

List	Rank	Novel	Published	Status
1	28	The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins	1860	Read
1	1	The Complete Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	1866	Read (Partly - long)
1	24	Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky	1866	
1	7	The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins	1868	Read
1	62	The Mystery of Edwin Drood by Charles Dickens	1870	
1	70	Dracula by Bram Stoker	1897	
1	3	Tales of Mystery and Imagination by Edgar Allan Poe	1902	
1	21	The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes Volume 1-2 by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	1902	Read (Partly - long)
1	93	The Riddle of the Sands by Erskine Childers	1903	Read
1	32	The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	1903	Read
1	101	The Four Just Men by Edgar Wallace	1905	Read (struggled)
2	86	The Secret Agent by Joseph Conrad	1907	Read (Partly; struggled)
2	40	The Circular Staircase by Mary Roberts Rinehart	1908	Read
2	57	The Innocence of Father Brown by G. K. Chesterton	1911	Read (Partly)
2	33	Trent's Last Case by E. C. Bentley	1913	Read
2	20	The Thirty-Nine Steps by John Buchan	1915	Read
1	92	Greenmantle by John Buchan	1916	Read
1	5	The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie	1926	Read
1	77	Clouds of Witness by Dorothy L. Sayers	1926	Read
2	64	Ashenden, or, The British Agent by W. Somerset Maugham	1927	
2	42	The Poisoned Chocolates Case by Anthony Berkeley	1929	Read
2	39	Red Harvest by Dashiell Hammett	1929	Read
2	75	Little Caesar by William Riley Burnett	1929	
1	2	The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett	1930	Read
1	36	Strong Poison by Dorothy L. Sayers	1930	Read
1	31	The Glass Key by Dashiell Hammett	1931	Read
1	16	Malice Aforethought by Francis Iles	1931	Read
1	56	Murder Must Advertise by Dorothy L. Sayers	1933	Read
1	14	The Postman Always Rings Twice by James M. Cain	1934	Read
1	41	Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie	1934	Read
1	31	The Thin Man by Dashiell Hammett	1934	Read
1	28	The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers	1934	Read
2	41	Three Coffins by John Dickson Carr	1935	Read
1	18	Gaudy Night by Dorothy L. Sayers	1935	Read
2	71	A Bullet in the Ballet by Caryl Brahms	1937	
2	69	Hamlet, Revenge! by Michael Innes	1937	Read
1	6	Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier	1938	
1	47	Brighton Rock by Graham Greene	1938	
1	14	Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household	1938	
1	17	A Coffin for Dimitrios by Eric Ambler	1939	
1	2	The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler	1939	Read
1	10	And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie	1939	Read
1	7	Farewell, My Lovely by	1940	Read
2	82	The Case of the Abominable Snowman by Nicholas Blake	1941	
2	44	Laura by Vera Caspary	1942	
2	86	Tragedy at Law by Cyril Hare	1942	
2	85	Green for Danger by Christianna Brand	1943	
1	34	Double Indemnity by James M. Cain	1943	
1	48	The Lady in the Lake by Raymond Chandler	1943	Read
1	84	Death Comes as the End by Agatha Christie	1944	Read
2	95	Home Sweet Homicide by Craig Rice	1944	
1	25	The Moving Toyshop by Edmund Crispin	1946	

