THE 100 BEST MYSTERY NOVELS

This document has 3 lists:

1) A list determined by **British authors**, members of the **Crime Writers Association in 1990.** *[Begins below on Page 1]*
2) A list determined by **American authors**, members of the **Mystery Writers of America in 1995.** *[Begins below on Page 3]*
3) *A list consisting of books that were on BOTH of the two above lists. [Begins below on Page 6]*

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1. Josephine Tey: The Daughter of Time (1951)
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13. Umberto Eco: The Name of the Rose (1980)
14. Geoffrey Household: Rogue Male (1939)
15. Raymond Chandler: The Long Goodbye (1953)
16. Francis Iles: Malice Aforethought (1931)
17. Frederick Forsyth: The Day of the Jackal (1971)
18. Dorothy L. Sayers: The Nine Tailors (1934)
19. Agatha Christie: And Then There Were None (1939)
20. John Buchan: The Thirty-Nine Steps (1915)
21. Arthur Conan Doyle: The Collected Sherlock Holmes Short Stories (1892-1927)
22. Dorothy L. Sayers: Murder Must Advertise (1933)
23. Edgar Allan Poe: Tales of Mystery & Imagination (1852)
24. Eric Ambler: The Mask of Dimitrios (1939) (aka A Coffin for Dimitrios)
25. Edmund Crispin: The Moving Toyshop (1946)
26. Margery Allingham: The Tiger in the Smoke (1952)
27. Peter Lovesey: The False Inspector Dew (1982)
28. Wilkie Collins: The Woman in White (1860)
29. Barbara Vine: A Dark-Adapted Eye (1986)
30. James M. Cain: The Postman Always Rings Twice (1934)

31. Dashiell Hammett: The Glass Key (1931)
32. Arthur Conan Doyle: The Hound of the Baskervilles (1902)
33. John le Carré: Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (1974)
34. E. C. Bentley: Trent's Last Case (1913)
35. Ian Fleming: From Russia, with Love (1957)
36. Ed McBain: Cop Hater (1956)
37. Colin Dexter: The Dead of Jericho (1981)
38. Patricia Highsmith: Strangers on a Train (1950)
39. Ruth Rendell: A Judgement in Stone (1977)
40. John Dickson Carr: The Hollow Man (1935) (aka The Three Coffins)
41. Anthony Berkeley: The Poisoned Chocolates Case (1929)
42. Ellis Peters: A Morbid Taste for Bones (1977)
43. Ellis Peters: The Leper of Saint Giles (1981)
44. Ira Levin: A Kiss Before Dying (1953)
45. Patricia Highsmith: The Talented Mr. Ripley (1955)
46. Graham Greene: Brighton Rock (1938)
47. Raymond Chandler: The Lady in the Lake (1943)
48. Scott Turow: Presumed Innocent (1987)
49. Ruth Rendell: A Demon in My View (1976)
50. John Dickson Carr: The Devil in Velvet (1951)
51. Barbara Vine: A Fatal Inversion (1987)
52. Michael Innes: The Journeying Boy (1949)
53. P. D. James: A Taste for Death (1986)
54. Jack Higgins: The Eagle Has Landed (1975)
55. Mary Stewart: My Brother Michael (1960)
56. Peter Lovesey: Bertie and the Tin Man (1987)
57. Susan Moody: Penny Black (1984)
58. Len Deighton: Game, Set & Match (1984-1986)
59. Dick Francis: The Danger (1983)
60. P. D. James: Devices and Desires (1989)
61. Reginald Hill: Under World (1988)
62. Mary Stewart: Nine Coaches Waiting (1958)
63. Paula Gosling: A Running Duck (1978)
64. Michael Gilbert: Smallbone Deceased (1950)
65. Lionel Davidson: The Rose of Tibet (1962)
66. P. D. James: Innocent Blood (1980)
67. Dorothy L. Sayers: Strong Poison (1930)
68. Michael Innes: Hamlet, Revenge! (1937)
69. Tony Hillerman: A Thief of Time (1989)
70. Caryl Brahms & S. J. Simon: A Bullet in the Ballet (1937)
71. Reginald Hill: Deadheads (1983)
72. Graham Greene: The Third Man (1950)
73. Anthony Price: The Labyrinth Makers (1974)
74. Adam Hall: The Quiller Memorandum (1965)
75. Margaret Millar: Beast in View (1955)
76. Sarah Caudwell: The Shortest Way to Hades (1984)

