



# Mystery

## private-eye novel

cozy crime novels  
(UK)

Agatha Christie

Hercule Poirot  
Miss Marple

outsiders, gifted amateurs  
investigating murders  
committed in a closed  
environment

hard-boiled school  
(USA)

Dashiell Hammet

detectives are:

- tough
- cynical
- independent
- ambiguous

Philip  
Marlowe

modern idealist  
hero living in a  
corrupt world

## Raymond Chandler

birth of film  
noir genre

*The Big Sleep*  
(1939)

## thrillers

evolution of detective  
stories with Gothic echoes

Stephen King

*Cycle of the Werewolf*  
(1983)