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CALIFORNIA DETECTIVE & MYSTERY LITERATURE

Your search for information on California Detective & Mystery Literature can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

Use the [Library Catalog](#) located on the Cerritos College [Library Home Page](#) to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Suggested **Subject Headings** include:

detective and mystery stories

- Detective and mystery stories, American
- Detective and mystery stories, American -- Bibliography.
- Detective and mystery stories, American -- Dictionaries.
- Detective and mystery stories, American -- History and criticism.
- Detective and mystery stories, American -- Afro-American authors.
- Detective and mystery stories, American -- Afro-American authors -- History and criticism.

American literature California
California literary collections
California in literature
Crime in literature

Author Search:

Mosley, Walter
Cain, James M
Chandler, Raymond

Listed below are some books that may be useful in your research.

Raymond Chandler : A Biography

North Stacks PS3505.H3224 Z67 1997

The Life of Raymond Chandler

North Stacks PS3505.H3224 Z7

The American Roman Noir : Hammett, Cain, and Chandler

North Stacks PS374.D4 M33 1995

Raymond Chandler's Los Angeles

North Stacks PS3505.H3224 A6 1987

Encyclopedia of Mystery and Detection

PN3448 .D4 E5

Critical Survey of Mystery and Detective Fiction : Authors

REF PN3448.D4 C75 2008 v 1-5

Gay and Lesbian Characters and Themes in Mystery Novels : A Critical Guide to Over 500 Works in English

REF PR1309.D4 S55 1993

Cain : The Biography of James M. Cain

North Stacks PS3505 .A3113 Z69 1987

James M. Cain

North Stacks PS3505.A3113 Z8

Mystery and Suspense Writers : The Literature of Crime, Detection, and Espionage

REF PR830.D4 M97 1998 v 1 & v 2

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Raymond Chandler Speaking

North Stacks PS3505.H3224 Z53

Famous Movie Detectives

North Stacks PN1995.9.D4 P5

Reference and Research Guide to Mystery and Detective Fiction

REF PN 3448 .D4 B59 2004

Magazine and Newspaper Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic. To find articles on your topic, use one of the online indexes listed below. They are available at <http://www.cerritos.edu/library/e-resources.html>. Use subject headings similar to those used to locate books. The Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

EBSCOhost
EBSCOHOST LITERARY REFERENCE CENTER
Gale Discovering Collection
Project Muse

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

Twists, Slugs and Roscoes:

A Glossary of Hardboiled Slang

<http://www.miskatonic.org/slang.html>

W.W. Norton: Walter Mosley Page

<http://www.wwnorton.com/rgguides/alwaysrgg.htm>

The Internet Movie Database: Chandler, Cain, Mosley

<http://us.imdb.com/>

<http://us.imdb.com/name/nm0151452/>

<http://us.imdb.com/name/nm0128906/>

<http://us.imdb.com/name/nm0608859/>

The Greatest Films

<http://www.filmsite.org/>

Postman Always Rings Twice

<http://www.filmsite.org/post.html>

The Big Sleep

<http://www.filmsite.org/bigsg.html>