77. Desmond Bagley: Running Blind (1970)
78. Dick Francis: Twice Shy (1981)
79. Richard Condon: The Manchurian Candidate (1959)
80. Caroline Graham: The Killings at Badger's Drift (1987)
81. Nicholas Blake: The Beast Must Die (1938)
82. Martin Cruz Smith: Gorky Park (1981)
83. Agatha Christie: Death Comes as the End (1945)
84. Christianna Brand: Green for Danger (1945)
85. Cyril Hare: Tragedy at Law (1942)
86. John Fowles: The Collector (1963)
87. J. J. Marric: Gideon's Day (1955)
88. Lionel Davidson: The Sun Chemist (1976)
89. Alistair MacLean: The Guns of Navarone (1957)
90. Julian Symons: The Colour of Murder (1957)
91. John Buchan: Greenmantle (1916)
92. Erskine Childers: The Riddle of the Sands (1903)
93. Peter Lovesey: Wobble to Death (1970)
94. Dashiell Hammett: Red Harvest (1929)
95. Ken Follett: The Key to Rebecca (1980)
96. Ed McBain: Sadie When She Died (1972)
97. H. R. F. Keating: The Murder of the Maharajah (1980)
98. Simon Brett: What Bloody Man Is That? (1987)
99. Gavin Lyall: Shooting Script (1966)
100. Edgar Wallace: The Four Just Men (1906)

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5. Scott Turow: Presumed Innocent (1987)
6. John le Carré: The Spy Who Came In From the Cold (1963)
7. Wilkie Collins: The Moonstone (1868)
8. Raymond Chandler: The Big Sleep (1939)
9. Daphne du Maurier: Rebecca (1938)
10. Agatha Christie: And Then There Were None (1939)
11. Robert Traver: Anatomy of a Murder (1958)
12. Agatha Christie: The Murder of Roger Ackroyd (1926)
13. Raymond Chandler: The Long Goodbye (1953)
14. James M. Cain: The Postman Always Rings Twice (1934)
15. Mario Puzo: The Godfather (1969)
16. Thomas Harris: The Silence of the Lambs (1988)

17. Eric Ambler: A Coffin for Dimitrios (1939)
18. Dorothy L. Sayers: Gaudy Night (1935)
19. Agatha Christie: Witness for the Prosecution (1948)
20. Frederick Forsyth: The Day of the Jackal (1971)
21. Raymond Chandler: Farewell, My Lovely (1940)
22. John Buchan: The Thirty-Nine Steps (1915)
23. Umberto Eco: The Name of the Rose (1980)
24. Fyodor Dostoyevsky: Crime and Punishment (1866)
25. Ken Follett: Eye of the Needle (1978)
26. John Mortimer: Rumpole of the Bailey (1978)
27. Thomas Harris: Red Dragon (1981)
28. Dorothy L. Sayers: The Nine Tailors (1934)
29. Gregory Mcdonald: Fletch (1974)
30. John le Carré: Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (1974)
31. Dashiell Hammett: The Thin Man (1934)
32. Wilkie Collins: The Woman in White (1860)
33. E. C. Bentley: Trent's Last Case (1913)
34. James M. Cain: Double Indemnity (1943)
35. Martin Cruz Smith: Gorky Park (1981)
36. Dorothy L. Sayers: Strong Poison (1930)
37. Tony Hillerman: Dance Hall of the Dead (1973)
38. Donald E. Westlake: The Hot Rock (1970)
39. Dashiell Hammett: Red Harvest (1929)
40. Mary Roberts Rinehart: The Circular Staircase (1908)
41. Agatha Christie: Murder on the Orient Express (1934)
42. John Grisham: The Firm (1991)
43. Len Deighton: The Ipcress File (1962)
44. Vera Caspary: Laura (1942)
45. Mickey Spillane: I, the Jury (1947)
46. Maj Sjöwall & Per Wahlöö: The Laughing Policeman (1968)
47. Donald E. Westlake: Bank Shot (1972)
48. Graham Greene: The Third Man (1950)
49. Jim Thompson: The Killer Inside Me (1952)
50. Mary Higgins Clark: Where Are the Children? (1975)
51. Sue Grafton: "A" is for Alibi (1982)
52. Lawrence Sanders: The First Deadly Sin (1973)
53. Tony Hillerman: A Thief of Time (1989)
54. Truman Capote: In Cold Blood (1966)
55. Geoffrey Household: Rogue Male (1939)
56. Dorothy L. Sayers: Murder Must Advertise (1933)
57. G. K. Chesterton: The Innocence of Father Brown (1911)
58. John le Carré: Smiley's People (1979)
59. Raymond Chandler: The Lady in the Lake (1943)
60. Harper Lee: To Kill a Mockingbird (1960)
61. Graham Greene: Our Man in Havana (1958)
62. Charles Dickens: The Mystery of Edwin Drood (1870)

