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Jules Verne

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Poul Anderson

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No Truce With Kings

Two award-winning novellas by the contemporary master of science fiction and fantasy. Anderson has been exploring strange new worlds for over 40 years. He spins elements of technology and the supernatural to create sword and sorcery sagas and space operas. Contains the Hugo winners, The Longest Voyage and No Truce With Kings.

4 cassettes • 280 minutes  
Trade: 1-55656-267-5 • $21.95  
Library: 1-55656-078-8 • $26.95
Best Science Fiction Value Collections
edited by Orson Scott Card and Martin Greenberg

Orson Scott Card, the winner of the Hugo, Nebula and World Fantasy Awards for fiction, and Martin H. Greenberg, editor-author of over 100 different short story and novella anthologies, have teamed together to produce the Dercum Value Collections. Each volume in the series contains four ninety-minute cassettes, with six hours of some of the best stories in the genre, for under $20! These collections are not available in book form anywhere: they were selected and recorded especially for Dercum Audio.

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Asimov gives an informal, conversational introduction to his collections. He provides both an elementary education in the particular genre and some insight into what it all means. — The Philadelphia Inquirer

Friends, Robots, Countrymen
Asimov's All Time Favorite Robot Stories I

Isaac Asimov, the modern master of science fiction and fact, and Martin H. Greenberg, a leading anthologist of our time, team together to produce an unprecedented collection of science fiction audio books. This landmark series presents their favorite robot stories from Asimov's private library, with a personal introduction read by the master himself.

This volume includes Soldier Boy by Michael Shaara and Robot Dreams by Isaac Asimov.

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Here Today...Gone Tomorrow
Asimov's All Time Favorite Time Travel Stories

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Sci-Fi Private Eye

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In this horrific tale of man's toying with science and nature, an obscure scientist invents a formula that renders his flesh invisible. Now he can go anywhere, and do anything — except that he can no longer render himself visible again — and he now is going murderously insane. First published in 1897, H. G. Wells's imaginative insights into human psychology enabled him to evoke in this novel perhaps the ultimate alienation that can befall a human being.

4 cassettes • 6 hours

The Time Machine

H. G. Wells leaps beyond the bounds of conventional imagination to tell the story of the Time Traveler, who pilots his machine to the year 802,700 — and finds a world utterly changed. He finds an apparent utopia, populated by childlike people called the Eloi, living in ignorant bliss. But his time machine is stolen, and he discovers the existence of a second, subterranean race, the hideous and vicious Morlocks. In this caricature of a capitalist system run amok, the Time Traveler finds himself an alien on his own planet.

4 cassettes • 4 hours

The Star and Other Stories

With the technical precision of a newspaper reporter, H. G. Wells describes the devastation wrought by the swoop of a blazing star close to the earth. The snow on the Himalayas melts, and the resulting floods sweep hundreds of millions to their deaths. In the other stories on this tape, we experiment with a drug that could revolutionize the world, discover intelligent ants that may rule the globe, and discover that aliens really have been observing us all along! Includes The Crystal Egg, The New Accelerator, and The Empire of the Ants.

2 cassettes • 3 hours
Sidewise in Time by Murray Leinster

In *Sidewise in Time*, Leinster invented the theme of parallel universes. Follow a university professor and his hand-picked team of students as they attempt to enthrone themselves as masters of a time-fractioned world. In *The Strange Case of John Kingman*, join a doctor of a psychiatric hospital as he studies the records of a patient who is truly "out of this world."

2 cassettes • 210 minutes  
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Library: 1-55656-083-4 • $21.95

First Contact and Exploration Team by Murray Leinster

Hugo award winner *Exploration Team* chronicles a giant company’s illegal colonization of a planet populated by a savage race of predators. In *First Contact*, a solitary Earth ship and a solitary alien ship meet for the first time in a nebula remote from the home planet of each. Neither is prepared for this first inter-species contact. Any mistake by either could cost billions of lives. Leinster explores an unfolding and complex moral dilemma of epic proportions.

