Vindictive Story of the Footsteps That Ran
The Fantastic Horror of the Cat in the Bag
The Bibulous Business of a Matter of Taste
The Unprincipled Affair of the Practical Joker
The Piscatorial Farce of the Stolen Stomach

Shaw, Irwin

Welcome to the City, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 32, 1946.

Reprint, Random House, 1942.

The City Was in Total Darkness
Main Currents of American Thought
God on Friday Night
The Eighty-Yard Run
Welcome to the City
Free Conscience, Void of Offence
Material Witness
The House of Pain
Triumph of Justice
Night, Birth and Opinion
Search Through the Streets of the City
Select Clientele
The Indian in Depth of Night
It Happened in Rochester
The Dry Rock
Prize for Promise
Lemkau, Pogran and Blaufox
Dinner in a Good Restaurant
The Lament of Madame Rechevsky
Pattern of Love

Simenon, Georges

Maigret Abroad, Murder Mystery Monthly # 8, 1943.

Translated by Geoffrey Sainsbury. Reprint, Harcourt, Brace, 1940. Not seen; details from World Catalog.

A Crime in Holland
At the Gai-Moulin

Steinbeck, John

The Long Valley, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 9, 1943.

Abridged from Viking, 1938. Not seen in this edition; copy of the ToC supplied by Bruce Black. Omits two stories from the hardcover. Although the cover bills the book as containing "13 Great Stories" it actually has either 12 or 14, depending on whether you count "The Red Pony" as one story or three.

Later Avon editions (# 77, 1945 and # 132, 1947) add back "Johnny Bear" but no Avon edition prints "St. Katy the Virgin," which is seriously out of character with the rest of the collection.

The Murder
The Snake
Flight
Chrysanthemums
Vigilante
The Raid
White Quail
Breakfast
Harness
The Red Pony
pt 1 The Gift
pt 2 Great Mountains
pt 3 The Promise
The Leader of the People

Stout, Rex

Not Quite Dead Enough, Jonathan Press Mystery # 27, [1947].
Reprint, Farrar & Rinehart, 1944. Not seen; details from World Catalog. Two Nero Wolfe novelettes.

Not Quite Dead Enough
His Booby Trap

Thompson, Lewis

with Charles Boswell

More Deadly Than the Male, Merit Book # B-12, 1951.

First and only edition. A collection of true crime stories, four by each author and two collaborations. An additional story, "Case of the Seeress of Doom," exact authorship unspecified, is listed in the acknowledgements but is not present.

Honeymoon of the Discontented Bride	by Thompson & Boswell
Murder in Royal Scarlet	by Charles Boswell
Mistress of Mayhem	by Lewis Thompson
Case of the Woman in Black	by Lewis Thompson
The Case of the Doubtful Doctor	by Lewis Thompson
Mystery of the Agile Lover	by Charles Boswell
Appetite for Murder	by Charles Boswell
Case of the Constant Widow	by Charles Boswell
Crimson Clue of the Wanton Redhead	by Lewis Thompson
Does the Woman Always Pay?	by Thompson & Boswell

Towne, Stuart

Death from Nowhere. Yogi Mysteries un, n.d.
First edition. Not seen, Data from Hubin. Two stories about Don Diavolo, identified as "Act 1" and "Act 2."

The Claws of Satan
The Enchanted Dagger

Death out of Thin Air, Pennant Mystery # 1, n.d.
Reprint, Coward, McCann, 1941. Not seen in this edition, details from the hardcover. Two stories about Don Diavolo, identified as "Act 1" and "Act 2."

Death from the Past
Death from the Unseen

Vickers, Roy

The Department of Dead Ends, Bestseller Mystery # B91, 1947.

With an Introduction by Ellery Queen. First and only edition.
Later books with this title have different contents. Not seen;
copy of ToC supplied by Bruce Black. All stories feature Inspector
George Rason.

The Rubber Trumpet
The Case of the Merry Andrew
The Man Who Was Murdered by a Bed
Mean Man's Murder
Snob's Murder
The Case of the Honest Murderer
The Man Who Played the Market

Wolfe, Thomas

Selected Great Stories, Avon Modern Short Story Monthly # 17, 1944.

Abridged from *The Hills Beyond*, Harper, 1941. The remainder
of the hardcover appeared as Avon Book # 57, 1944. The item
marked * below is a chapter from the novel "The Hills Beyond" and
appears in both paperbacks.

No Cure for It
Gentlemen of the Press
A Kinsman of His Blood
Chickamauga
The Return of the Prodigal:
 1. The Thing Imagined
 2. The Real Thing
The Lion at Morning
The Battle of Hogwart Heights *
The Lost Boy

The following books were cobbled together from previously published stories,
with varying amounts of revision, and passed off as novels. Since the individual
titles no longer appear and the divisions are not readily apparent, these stories
are not included in the contents indexes. This information is presented here for
completeness.

Cain, Paul

Fast One, Bonded # 10, [1945].

Reprint, Doubleday, Doran, 1932.

Fast One
Lead Party
Velvet
The Heat
The Dark

Frost, Frederick

Secret Agent No. 1, Thriller Novel Classic # 1, n.d.

Reprint, Macrae-Smith, 1936. The individual stories were originally
published under the "Max Brand" byline.

The Strange Villa
The Little Father of Death
The Scarred Back
The Man in the Shroud

Spy Meets Spy, Thriller Novel Classic # 7, n.d.

Reprint, Macrae-Smith, 1937. The individual stories were originally published under the "Max Brand" byline.

Treason Against a King
The Gilded Box
Wings over Moscow
The Downfall

Merritt, A.

The Face in the Abyss, Murder Mystery Monthly # 29, 1945.

Reprint, Liveright, 1931.

The Face in the Abyss
The Snake Mother

The Moon Pool, Murder Mystery Monthly # 18, 1944.

Reprint, Liveright, 1914.

The Moon Pool
Conquest of the Moon Pool

Pratt, Fletcher

Double Jeopardy, Galaxy SF Novel # 30, [1958].

Reprint, Doubleday, 1952.

Double Jeopardy
The Square Cube Law

Whitfield, Raoul

The Green Ice Murders, Murder Mystery Monthly # 46, 1947.

Reprint of *Green Ice*, Knopf, 1930.

Outside
Red Smoke
Green Ice
Oval Face
Killers' Show