



Rational Scrutiny: Paradoxes and Contradictions in Detective Fiction

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Rational Scrutiny: Paradoxes and Contradictions in Detective Fiction, discusses why Chess Hanrahan and Cyrus Skeen, the author's premier heroes and the chief subjects of this volume, are not only extraordinary men of action, but intellectuals of the first rank, as well. As Cline writes in the Preface, detective fiction, as a rule, employs both intellectuals and doers. Detectives solve problems; detectives usually do something about them. Problems cannot be solved until they are grasped, understood, and counter actions are identified. In the mystery and detective fiction genres, detectives solve problems that are criminal in nature. Crimes are a consequence of human volition; it is the detective's task to solve them. The problems must first arise before the detective can act. He does not act in a vacuum. He cannot prevent problems caused by others, or of which he is not yet aware, because they are products of human volition. Hanrahan, operating in our own time, and Skeen, acting in the third decade of the 20th century, have their own unique way of approaching crime-solving. Paradoxes do...



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