63. Peter Lovesey: Wobble to Death (1970)
64. W. Somerset Maugham: Ashenden (1928)
65. Nicholas Meyer: The Seven-Per-Cent Solution: Being a Reprint from the Reminiscences of John H. Watson (1974)
66. Rex Stout: The Doorbell Rang (1965)
67. Elmore Leonard: Stick (1983)
68. John le Carré: The Little Drummer Girl (1983)
69. Graham Greene: Brighton Rock (1938)
70. Bram Stoker: Dracula (1897)
71. Patricia Highsmith: The Talented Mr. Ripley (1955)
72. Edmund Crispin: The Moving Toyshop (1946)
73. John Grisham: A Time to Kill (1989)
74. Hillary Waugh: Last Seen Wearing … (1952)
75. W. R. Burnett: Little Caesar (1929)
76. George V. Higgins: The Friends of Eddie Coyle (1972)
77. Dorothy L. Sayers: Clouds of Witness (1927)
78. Ian Fleming: From Russia, with Love (1957)
79. Margaret Millar: Beast in View (1955)
80. Michael Gilbert: Smallbone Deceased (1950)
81. Josephine Tey: The Franchise Affair (1948)
82. Elizabeth Peters: Crocodile on the Sandbank (1975)
83. P. D. James: Shroud for a Nightingale (1971)
84. Tom Clancy: The Hunt for Red October (1984)
85. Ross Thomas: Chinaman's Chance (1978)
86. Joseph Conrad: The Secret Agent (1907)
87. John D. MacDonald: The Dreadful Lemon Sky (1975)
88. Dashiell Hammett: The Glass Key (1931)
89. Ruth Rendell: A Judgement in Stone (1977)
90. Josephine Tey: Brat Farrar (1950)
91. Ross Macdonald: The Chill (1963)
92. Walter Mosley: Devil in a Blue Dress (1990)
93. Joseph Wambaugh: The Choirboys (1975)
94. Donald E. Westlake: God Save the Mark (1967)
95. Craig Rice: Home Sweet Homicide (1944)
96. John Dickson Carr: The Three Coffins (1935)
97. Richard Condon: Prizzi's Honor (1982)
98. James McClure: The Steam Pig (1974)
99. Jack Finney: Time and Again (1970)
100. Ellis Peters: A Morbid Taste for Bones (1977) Tied with Ira Levin: Rosemary's Baby (1967)

Books On Both Lists, Alphabetical by Author:

E C	Bentley	Trent's Last Case
John	Buchan	The Thirty-Nine Steps
James M	Cain	The Postman Always Rings Twice
Raymond	Chandler	Farewell My Lovely
Raymond	Chandler	The Big Sleep
Raymond	Chandler	The Long Goodbye
Agatha	Christie	And Then There Were None
Agatha	Christie	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd
Wilkie	Collins	The Moonstone
Wilkie	Collins	The Woman in White
Edmund	Crispin	The Moving Toyshop
Len	Deighton	The Ipcress File
Arthur Conan	Doyle	The Complete Sherlock Holmes
Daphne	Du Maurier	Rebecca
Umberto	Eco	The Name of the Rose
Ian	Fleming	From Russia with Love
Frederick	Forsyth	The Day of the Jackal
Michael	Gilbert	Smallbone Deceased
Graham	Greene	Brighton Rock
Graham	Greene	The Third Man
Dashiell	Hammett	Red Harvest
Dashiell	Hammett	The Glass Key
Dashiell	Hammett	The Maltese Falcon
Patricia	Highsmith	The Talented Mr. Ripley
Tony	Hillerman	A Thief of Time
Geoffrey	Household	Rogue Male
John	Le Carré	The Spy Who Came in From the Cold
John	Le Carré	Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy
Peter	Lovesey	Wobble to Death
Margaret	Millar	Beast in View
Ellis	Peters	A Morbid Taste for Bones
Edgar A	Poe	Tales of Mystery and Imagination

Ruth	Rendell	A Judgement in Stone
Dorothy L	Sayers	Gaudy Night
Dorothy L	Sayers	Murder Must Advertise
Dorothy L	Sayers	Strong Poison
Dorothy L	Sayers	The Nine Tailors
Martin Cruz	Smith	Gorky Park
Josephine	Tey	The Daughter of Time
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Scott	Turow	Presumed Innocent
Hillary	Waugh	Last Seen Wearing…