

Crime fiction, detective story, murder mystery, and police fiction are terms used to describe narratives that center on criminal acts and especially on the investigation. Suspense and mystery are key elements to the genre. Some of the oldest tales of crime fiction include the Arabian anthology One Thousand and One Nights (c. 7th century). In England, during the Victorian Age, crime fiction as a genre coincided with the Industrial Revolution. As cities became larger and unemployment became more prevalent, crime increased. Sub-genres of Police Fiction 1. Detective Fiction: this type of narrative typically follows the professional detective who sets out to solve the crime. Usually, the audience learns more about the crime as the detective continues their investigation. An example of detective fiction includes The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1892).