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**Nightmare Town** - Dashiell Hammett  
2015-09-16

Twenty long-unavailable stories by Dashiell Hammett, the author of *The Maltese Falcon* and the incomparable master of detective fiction. In the title story, a man on a bender enters a small town and ends up unraveling the dark mystery at its heart. A woman confronts the brutal truth about her husband in the chilling story "Ruffian's Wife." "His Brother's Keeper" is a half-wit boxer's eulogy to the brother who betrayed him. "The Second-Story Angel" recounts one of the most novel cons ever devised. In seven stories, the tough and taciturn Continental Op takes on a motley collection of the deceitful, the duped, and the dead, and once again shows his uncanny ability to get at the truth. In three stories, Sam Spade confronts the darkness in the human soul while rolling his own cigarettes. And the first study for *The Thin Man* sends John Guild on a murder investigation in which almost every witness may be lying. In *Nightmare Town*, Dashiell Hammett, America's poet laureate of the dispossessed, shows us a world where people confront a multitude of evils. Whether they are trying to right wrongs or just trying to survive, all of them are rendered with Hammett's signature gifts for sharp-edged characters and blunt dialogue. Hammett said that his ambition was to elevate mystery fiction to the level of art. This collection of masterful stories clearly illustrates Hammett's success, and shows the remarkable range and variety of

the fiction he produced.

**Woman In The Dark** - Dashiell Hammett  
2012-10-02

Dressed in an evening gown, covered in cuts and bruises, and very frightened, Luise Fischer is on the run and looking for a place to hide out. Stumbling on a house she thinks is abandoned, she discovers recently released prisoner Mr. Brazil, and a young girl, Evelyn, who is also seeking protection. But when powerful landlord Kane Robson and his good-looking sidekick Dick Conroy come looking for Luise, it is up to Mr. Brazil to keep her safe. First serialized in three parts in *Liberty Magazine*, Dashiell Hammett's *Woman in the Dark* was published as one story for the first time in 1951. It was adapted in a 1934 film featuring movie stars Fay Wray, Ralph Bellamy, and Melvyn Douglas. HarperPerennial Classics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperPerennial Classics collection to build your digital library.

[The Maltese Falcon](#) - Dashiell Hammett  
2015-09-08

One of the most influential mystery novels ever written, and the only one to star the legendary and iconic Sam Spade. When Spade's partner is killed on what appears to be a routine case, Spade is drawn into the search for a mysterious, valuable object known as the Maltese Falcon, and must contend with the eclectic criminals

looking for it, any of which would happily kill Spade (or each other), or use him for their own ends. It has been adapted for film three times, most famously starring Humphrey Bogart. Penguin Random House Canada is proud to bring you classic works of literature in e-book form, with the highest quality production values. Find more today and rediscover books you never knew you loved.

**Dashiell Hammett: Complete Novels (LOA #110)** - Dashiell Hammett 1999-08-30

The complete novels of Dashiell Hammett—including *The Maltese Falcon* and *The Thin Man*—are collected here, offering a harrowing, realistic portrait of crime and introducing such memorable characters as Sam Spade.

**The Thin Man** - Dashiell Hammett 2020-06-23

"*The Thin Man*" is set in New York City in December 1932, in the last days of Prohibition. The main characters are a former private detective, Nick Charles and Nora, his clever young wife. Nick, son of a Greek immigrant, has given up his career since marrying Nora, a wealthy socialite and he spends most of his time cheerfully getting drunk in hotel rooms and speakeasies. Nick and Nora have no children but they own a female Schnauzer named Asta. (In the film adaptation, Asta is a male wire-haired fox terrier.) Charles is drawn, mostly against his will, into investigating a murder. The case brings them in contact with the Wynants, a rather grotesque family, and with various policemen and lowlifes. As they attempt to solve the case, Nick and Nora share a great deal of banter and witty dialogue, along with copious amounts of alcohol.

