

1920s Mystery Fiction

CLASSIC AUTHORS actually writing in that time period (characters in parentheses)

Anthony Abbot
Margery Allingham (Inspector Campion)
H.C. Bailey (Reggie Fortune)
Josephine Bell (David Wintringham)
Earl Derr Biggers (Charlie Chan) *
Nicholas Blake (Nigel Strangeways)
Anthony Boucher
Leo Bruce (Sgt. Beef, Carolus Deene)
John Dickson Carr (Dr. Fell and Sir Henry Merrivale)
Raymond Chandler (Philip Marlowe) *
Leslie Charteris (Simon Templar – "The Saint")
G.K. Chesterton (Father Brown) *
Agatha Christie (Hercule Poirot, Jane Marple) *
J.J. Connington (Superintendent Ross, Chief Constable Sir Clinton Driffield)
Anthony Berkeley Cox (a.k.a. A.B. Cox, Anthony Berkeley and Frances Iles) (Roger Sheringham)
Freeman Wills Crofts (Irish, Inspector Joseph French)
Elizabeth Daly
The Detection Club
Mignon Eberhart (Nebraska author – "the American Agatha Christie") *
R. Austin Freeman (Dr. Thorndyke)
Erle Stanley Gardner (Perry Mason) *
Anthony Gilbert (Arthur Crook)
Dashiell Hammett (Sam Spade, Nick and Nora Charles, The Continental Op) *
Georgette Heyer (thrillers – Superintendent Hannasyde and Inspector Hemingway) *
Michael Innes (Sir John Appleby)
C.H.B. Kitchin (Malcolm Warren)
Ngaio Marsh (Insp. Roderick Alleyn) *
A.A. Milne ("The Red House Mystery")
Gladys Mitchell (Mrs. Bradley)
William F. Nolan, ed.
Stuart Palmer (Hildegard Withers)
Ellery Queen *
Craig Rice (Jake Justus, Helen Brand, John Joseph Malone)
Mary Roberts Rinehart (American) *
Sax Rohmer (Fu Manchu) *
Dorothy L. Sayers (Lord Peter Wimsey & Harriet Vane) *
Joseph T. Shaw, ed.
Georges Simenon (Inspector Maigret) *
Rex Stout (Nero Wolfe) *
Phoebe Atwood Taylor (Asey Mayo, Leonidas Witherall)
Josephine Tey (Insp. Alan Grant) *
Arthur Upfield (Australian – Det. Insp. Napoleon Bonaparte)
S.S. Van Dine (Philo Vance) *
Edgar Wallace
Patricia Wentworth (Miss Silver)
Cornell Woolrich

CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS with works set in 1920s-1930s

Suzanne Arruda (Africa)
George Baxt (NY/LA)
K.K. Beck (Pacific/CA/LA/HA)
Barbara Cleverly (global)
Max Allan Collins ("Road to Perdition" US)
Basil Copper (Solar Pons, Europe)
Carola Dunn (England)
Loren Estleman (Valentino series LA)
Joseph Gangemi ("Inamorata" Philly)
Glen Gold ("Carter Beats the Devil" US)
Kerry Greenwood (Australia)
Michael Kilian (US or Africa)
Laurie King (varied – mainly England)
Peter Lovesey ("The False Inspector Dew" at sea)
Catriona McPherson (Scotland)
Elizabeth Peters (Amelia Peabody series – Egypt)
Deanna Raybourn (Paris)
Charles Todd (two series, both post-WWI England)
Jacqueline Winspear (England)

LINKS

<http://www.sldirectory.com/libsf/booksf/mystery/classic.html>

<http://mikegrost.com/outline.htm>

<http://classics.rebeccareid.com/2010/03/22/mayjune-2010-the-golden-age-of-detective-fiction-sign-up/>