Some of the Classics

Writing Period	Author	Detective	Profession
1929–65	Allingham, Margery	Albert Campion	Gentleman, amateur detective, government agent
1913, 36–38	Bentley, E. C.	Philip Trent	Artist
1914–34	Bramah, Ernest	Max Carrados	Private investigator (blind)
1933–67	Carr, John Dickson	Dr. Gideon Fell	
1968–70	Carter, Philip Youngman	Albert Campion	[continuing his wife's work]
1939–65	Raymond Chandler	Philip Marlowe	Private investigator
1928–86?	Charteris, Leslie	Simon Templar (the Saint)	Thief (modern-day Robin Hood)
1911–35	G. K. Chesterton	Father Brown	Priest
1930–71 1920–75	Christie, Agatha	Miss Jane Marple Hercule Poirot Tommy and Tuppence Beresford Ariadne Oliver Parker Pyne	Spinster P.I., retired from Belgian police P.I.'s, government agents Writer of detective novels Detective
1933–73?	Gardner, Erle Stanley	Perry Mason	Attorney
1929–66	Hammett, Dashiell	Sam Spade Nick and Nora Charles The Continental Op	Private investigator Former detective and millionairess wife Operative for Continental Detective Agency
1940–80?	Lockridge, Richard with his wife, Frances	Lt. Nathan Shapiro Capt. Merton Heimrich Pam and Jerry North	New York City policeman Westchester County, New York, policeman New York publisher and wife
1950–86	MacDonald, John D.	Travis McGee	Recover of stolen property
1934–74?	Marsh, Ngaio	Roderick Alleyn	Scotland Yard, various ranks
1970–90	Morice, Anne	Tessa Crichton	Actress (policeman husband Robin Price)
1929–71	Queen, Ellery	Ellery Queen	Private investigator
1923–37	Sayers, Dorothy	Lord Peter Wimsey	Gentleman, amateur detective
1947–70	Spillane, Mickey	Mike Hammer	Private investigator
1934–75	Stout, Rex	Nero Wolfe	Armchair detective, orchid grower
1929–52	Tey, Josephine	Alan Grant	Scotland Yard detective
1926–39	Van Dine, S. S.	Philo Vance	Amateur detective
1928–61	Wentworth, Patricia	Miss Maud Silver	Spinster, retired governess