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A Meeting With Medusa by Arthur C. Clarke

After the success of *2001: A Space Odyssey*, Clarke became perhaps the best known living sci-fi writer in the world. Using his inherent sense of humor and personal flair for adventure, Clarke combines the worlds of science and literature. The three award-winning stories in this volume take the listener into the realms of space adventure, science fantasy, and interstellar irony. Also contains *The Star* and *The 9 Billion Names of God.*

2 cassettes • 3 hours  
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Library: 1-55656-080-X • $21.95

Adventures In Air by Edgar Allan Poe

Poe’s contributions to early science fiction set him apart from all others as the most versatile storyteller in history. *Mellonta Tauta* (1849) takes the form of a letter dated April Fool's Day, 2849, written by a woman aboard a doomed trans-Atlantic super-blimp. *The Unparalleled Adventure of Hans Pfall* is part satire, part hoax, and part aeronautical fantasy, and established an important precedent which continues in literature to this day — that of science fiction being grounded in science fact.

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Four on Maigret by Georges Simenon

Vintage Maigret! A lorry driver has accidentally run a car off the road into the river at night. When it is recovered, there is no driver—but there is a body in the trunk! Contains: Mr. Monday, Maigret's Pipe, Maigret's Mistake, and The Drowned Men's Inn.

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Mr. Jones' wife is dead! His third wife and the third one to die! His alibi is rock solid. Dr. Czissar must first prove that Jones did not murder his wife before he can prove how he, in fact, did!

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The Secret of the Fox Hunter by William LeQueux


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How can this little old man solve London's most puzzling crimes...and without ever leaving his chair? Here the author of The Scarlet Pimpernel introduces mystery's first armchair detective.

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Mystery

Best Mystery Stories of the Year—1997
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Best Mystery Value Collections

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Value Collection II

Nine classic stories including Flicks by Bill Crenshaw, 1989 Edgar Award Winner, and The Dakar Run by Clark Howard.

Trade: 1-55656-213-6 • Library: 1-55656-142-3

Value Collection III

Eight classic stories including The Photography of the Dearest Defunct by Reginald Bretnor; Prisoners by Ed Gorman.

Trade: 1-55656-214-4 • Library: 1-55656-160-1
The Speckled Band and Other Stories

The only cases that truly interested Sherlock Holmes were those that were highly unusual, and Dr. Watson recounts that The Speckled Band was perhaps the strangest of all. Holmes is for once mistaken, and people may die as a result. In The Beryl Coronet, Sherlock Holmes has to fit together a puzzle in which each member of a stubborn family holds a piece. Contains The Man with the Twisted Lip, The Engineer's Thumb, The Five Orange Pips and The Boscombe Valley Mystery.

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A Study in Scarlet

The first, and to many the best, case for the famous Sherlock Holmes. Published in the 28th issue of Beeton's Christmas Annual 1887, A Study in Scarlet was "flung like a bombshell into the field of detective fiction" (Dorothy Sayers). Join Dr. Watson as he first meets the brooding Holmes and as they locate their now famous apartment as 221B Baker Street in the midst of a case that spans two continents.

4 cassettes • 300 minutes
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The Sign of Four

Who is sending the beautiful Miss Morstan a rare and priceless pearl each year? Holmes and Watson pursue Indian treasure and murders whose ominous trademark is "the sign of four." When Sherlock Holmes is commissioned to investigate the meaning of this odd message, he and his trusted Watson have little idea of the scope of danger and intrigue they have been recruited to deal with.

4 cassettes • 6 hours
Trade: 1-55656-228-4 • $21.95 Library: 1-55656-140-7 • $26.95

The Red Headed League and Other Stories

To Sherlock Holmes she is always the woman," says Watson of Irene Adler in A Scandal in Bohemia. "In his eyes she eclipses and predominates the whole of her sex." In The Redheaded League, Holmes uses minute details of a small mystery to solve a larger one. Holmes tells Watson about one of his first cases, The Musgrave Ritual, which led him to discover the crown of a former King of England. Also contains A Case of Identity.

