The Anti Scooby Doo’s: A selective survey of Detective Fiction (ENGL 2151)

Credit Hours: 4

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Schedule: Monday to Friday (10.00 AM – 12.50 PM)

This course surveys the poster child of genre fiction: Detective Fiction. While closely linked to Crime Fiction and Mystery, the selection we will read in this course is most closely linked to the figure of the Detective and its evolution and mutation through various sub genres. These sub genres will include: Classic, Golden Age, Hard-boiled, Feminist, Metaphysical and Postcolonial. Along with the fiction, we will also read scholarly/secondary literature which will seek to change the perception of Detective Fiction from a self-contained genre of fiction to a complex literary production; the study of which can yield intriguing observations about the quest for knowledge and depictions of evil, heroes, and gender amongst others.