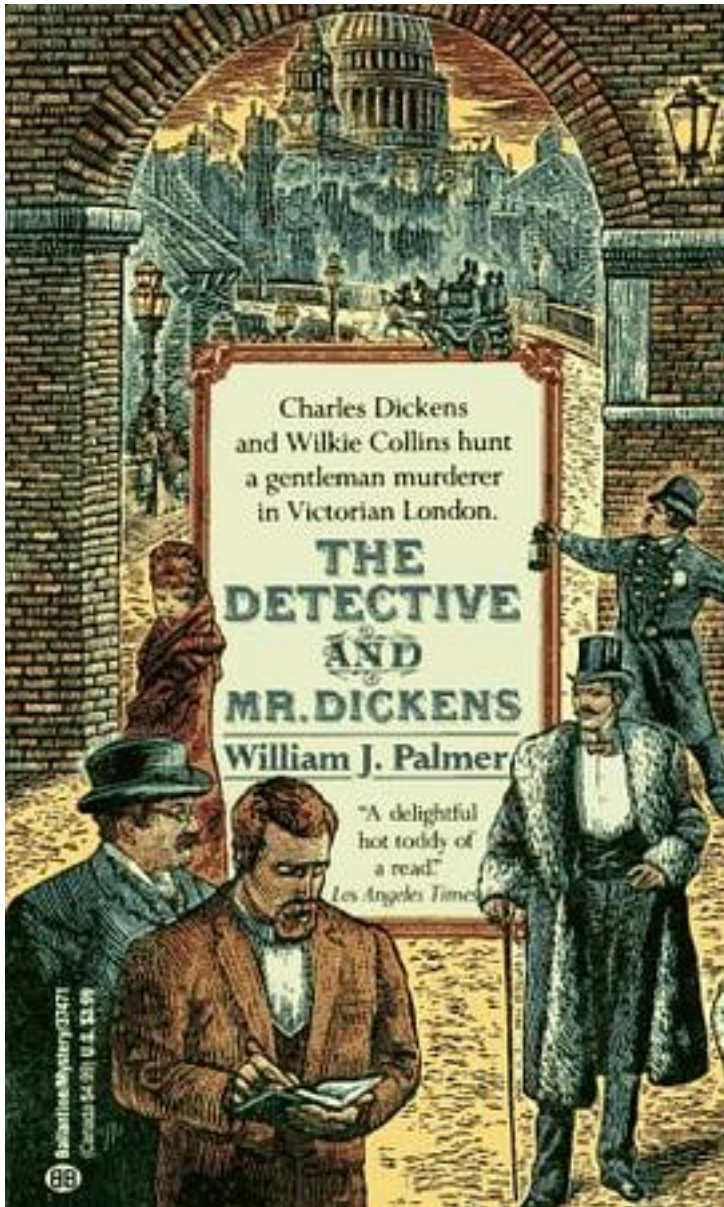


# The Detective and Mr. Dickens



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From Publishers Weekly Purdue University English professor Palmer employs his expertise about Charles Dickens to create a Victorian pastiche with a difference. Not only does he provide a fictional mystery peopled by characters from literary classics, but he also takes his protagonists on a sexually explicit adventure that could not have been issued in the prudish 19th century. Purporting to be "A Secret Victorian Journal attributed to Wilkie Collins, discovered and edited" by Palmer, the novel is ostensibly based on a journal kept by Collins in which he recorded his and Dickens's adventures during the years that they performed in amateur theatricals and enjoyed London nightlife together. As confidants and aides to London's Inspector Field, the two literary men help solve a brutal murder. The intentionally melodramatic tale is related in a generally believable Victorian voice, and includes explicit passages attributed to pornographic books in a lord's extensive collection. Like Dickens, Palmer reveals the hypocrisy rampant in repressed Victorian society. Along the way he offers an explanation for Dickens's attraction to actress Ellen Ternan, who eventually became his mistress. Mystery Guild featured selection. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. Book Description In Victorian London, Charles Dickens and his protege, author Wilkie Collins, make the acquaintance of the shrewdest mind either would ever encounter: Inspector William Field of the newly formed Metropolitan Protectives. A gentleman's brutal murder brings the three men together in an extraordinary investigation that leads Dickens to the beautiful young actress Ellen Ternan, who would become the love of his life but who now stands accused of murder. See all Editorial Reviews

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