Detecting Men and Women
The Hardboiled Detective

Muller, Marcia
SHARON MCCONE—San Francisco level-headed investigator with a tendency to occasionally get a bit too involved in her cases. Titles include: Edwin of the Iron Shoes, Pennies on a Dead Woman’s Eyes, Dead Midnight, Walk Through Fire

Mosley, Walter
EASY RAWLINS—African-American private eye and World War II veteran live in the Watts section of 1940s-1960s LA. Titles include: Devil in a Blue Dress, Little Scarlet, Bad Brawly Brown, Cinnamon Kiss

Paretsky, Sara
V.I. WARSHAWSKI—Attorney turned PI in Chicago, seems to take a particular delight in going after fat cats. Titles include: Indemnity Only, Tunnel Vision, Blacklist, Total Recall, Hard Time

Parker, Robert
SPENSER—Boston’s renowned tough but sensitive private eye. Love him or hate him, he’s an ex-boxer who quotes poetry and a gourmet book who isn’t shy about violence. Titles include: Thin Air, Hugger Mugger, Cold Service, Hundred-Dollar Baby

Pronzini, Bill
NAMELESS DETECTIVE—a dedicated and tenacious detective without a name. Titles include: Nightcrawlers, Mourners, Demons, Spook, Sentinels, Crazybone

Rozan, S.J.
LING WAN-JU “LYDIA” CHIN—a twenty-something year old ABC (American Born Chinese) woman who lives with her mother in Chinatown and runs her agency out of a storefront office on Cardinal street. Her sometimes partner is Bill Smith, a 40-something white PI whose interest in Lydia is more than avuncular. Titles include: Reflecting the Sky, Stone Quarry, A Bitter Feast, No Colder Place

Woods, Stuart
STONE BARRINGTON—ex-cop, full-time lawyer, and sometimes investigator. Titles include: Two-Dollar Bill, Dirty Worker, Dark Harbor

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Barnes, Linda

CAROLTTA CARLYLE's one red-headed, tough-talking, blues-loving, heart-on-her-sleeve, cab-driving P.I. cruising the streets of Boston, looking for trouble in all the wrong places...and she certainly finds it. Titles include: Cold Case, Deep Pockets, Heart of the World, The Big Dig

Block, Lawrence

MATT SCUDDER. In the early books, he's an angst-ridden ex-cop and unlicensed private eye. In the later books he's sober. Titles include: A Stab in the Dark, A Dance in the Slaughterhouse, Hope

Burke, James Lee

DAVE ROBICHEAUX, a deputy sheriff, recovering alcoholic, breaching ethical code over just about every case he works on, in New Iberia, Louisiana. Titles include: Neon Rain, Black Cherry Blues, Cadillac Jukebox, Creole Belle

Chandler, Raymond

PHILIP MARLOWE Tall, and big enough to take care of himself, he likes liquor, women, reading, chess, and working alone. Titles include: The Big Sleep, Farewell My Lovely, The High Window, The Long Goodbye

Child, Lee

JACK REACHER In one book the ex-MP drifter with the seldom-talked about past and way too much training is digging swimming pools or trying to help a rancher's wife out of a domestic jam, the next book he's hired to try and kill the Vice President designate. Titles include: Killing Floor, Running Blind, Echo Burning, The Hard Way

Coben, Harlan

MYRAN BOLITAR—Nope, he's not a private eye in the traditional sense, but in the act of protecting and defending his clients' interests, he ventures into some pretty familiar gumshoe turf. Titles include: Deal Breaker, Promise Me, Fade Away, Darkest Fear

Connelly, Michael

HARRY BOSCH LAPD detective is more than just a cop—he's a man with a mission. A mission to, in his own words, "speak for the dead." Titles include: The Black Echo, The Concrete Blonde, Angels Flight, Lost Light the Narrows, The Closers

Crais, Robert

ELVIS COLE AND JOE PIKE—tough, conscientious, albeit somewhat unorthodox Cole and his partner Pike, and ex-Marine and gun shop owner. Titles include: The Monkey's Raincoat, Voodoo River, LA Requiem, The Last Detective, The Watchmen

Estleman, Loren

AMOS WALKER—the Oscar the Grouch of private eyes straps on his gun and heads out on those mean streets of Detroit. Titles include: The Witchfinder, Retro Nicotine Kiss, Sugartown

Grafton, Sue

KINSEY MILLHONE—alphabetic series whose charm lies in the fact that she's a woman of rare spunk and independence. Titles include: A is for Alibi, G is for Gumshoe, O is for Outlaw, and S is for Silence

Iles, Greg

PENN CAGE—If anyone knows death, Penn Cage does. He has sent 16 men to their fate as District Attorney. And now his young wife is gone too, leaving him alone with their young daughter. He decides to go home, and home means facing the ghosts of his past.

Kava, Alex

MAGGIE O'DELL a FBI profiler and Sheriff Nick Morelli work together to fight crime. Titles include: A Perfect Evil, Damaged and Off the Grid.

Kerr, Philip

BERNARD GUNTER is a hard-boiled Berlin detective who specializes in tracking down missing persons—mostly Jews. Narrator Gunther is a spirited guide through the chaos of 1930s Berlin and, more important, a detective cast in the classic mold. Titles include: The Other Side of Silence and Greeks bearing gifts

Lippman, Laura

TESS MONAGHAN—Former newspaper reporter, now gainfully employed at twenty-nine, she's willing to take any freelance job to pay the rent—including a bit of unorthodox sleuthing...titles include: Baltimore Blues, The Sugar Horse, Another Thing to Fall

MacDonald John D.

TRAVIS MCGEE—he appeared in 21 novels each with a color in the title and remains one of the best private eyes (acting more like Robin Hood than Philip Marlowe). Titles include: Darker than Amber, Pale Gray for Guilt, Cinnamon Skin, The Lonely Silver Rain