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The Blue Carbuncle

In The Blue Carbuncle, a priceless and unique gem has been stolen. Holmes unexpectedly discovers it lodged in the crop of a Christmas goose! But the mystery of how the stone got there is deeper still. In The Noble Bachelor, Lord St. Simon's wife vanishes in the morning they marry! In The Copper Beeches, Holmes is retained by a governess who works at a very strange house—so strange that Holmes suspects foul play from the start.

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Four highly acclaimed detective stories praised for their plots, rich atmosphere, and surprise endings. Murder is the theme. Simple murder, ingenious murder, successful and unsuccessful murder, premeditated and impulsive murder. Join the actor-detective Charles Paris as he contends with the threats to the life of a faded star in the title story.

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Big, sun-bronzed and white-haired Sheldon "Shell" Scott — happy go lucky Los Angeles private eye — is hired by super-rich G. Raney Madison to recover a uniquely valuable Leonardo Da Vinci stolen from his mansion in Bel Air. Madison wants Shell to not only recover his Da Vinci, but to identify both the thief and whoever will be receiving the drawing — all without letting anyone know he's in the picture.

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Prime Prather. When the luscious Lydia Brindley finds a "bug" under her bed, she calls Shell Scott to the rescue. It is Scott's first "bed bug" assignment but he is more than happy to oblige. Everything from Scott's crew cut to his Caddy convertible to his ready-for-anything libido is gloriously and unabashedly 1950s.

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The Modern Science of Thief-Taking  
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This great author was also a pioneer of detective fiction! Known for his romantic characters of 19th century England, Dickens was also a pioneer of detective fiction. Let us introduce you to five timeless stories of crime and detection, including the landmark first use of the plain clothes detective in mystery fiction.

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Ellery Queen's Calendar of Crime by Ellery Queen

One of the most unique and intriguing collections of short stories ever. Ellery Queen presents us with a mystery of each month of the year! Now for the first time in its entirety, we are proud to present all 12 stories in two volumes.

January to June includes The Inner Circle; The President's Half-Disme; The Ides of Michael Magoon; The Emperor's Dice; The Gettysburg Bugle; The Medical Finger.

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The Stolen White Elephant And Other Stories by Mark Twain

For deft plot, riotous inventiveness, unforgettable characters, and language that brilliantly captures the lively rhythms of American speech, no writer comes close to Mark Twain. The Stolen White Elephant (1882) — which Twain begins by solemnly assuring us is absolutely true — is a preposterous tale of a priceless 48 foot elephant on the loose in New York City.

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One of Father Brown's friends brings him an ancient volume, discovered in Africa, with a hideous curse inscribed on the cover. Five men have abruptly vanished after opening it. Will Father Brown be the next? In the Oracle of the Dog, Father Brown ponders upon how a dog, a long way from the scene of a crime, barks and whines at the instant his master is killed. Sitting at his desk a hundred miles away, composing a sermon, Father Brown solves a mystery that has others baffled. Also contains The Man In The Passage and The Absence of Mr. Glass.

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Favorite American Detectives I

American authors and stories dominate the mystery scene. Martin H. Greenberg, the contemporary "Dean of Anthologies," and editor of over 50 mystery story collections in print, and Rosalind M. Greenberg here team up with Dercum Audio to produce an unprecedented collection of contemporary mystery fiction. Their choices include such favorites as By the Dawn’s Early Light by Lawrence Block; The Leopold Locked Room by Edward D. Hoch; I'm In the Book by Loren D. Estleman; The Good Samaritan by Isaac Asimov; The Man Who Shot Lewis Vance by Stuart Kaminsky.

4 cassettes • 6 hours
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Library: 1-55656-123-7 • $26.95

Favorite Locked Room Mysteries I

The body's inside, and the room is sealed! Who did it, and how? This landmark series comprises approximately 16 volumes; each presenting the editor's choice of the best mystery and detection stories by theme. These 8 classic locked room mysteries include The Exact Opposite by Erle Stanley Gardner; Vanishing Act by Bill Pronzini and Michael Kurland; The Problem of Cell 13 by Jacques Futrelle; His Heart Could Break by Craig Rice.