**The Glass Key** - Dashiell Hammett 2016-04-19

Unlike most of Hammett's works, the protagonist of *The Glass Key* isn't a private detective; Ned Beaumont is a gambler, and the friend of a criminal boss. The action starts when he discovers the body of a senator's son, and his friend wants him to help cover it up as a means of gaining the senator's favour. This draws Beaumont into a brewing gang war, and he has to solve the mystery if he wants to get out alive. It has been adapted for film twice. Penguin Random House Canada is proud to bring you classic works of literature in e-book form, with the highest quality production values. Find more today and rediscover books you never knew you

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**The Maltese Falcon, The Thin Man, Red Harvest** - Dashiell Hammett 2000-12-05

The three classic novels published here in one volume are rich with the crisp prose, subtle characters, and intricate plots that made Dashiell Hammett one of the most admired writers of the twentieth century. A one-time detective and a master of deft understatement, Hammett virtually invented the hard-boiled crime novel. In *The Maltese Falcon*, Sam Spade, a private eye with his own solitary code of ethics, tangles with a beautiful and treacherous woman whose loyalties shift at the drop of a dime. *The Thin Man* introduces Hammett's wittiest creations, Nick and Nora Charles, who solve homicides in between wisecracks and martinis. And in *Red Harvest*, Hammett's anonymous tough-guy detective, the Continental Op, takes on the entire town of Poisonville in a deadly war against corruption. "Dashiell Hammett is a master of the detective novel, yes, but also one hell of a writer."—*Boston Globe* "Hammett was spare, hard-boiled, but he did over and over what only the best writers can ever do. He wrote scenes that seemed never to have been written before."—Raymond Chandler "Hammett's prose was clean and entirely unique. His characters were as sharply and economically defined as any in American fiction."—*The New York Times* "As a novelist of realistic intrigue, Hammett was unsurpassed in his own or any time."—Ross Macdonald "Dashiell Hammett's dialogues can be compared only with the best in Hemingway."—André Gide "Hammett is one of the best contemporary American writers."—Gertrude Stein

*Detective Stories* - Dashiell Hammett 2009

In these stories and novellas he wrote for BLACK MASK and other pulp magazines of the 1920s and 1930s, Dashiell Hammett transformed the American detective story into something original -- a medium to explore the jarring textures and revved-up cadences of American life. As a chronicler of this underworld of criminality, he created the Continental Op, the nameless, stoic detective, jaded and fearless, who's cast in the role of protagonist of most of the stories in this volume.

**Blood Money** - Dashiell Hammett 2013-09-24

This collection features two of Dashiell Hammett's best-known short stories "The Big Knockover," and "\$106,000 Blood Money" together, as they were meant to be read. In these connected stories, the Continental Op faces down an unprecedented influx of criminals into his native San Francisco, as the horde plans to collect a big payday by robbing two banks simultaneously, and then must hunt down the mastermind responsible for this elaborate crime spree. "The Big Knockover" witnesses the return of Dashiell Hammett's hard-boiled detective character known only as The Continental Op. One of the earliest characters in the world of detective fiction, The Op paved the way for similar private eyes like Hammett's own Sam Spade and Raymond Chandler's Philip Marlowe. The Op, however, had a personality all his own—uncompassionate, gruff, and stocky—and was never the prototypical heroic protagonist. He was, however the perfect fit for the genre in the early days of the hardboiled detective genre. HarperCollins brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperCollins short-stories collection to build your digital library.

Dashiell Hammett - Dashiell Hammett 1980

A collection of five mysteries.

The Scorched Face - Dashiell Hammett

2013-08-27

When the Continental Op is hired to look into the disappearance of two sisters, he gets caught up in a bigger scheme than he could have imagined as he uncovers a string of disappearances and suicides of wealthy debutantes. As the investigation becomes more and more complex,

the Op gets into some sticky spots as he works tirelessly to solve a case that seems to affect him more than most. "The Scorched Face" is one of Dashiell Hammett's best-loved Continental Op stories. HarperCollins brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperCollins short-stories collection to build your digital library.