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2	45	I, the Jury by Mickey Spillane	1947	
2	11	The Franchise Affair by Josephine Tey	1948	Read
2	90	Brat Farrar by Josephine Tey	1949	
2	65	Smallbone Deceased by Michael Gilbert	1950	
1	48	The Third Man by Graham Greene	1950	
2	38	Strangers on a Train by Patricia Highsmith	1950	
2	51	The Devil in Velvet by John Dickson Carr	1951	
1	1	The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey	1951	Read
1	26	The Tiger in the Smoke by Margery Allingham	1952	
1	49	The Killer Inside Me by Jim Thompson	1952	
2	12	Last Seen Wearing... by Hillary Waugh	1952	
1	13	The Long Goodbye by Raymond Chandler	1953	Read
2	45	A Kiss Before Dying by Ira Levin	1953	
1	19	The Witness for the Prosecution and Other Stories by Agatha Christie	1954	
2	46	The Talented Mr. Ripley by Patricia Highsmith	1955	
2	88	Gideon's Day by J. J. Marric	1955	
2	76	Beast in View by Margaret Millar	1955	
1.5	36	Cop Hater by Ed McBain	1956	
1	35	From Russia with Love by Ian Fleming	1957	
1	90	The Guns of Navarone by Alistair MacLean	1957	
2	91	The Color of Murder by Julian Symons	1957	
1	61	Our Man in Havana by Graham Greene	1958	
1	63	Nine Coaches Waiting by Mary Stewart	1958	
1	11	Anatomy of a Murder by Robert Traver	1958	
1	80	The Manchurian Candidate by Richard Condon	1959	
1	60	To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee	1960	
2	56	My Brother Michael by Mary Stewart	1960	
2	66	The Rose of Tibet by Lionel Davidson	1962	
1	9	The Ipress File by Len Deighton	1962	
1	59	Game, Set & Match (Berlin Game ; Mexico Set ; London Match) by Len Deighton	1963	
1	87	The Collector by John Fowles	1963	
2	53	The Journeying Boy by Michael Innes	1963	
1	3	The Spy Who Came in From the Cold by John Le Carré	1963	Read
2	91	The Chill by Ross Macdonald	1964	
1	54	In Cold Blood by Truman Capote	1965	
2	75	The Quiller Memorandum by Adam Hall	1965	
2	66	The Doorbell Rang by Rex Stout	1965	
2	100	Shooting Script by Gavin Lyall	1966	
1	17	The Day of the Jackal by Frederick Forsyth	1967	
2	94	God Save the Mark by Donald E. Westlake	1967	
2	46	The Laughing Policeman by Maj Sjöwall	1968	
2	15	The Godfather by Mario Puzo	1969	
2	78	Running Blind by Desmond Bagley	1970	
2	99	Time and Again by Jack Finney	1970	
2	76	The Friends of Eddie Coyle by George V. Higgins	1970	
2	63	Wobble to Death by Peter Lovesey	1970	
2	74	The Labyrinth Makers by Anthony Price	1970	
2	38	The Hot Rock by Donald E. Westlake	1970	
1.5	83	Shroud for a Nightingale by P. D. James	1971	
2	98	The Steam Pig by James McClure	1971	
1.5	97	Sadie When She Died by Ed McBain	1972	
2	47	Bank Shot by Donald E. Westlake	1972	

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2	37	Dance Hall of the Dead by Tony Hillerman	1973	
1	30	Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy by John le Carré	1974	
2	87	The Dreadful Lemon Sky by John D. MacDonald	1974	
2	29	Fletch by Gregory McDonald	1974	
1	65	The Seven-Per-Cent Solution by Nicholas Meyer	1974	
1.5	55	The Eagle Has Landed by Jack Higgins	1975	
1	50	Where Are the Children? by Mary Higgins Clark	1975	
2	82	Crocodile on the Sandbank by Elizabeth Peters	1975	
2	93	The Choirboys by Joseph Wambaugh	1975	
2	89	The Sun Chemist by Lionel Davidson	1976	
1	50	A Demon in My View by Ruth Rendell	1976	
1	43	A Morbid Taste for Bones by Ellis Peters	1977	
1.5	39	A Judgement in Stone by Ruth Rendell	1977	
1	25	Eye of the Needle by Ken Follett	1978	
2	64	A Running Duck by Paula Gosling	1978	
1.5	26	Rumpole of the Bailey by John Mortimer	1978	
2	85	Chinaman's Chance by Ross Thomas	1978	
1	58	Smiley's People by John le Carré	1979	
1	13	The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco	1980	
1	96	The Key to Rebecca by Ken Follett	1980	
1.5	67	Innocent Blood by P. D. James	1980	
1	98	The Murder of the Maharajah by H. R. F. Keating	1980	
1	92	Devil in a Blue Dress by Walter Mosley	1980	
2	52	The First Deadly Sin by Lawrence Sanders	1980	
1	35	Gorky Park by Martin Cruz Smith	1981	
1.5	37	The Dead of Jericho by Colin Dexter	1981	
1.5	79	Twice Shy by Dick Francis	1981	
1	27	Red Dragon by Thomas Harris	1981	
1	44	The Leper of Saint Giles by Ellis Peters	1981	
2	97	Prizzi's Honor by Richard Condon	1982	
1	51	A Is for Alibi by Sue Grafton	1982	
1	27	The False Inspector Dew by Peter Lovesey	1982	
1.5	60	The Danger by Dick Francis	1983	
1.5	72	Deadheads by Reginald Hill	1983	
1	68	The Little Drummer Girl by John Le Carré	1983	
1	67	Stick by Elmore Leonard	1983	
2	77	The Shortest Way to Hades by Sarah Caudwell	1984	
1.5	84	The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy	1984	
2	58	Penny Black by Susan Moody	1984	
1	54	A Taste for Death by P. D. James	1986	
1	5	Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow	1986	
1	29	A Dark-Adapted Eye by Barbara Vine	1986	
2	99	What Bloody Man is That? by Simon Brett	1987	
2	81	The Killings at Badger's Drift by Caroline Graham	1987	
2	57	Bertie and the Tinman by Peter Lovesey	1987	
1	52	A Fatal Inversion by Barbara Vine	1987	
1	16	The Silence Of The Lambs by Thomas Harris	1988	
1.5	62	Under World by Reginald Hill	1988	
2	53	A Thief of Time by Tony Hillerman	1988	
1.5	73	A Time to Kill by John Grisham	1989	
1.5	61	Devices and Desires by P. D. James	1989	
1	42	The Firm by John Grisham	1991	