



Recommended Reading
For Mystery Writers



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1. The Weekend Novelist Writes a Mystery, by Robert J. Ray and Jack Remick, A Dell Trade Paperback 1998
2. You Can Write a Mystery, Gillian Roberts, Writer's Digest Books, 1999
3. Writing The Mystery, a Start-to-Finish Guide for Both Novice and Professional, by G. Miki Hayden, Intrigue Press, 2001
4. Writing and Selling Your Mystery Novel, Hallie Ephron, Writer's Digest Books 2005
5. Writing Mysteries, A Handbook by the Mystery Writers of America, edited by Sue Grafton with Jan Burke and Barry Zeman, Writer's Digest Books, 2002
6. How to Write Killer Fiction, by Carolyn Wheat, Perseverance Press Book, 2003
7. Writing The Modern Mystery by Barbara Norville, Writer's Digest Books, 1986
8. Writing Mysteries, Margaret Lucke, Self-Counsel Press, a division of International Self-Counsel Press, Ltd.,1999
9. The Crime Writer's Reference Guide, 1001 Tips for Writing the Perfect Murder, by Martin Roth, Michael Wiese Productions, 2003
10. Don't Murder Your Mystery, 24 Fiction-Writing Techniques To Save Your manuscript From Turning Up...D.O.A. , By Chris Roerden, Bella Rosa Books, 2006
11. The Mafia Encyclopedia, From Accardo to Zwillman by Carl Sifakis, Facts On File, Inc. 1987
12. The Encyclopedia of Serial Killers, A Study of the Chilling Criminal Phenomenon, From the "Angels of Death" to the Zodiac Killer, by Michael Newton. Checkmark Books , 2000
13. The FBI, A comprehensive Reference Guide From J. Edgar Hoover to The X-Files edited by Athan G. Theoharis, with Tony G. Poveda, Susan Rosenfeld and Richard Gid Powers, Checkmark Books, 2000
14. Organized Crime, The insider's Guide to the World's Most Successful Industry, Paul Lunde, DK, Dorling Kindersley by The Brown Reference Group, 2004
15. Conspiracies and Secret Societies, The Complete Dossier, Brad Steiger and Sherry Steiger, Visible Ink Press, 2006
16. The Casebook of Forensic Detection, How Science Solved 100 of the World's Most Baffling Crimes, Colin Evans, John Wiley and Sons , Inc. 1996
17. Forensics For Dummies, D.P. Lyle, MD , Wiley Publishing, Inc. 2004
18. The Criminal Mind, A Writer's Guide to Forensic Psychology, Katherine Ramsland, Ph. D., Writer's Digest Books, 2002
19. The Anatomy of Motive, John Douglas and Mark Olshaker, A Lisa Drew Book/Scribner 1999
20. Crime Scene Investigation, Crack the case with real-life Experts , Cyril H. Wecht, MD. JD et. Al, Reader's Digest, 2004
21. A Murder, From the Chalk Outline to the Execution Chamber, Greg Fallis, M. Evans and Company, Inc. 1999

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22. Urge To Kill, How Police Take Homicide from Case to Court, Martin Edwards, Writers Digest Books, 2002
23. Howdunit, How Crimes Are Committed and Solved, Edited by John Boertlein, Writer's Digest Books, 2001
24. Corpse, Nature, Forensics, and the Struggle to pinpoint Time of Death, Jessica Snyder Sachs Perseus Publishing, 2001
25. The Howdunit Series: Murder One, A writer's Guide to homicide, by Mauro V. Corvasce & Joseph R. Paglino, Writer's Digest Books, 1997
26. The Howdunit Series: Cause of Death a Writer's Guide to Death, Murder, & Forensic Medicine, by Keith D. Wilson, M.D., Writer's Digest Books, 1992
27. The Howdunit Series, Just the Facts, Ma'am, A Writer's guide to investigators and investigation techniques, By Greg Fallis, Writer's Digest Books, 1998
28. The Howdunit Series: Scene of the Crime, A writer's guide to crime-scene investigations, by Anne Wingate, Ph. D. Writer's Digest Books, 1992
29. The Howdunit Series: Modus Operandi, A writer's guide to how criminals work, by Mauro V. Corvasce, Joseph R. Paglino, Writer's Digest Books, 1995
30. The Howdunit Series: Rip-Off, A writer's guide to crimes of deception, by Fay Faron, Writer's Digest Books, 1998
31. The Howdunit Series: Missing Persons, a writer's guide to finding the lost, the abducted and the escaped, Fay Faron, Writer's Digest Books, 1997
32. The Howdunit Series: Deadly Does, A writer's guide to poisons, Serita Deborah Stevens with Anne Klarner, Writer's Digest Books, 1990
33. The Howdunit Series: Malicious Intent, a writer's guide to how murderers, robbers, rapists and other criminals think, Sean Mactire, Writer's Digest Books, 1995
34. The Howdunit Series: Amateur Detectives, a writer's guide to how private citizens solve criminal cases, by Elaine Raco Chase & Anne Wingate, Writer's Digest Books, 1996
35. Complete Idiot's Guide, Private Investigating, Techniques the pros use to crack the case, Second Edition, by Steven Kerry Brown, Alpha a member of the Penguin Group, 2007
36. Mind Hunter, Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit, by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker A Lisa Drew Book/Scribner, 1995
37. Obsession, The FBI Legendary Profiler Probes the Psyches of Killers, Rapists, and Stalkers and Their Victims and Tells How to Fight Back, John Douglas and Mark Olshaker, A Lisa Drew Book/Scribner, 1998
38. The Cases That Haunt Us, John Douglas & Mark Olshaker, A Lisa Drew Book/Scribner, 2000
39. Outrage, The Five Reasons Why O.J. Simpson Got Away With Murder, Vincent Bugliosi, WW Norton Company, 1996
40. The Evil That Men Do, FBI profiler Roy Hazelwood's Journey into the minds of Sexual Predators, Stephen G Michaud with Roy Hazelwood.
41. The War Against The Mafia, The Inside Story of a Deadly Struggle Against The Mob, Tim Shawcross, Harper Paper, A Division of Harper Collins Publishers, 1994
42. How To Write A Damn Good Mystery, A Practical Step-by-step Guide from Inspiration to Finished Manuscript, James N. Frey, St. Martin's Press, 2004

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