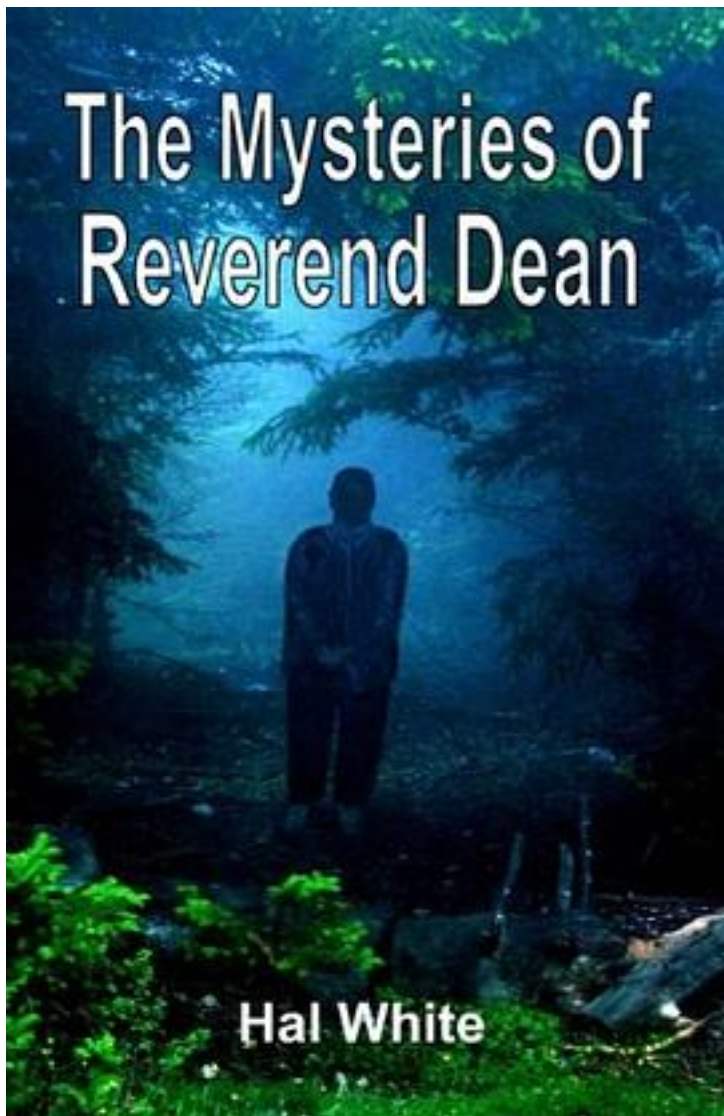


# The Mysteries of Reverend Dean



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FICTION The young man lowered his voice, but sounded all the more intense for doing so. "Reverend," he said solemnly, "if God didn't do it, then it doesn't make any logical sense." "Oh, it makes perfect sense," the reverend replied. "It makes perfect, horrible sense." \* \* \* The Reverend Thaddeus Dean has just retired as pastor of a small church at the foot of the Cascade Mountains. He is lonely, poor and desperately misses his wife who died years ago. Fortunately, he has a pastime. He solves murders that are so bizarre as to seem impossible. In each of the stories collected in this volume, Reverend Dean is challenged by a seemingly "impossible" crime. In one story, a pastor dies in front of his congregation when God appears in church and predicts his death. In another tale, three siblings are murdered - one on a sandy beach, one surrounded by wet paint and one in the middle of a mudflat - with no footprints near any of the bodies. In a third story, a woman is stabbed in her triple-locked, upper floor apartment - although she is protected by a guard dog, and three witnesses insist that no one entered or left her unit. But those are only half the stories. Reverend Dean also investigates a suspicious suicide on a Caribbean cruise, a body that appears out of thin air in a locked garage, and a murderous shooter who disappears from an apartment surrounded by the police. Readers won't just have to guess who the criminals are, they'll have to guess how they committed their crimes. Harking back to the stories of John Dickson Carr, Hal White has created a brilliant yet endearing sleuth who not only investigates crimes that seem insoluble, but crimes that appear impossible. But these are not supernatural stories - they are classic mysteries. And they'll leave mystery fans wanting more of Reverend Dean.

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## 评论

谜题很华丽，解答很无趣且有些犯规。让人觉得谜题仅仅是为了服务最后的How而存在的。作者这种想在现代背景下重现黄金时代诡计的初衷是好的，但是黄金时代的作品，还是让它留在黄金时代吧。简介【<http://www.douban.com/note/503013293/>】

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中规中矩吧，作为21世纪的欧美古典密室没有太大新意

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## 书评

偶然的情况下发现这部书(好像在Jon L Breen的书评专栏? )，最初吸引我的目光的，是如今几位评论大亨如Bob Adey，Jon Breen，Doug Greene对这部小说的推荐语，均大力赞美(感觉上这些大叔们鲜少出来对一部作品称赞的)，单单是前者密室专家的话就有一定的份量了吧。根据作者Hal ...

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