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This, the third edition in the series, pays tribute to the enormous contribution women have made to the history of mystery and detection writing. The nine stories include Death of a Romance Writer by Joan Hess; Recipes for a Happy Marriage by Nedra Tyre; Fifty Acres of Prime Seaweed by Charlotte MacLeod; The Man Who Loved His Wife by Janet LaPierre; Appetites by Barbara Paul.

4 cassettes • 6 hours
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Two True Tales of Suspense by Abraham Lincoln
Contains two forgotten true-life incidents of mystery and intrigue penned by and involving the President himself. Travel back to the Civil War era with Lincoln and Allan Pinkerton, founder of the world famous detective agency.
2 cassettes • 2 hours
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The Doctor, His Wife and the Clock by Anna Katherine Green
Anna Katherine Green's first book, The Leavenworth Case (1878), earned Green the title of "The Mother of the Detective Novel." The Doctor, His Wife, and the Clock (1895), features the same hero, detective Ebenezer Gryce, a low key, New York police officer, in one of the most hallucinatory opening scenes in modern fiction.
2 cassettes • 180+ minutes
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Fix the National and Other Racing Stories by Dick Francis
Fix the National contains five short stories of racing world mysteries. In the title story, Chief Superintendent Crispin wants the judges to fix the results of the Grand National, Britain's premiere annual horse race! Even if it means catching the Birmingham bank robbers, can the Jockey Club sanction such a move?
2 cassettes • 2 hours
Trade: 1-55656-253-5 • $16.95 Library: 1-55656-135-0 • $21.95

The Diary of J. G. Reeder by Edgar Wallace
Edgar Wallace was one of the most prolific authors of the 20th century. In 1920s England, one out of every four books sold was written by him. The Diary of J. G. Reeder features one of Wallace's most famous investigators as he looks at the seamy side of life.
4 cassettes • 300 minutes
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To Catch a Thief and Other Stories by E. W. Hornung
A. J. Raffles is the greatest of all fictional thieves. His charm, brilliant wit, and handsome appearance make him a welcome guest in the homes of England's wealthiest families. Raffles was the inspiration for several films including the Cary Grant, Grace Kelly version of To Catch a Thief.
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A Shock to the System by Simon Brett
Graham Marshall had all the elements of success. Everything was going according to plan. Then the unthinkable happened, and his plans for further upward mobility would have to be shelved, unless... Unless certain inconvenient people were to die.
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Trade: 1-55656-102-4 • $29.95 Library: 1-55656-070-2 • $34.95
Horror

By Edgar Allan Poe

Tales to Make Your Skin Crawl

The most important American author of the macabre, Poe's horror stories are timeless. In The Black Cat (1843) a sinister cat accompanies the narrator's slide into alcoholism and murder. The Cask of Amontillado (1846) tells of a feud between two noblemen, and the lengths they will go to in order to destroy one another. Fall of the House of Usher (1839) may be Poe's darkest story. In The Masque of Red Death (1842), a group of noblemen tries to outwit a hideous plague sweeping the country.

2 cassettes • 2 hours
Trade: 1-55656-234-90 • $16.95 Library: 1-55656-069-9 • $21.95

Tales to Make You Check Under Your Bed

The Pit and the Pendulum (1842) is Poe's famous story of the man condemned to a slow death by the Spanish Inquisition. The Business Man (1850) is a tongue in cheek description of the activities of an aspiring entrepreneur. Also includes Why the Little Frenchman Wears His Arm in a Sling and The Sphinx (1850).

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Thou Art the Man (1850) is a whimsical murder mystery. Rattleborough is baffled by the disappearance and presumed death of its most wealthy citizen, along with a large sum of cash. In The Murders in the Rue Morgue (1841) and The Purloined Letter (1845) we meet up with Auguste Dupin, one of the first and most original amateur sleuths.

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Truly Great Ghost Stories by Charles Dickens

Join the master storyteller for tales of a man kidnapped by goblins; a baron whose thoughts of suicide are reversed in the most unexpected way; a railway switchman whose premonition of death is most unfortunate; and a wild tale of a supernatural adventure.

2 cassettes • 3 hours
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