**Red Harvest** - Dashiell Hammett 2010-12-29

Detective-story master Dashiell Hammett gives us yet another unforgettable read in Red Harvest: When the last honest citizen of Poisonville was murdered, the Continental Op stayed on to punish the guilty—even if that meant taking on an entire town. Red Harvest is more than a superb crime novel: it is a classic exploration of corruption and violence in the American grain.

**The Dain Curse, The Glass Key, and**

**Selected Stories** - Dashiell Hammett

2007-09-04

One of the most popular American writers of the twentieth century, Dashiell Hammett gave us crime fiction stripped down to its most subtle and searing essentials and, at the same time, elevated to literature. The diamond-sharp prose and artfully manipulated intrigue for which he is known are on full display in the four classic short stories and two riveting novels published here in one volume. The Continental Op, Hammett's anonymous antihero, was the indelible prototype for generations of tough-guy detectives. Single-minded, emotionally detached, and decidedly unglamorous, he narrates the four linked stories collected here—"The House in Turk Street," "The Girl with the Silver Eyes," "The Big Knockover," and "\$106,000 Blood Money." In THE DAIN CURSE, the Continental Op takes on his most bizarre case, that of a wealthy young woman who appears to be the victim of a deadly family curse. And THE GLASS KEY—Hammett's own favorite among his works—features his most cynical and morally ambiguous hero, Ned Beaumont, caught in a hard-boiled love triangle.

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*The Big Book of the Continental Op* - Dashiell Hammett 2017-11-28

Now for the first time ever in one volume, all twenty-eight stories and two serialized novels starring the Continental Op—one of the greatest characters in storied history of detective fiction. Dashiell Hammett is the father of modern hard-boiled detective stories. His legendary works have been lauded for almost one hundred years by fans, and his novel *The Maltese Falcon* was adapted into a classic film starring Humphrey Bogart. One of Dashiell Hammett's most memorable characters, the Continental Op made his debut in *Black Mask* magazine on October 1, 1923, narrating the first of twenty-eight stories and two novels that would change forever the face of detective fiction. The Op is a tough, wry, unglamorous gumshoe who has inspired a following that is both global and enduring. He has been published in periodicals, paperback digests, and short story collections, but until now, he has never, in all his ninety-two years, had the whole of his exploits contained in one book. The book features all twenty-eight of the original standalone Continental Op stories, the original serialized versions of *Red Harvest* and *The Dain Curse*, and previously unpublished material. This anthology of Continental Op stories is the only complete, one-volume work of its kind.

**The Thin Man** - Dashiell Hammett 2021-08-31  
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*The Battle of the Aleutians* - Dashiell Hammett 2012-11-01

In Honor And Memory Of The Men Of The North Pacific Theater Who Died So That A Continent Might Be Free.

**The Hunter and Other Stories** - Dashiell Hammett 2013-11-04

An anthology of eighteen short stories includes a number of previously unpublished pieces as well as early screen treatments for "On the Make" and "The Kiss-Off."

*The Girl with the Silver Eyes* - Willo Davis Roberts 2017-10-03

"There's something strange about that kid." At least that's what everyone says, but they don't know the truth. Perfect for fans of *Stranger Things*, this classic novel continues to enthrall. Katie Welker is used to being alone. She would rather read a book than deal with other people. Other people don't have silver eyes. Other people can't make things happen just by thinking about them! But these special powers make Katie unusual, and it's hard to make friends when you're unusual. Katie knows that she's different but she's never done anything to hurt anyone so why is everyone afraid of her? Maybe there are other kids out there who have the same silver eyes...and the same talents...and maybe they'll be willing to help her.

