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film, and analyses how the most imaginative creators cleverly subvert the key elements of both the detectives themselves and the genre they inhabit. The detectives included cover all the important names, making for a truly international spread.

ldquo;After a brisk introduction, this volume, edited by Forshaw, offers insights into a variety of twentieth- and twenty-first century iterations of the form. Crime fiction, he argues, is a genre that, while necessarily prescriptive, offers the possibility of lsquo;acute social critique.rsquo; Although the surface pleasures of the detective story are considerable, the writers whom Forshaw has enlisted are at their most intriguing when discussing subtext. . . . The figure of the detective, a literary staple for more than a century-and-a-half, remains complex, shifting and fiercely modern. As Forshawrsquo;s book makes plain, it still has much to offer in its curious combination of the comforting and confrontational.rdquo;