The Mystery Genre

Surprisingly, the genre of the mystery novel is quite a new phenomenon. Beginning in the mid 19th century.

Edgar Allan Poe, Wilkie Collins and Arthur Conan Doyle being early practitioners.

Now, mystery fiction is a thriving field marked most recently by a large influx of translations from foreign, especially Scandinavian, authors.

What makes Mystery a genre? Well, typically they consist of a plot that involves the solution of a crime, typically murder, and often quite grisly murder. The protagonist may be a police officer, a private detective or a