*The Thin Man* - Dashiell Hammett 1989-07-17  
In Dashiell Hammett's famous crime novel, we meet one of the detective-story master's most enchanting creations, Nick and Nora Charles, a rich, glamorous couple who solve homicides in between wisecracks and martinis. At once knowing and unabashedly romantic, *The Thin Man* is a classic murder mystery that doubles as a sophisticated comedy of manners.

*Dashiell Hammett Omnibus* - Dashiell Hammett 1935

**Hammett's Moral Vision** - George J. Thompson 2007

Previously only available serialized over seven issues of *The Armchair Detective* magazine, this examination is the single most influential book-length analysis of Dashiell Hammett's novels. Spanning all sections of his career, the book discusses five novels: *The Dain Curse*, *The Glass Key*, *The Maltese Falcon*, *Red Harvest*, and *The Thin Man*. Detailed analysis shows how the author and his work changed over time. Each novel is discussed in its own chapter with

comparative criticism, and there is a list of resources for further reading and research. Additionally, this compiled text includes a new chapter in which the author discusses the impact Hammett has had on his own life.

**Lost Stories** - Dashiell Hammett 2005

Lost Stories rescues 21 long-unavailable Dashiell Hammett stories from the first fiction he wrote to the last, each with an explanation of how the author's life shaped his story and how the story fits in his life.

**The Island of Sheep** - John Buchan 2015-04-24

A classic Richard Hannay adventure novel by John Buchan. Richard Hannay is now in his fifties but once more must throw himself into an adventure to uphold an oath he made in his youth to protect the son of a man he once knew, the son being an heir to the secret of a great treasure.

*The Maltese Falcon* - Dashiell Hammett 2000

As an operative for Pinkerton's Detective Agency Dashiell Hammett knew about sleuthing from the inside, but his career was cut short by the ruin of his health in World War I. These three celebrated novels are therefore the products of a hard real life, not a literary education. Despite "or because of" that, Hammett had an enormous effect on mainstream writers between the wars. Like his readers, they were attracted by the combination of laconic style, sharp convincing dialogue, vivid settings and, above all, the low-life, hard-boiled characters who populate the streets of his stories. Taking detective fiction out of the drawing-room, Hammett gave murder back to the kind of people that commit it, as Raymond Chandler said. In so doing, he left his mark on modern fiction.

*The Novels* - Dashiell Hammett 1965

**The big knockover and other stories** -

Dashiell Hammett 1981

**Woman in the Dark** - Dashiell Hammett

1989-07-17

A young, frightened, foreign woman appears at the door of an isolated house. The man and woman inside take her in. Other strangers appear in pursuit of the girl. Menace is in the air. Originally published in 1933, Hammett's *Woman in the Dark* shows the author at the peak

of his narrative powers. With an introduction by Robert B. Parker, the author of the celebrated Spenser novels.

*Private Investigations* - Sinda Gregory 1985

Explains how Hammett changed the mystery genre, examines each of his novels, and discusses their style, point of view, and major themes

*The Dain Curse* - Dashiell Hammett 2021-08-31

"The Dain Curse" by Dashiell Hammett.

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**Selected Letters of Dashiell Hammett:**

**1921-1960** - Dashiell Hammett 2002-04-25

A selection from the letters of Dashiell Hammett, the American writer of crime fiction. Here is Hammett the family man, distant but devoted; Hammett the student of politics, scanning the headlines from a Marxist perspective; and Hammett the lover of Lillian Hellman, delighting in her style, humour, accomplishments, but maintaining his independence. Celebrity, soldier, activist, survivor—these letters show how Hammett was each of these in turn, but was always, above all, a writer.

