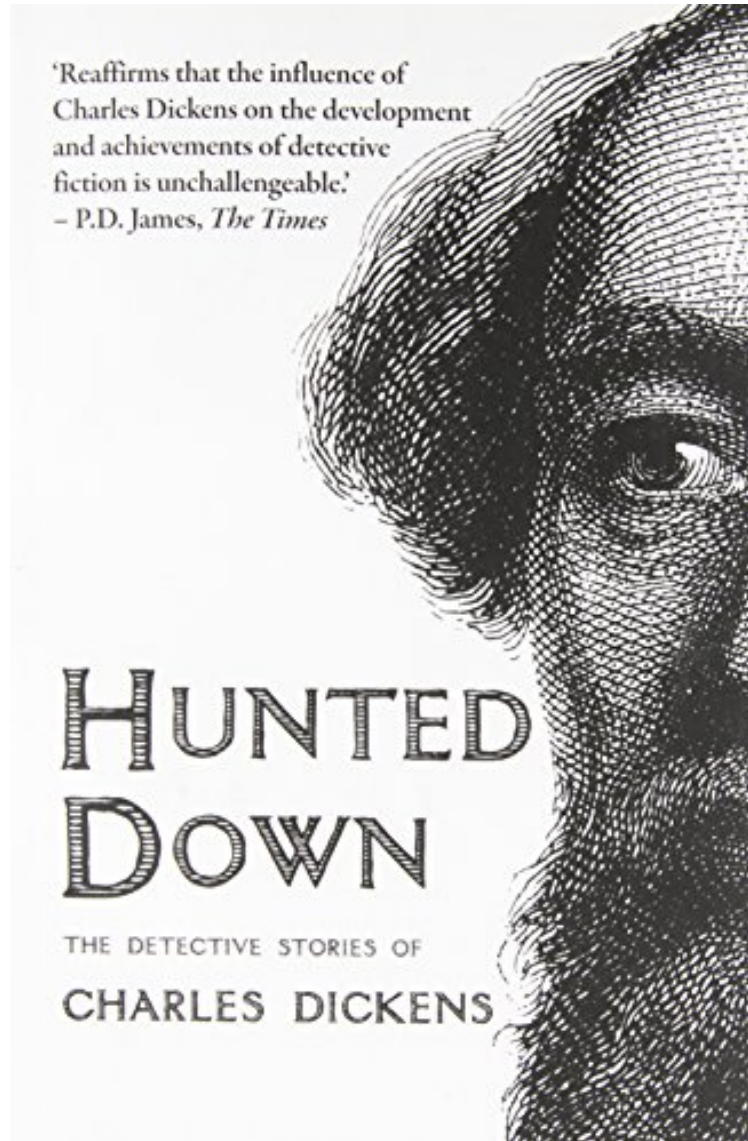


## Hunted Down: The Detective Stories of Charles Dickens

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Saturday Night Live meets Monty Python. Fairy tales and familiar stories serve as the basis for fun, transvestitism, love conquers all and the triumph of good over evil. No serious drama here just an evening of ribald booing, hissing and hero cheering. British Pantomimes (Pantos) have been a holiday tradition for over 200 years and EVERYBODY gets in the act from grandparents, parents to kids. Pantos differ from the American concept of whiteface miming and should by all counts have caught on here in the States but..... alas. Paul Harris' book is a readable and practical introduction which could serve as a novices' only book of instruction. All the performance conventions are here from "Oh no you can't, Oh yes I can etc. etc." to "Look behind you" or "Don't go in there!" and the traditional Dame (always played by men) plus enough pointers to getting amateurs started. Still not convinced? Consider that Julie Andrews got her start (with Cinderella if you can believe it) performing in pantos. Elton John, John Inman ("Are you free Captain Peacock?) and Jack Wilde (Artful Dodger) have all strutted their stuff in pantos. So BUY THIS BOOK and "Look out behind you!"

A unique collection of Dickens stories, rarely seen in print, establishing him as one of the masters of the detective genre. Charles Dickens was one of the great pioneers of detective fiction. While the larger-than-life characters in his novels have settled themselves in the public imagination, his detectives have had a profound effect on the development of crime fiction, and Dickens is now seen as the first major publicist for the police detective. Here, Peter Haining has assembled a fascinating selection of Dickens's detective stories. Added to these are extracts from the novels in which the men of the law make their mark, including Mr. Noddy from *Martin Chuzzlewit*, the first serious detective in an English novel, and Inspector Bucket from *Bleak House*.

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