**The Adventures of Sam Spade and other stories** - Dashiell Hammett 2020-07-16

Samuel Dashiell Hammett was an American author of hard-boiled detective novels and short stories. He was also a screenwriter and political activist. Among the enduring characters he created are Sam Spade (*The Maltese Falcon*), Nick and Nora Charles (*The Thin Man*), and the Continental Op (*Red Harvest* and *The Dain Curse*). Also wrote as Peter Collinson, Daghull Hammett, Samuel Dashiell, Mary Jane Hammett. "Time" magazine included Hammett's 1929 novel *Red Harvest* on its list of the 100 best English-language novels published between 1923 and 2005. His novels and stories also had a significant influence on films, including the genres of private-eye/detective fiction, mystery

thrillers, and film-noir. Most popular books: The Maltese Falcon The Thin Man Complete Novels Red Harvest Nightmare Town. Content: 1. Hammett, Dashiell: The Adventures of Sam Spade and other stories 2. Dashiell Hammett: The Dain Curse 3. Dashiell Hammett: The Glass Key 4. Hammett, Dashiell: His Brother's Keeper 5. Dashiell Hammett: The Maltese Falcon 6. Dashiell Hammett: Red Harvest 7. Hammett, Dashiell: They Can Only Hang You Once 8. Dashiell Hammett: The Thin Man

### **The Maltese Falcon (Special Edition) -**

Dashiell Hammett 2022-08-09

A special edition of this coolly glittering gem of detective fiction that has haunted three generations of readers, from one of the greatest mystery writers of all time. Featuring an introduction by James Ellroy. A treasure worth killing for. Sam Spade, a slightly shopworn private eye with his own solitary code of ethics. A perfumed grafter named Joel Cairo, a fat man name Gutman, and Brigid O'Shaughnessy, a beautiful and treacherous woman whose loyalties shift at the drop of a dime. These are the ingredients of Dashiell Hammett's iconic, influential, and beloved The Maltese Falcon. A Vintage Crime/Black Lizard Special Edition The Continental Op - Dashiell Hammett

2019-12-12

'He is master of the detective novel, yes, but also one hell of a writer' Boston Globe Dashiell Hammett is the true inventor of modern detective fiction and the creator of the private eye, the isolated hero in a world where treachery is the norm. THE CONTINENTAL OP was his great first contribution to the genre and these seven stories, which first appeared in the magazine Black Mask, are the best examples of Hammett's early writing, in which his formidable literary and moral imagination is already operating at full strength. THE CONTINENTAL OP is the dispassionate fat man working for the Continental Detective Agency, modelled on the Pinkerton Agency, whose only interest is in doing his job in a world of violence, passion, desperate action and great excitement.

### **Vintage Hammett -**

Dashiell Hammett

2007-12-18  
Sam Spade, Nick and Nora Charles, The Continental Op. In his novels and stories, Dashiell Hammett created some of the most

memorable characters--detectives, dames, and assorted miscreants--in twentieth-century fiction. It is nearly impossible to imagine modern American literature without Hammett. Vintage Hammett features episodes from Red Harvest, The Maltese Falcon, The Dain Curse, and The Thin Man; and stories featuring the Continental Op, including "The House in Turk Street," "The Girl with the Silver Eyes," and "Flypaper." It also includes the story "Nightshade" which has not been available in over fifty years. Vintage Readers are a perfect introduction to some of the great modern writers, presented in attractive, affordable paperback editions.

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### *The Four Great Novels* - Dashiell Hammett 1983

La corruption du monde des affaires et de la classe politique s'étale dans les romans et nouvelles de Hammett. Son privé de la Continental Op sera le protagoniste de la Moisson rouge et de Sang maudit. Le premier roman traite du thème de la municipalité pourrie nettoyée par une guerre entre bandes rivales déclenchée par l'Op. Le second nous plonge dans l'univers des sectes, de la manipulation des esprits et de la folie. Le Faucon maltais confirme

le rôle du privé, garant d'une morale nécessaire : Sam Spade vengera le meurtre de son associé, quitte à livrer à la justice la coupable dont il est pourtant amoureux. La Clé de verre dévoile les

rapports entre la politique et le gangstérisme. Un joueur professionnel, Ned Beaumont, mène l'enquête afin de disculper un ami accusé de meurtre en pleine période électorale.