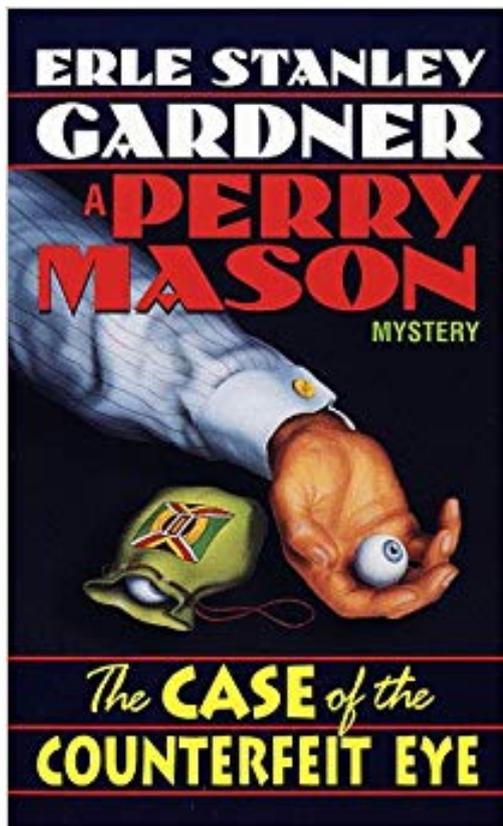


## The Case of the Counterfeit Eye (Perry Mason Mysteries) by Erle Stanley Gardner



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A reissue of an original Perry Mason novel finds the legal eagle in the hire of a man whose missing glass eye is found in the hands of a slain millionaire businessman surrounded by suspects. Reissue.



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Syleazahad

I did a good spell of newspaper proofreading when I was younger, sometimes catching as many as 200 typos an issue. So I can be relied on when I guarantee there are fewer than 20 typos in the complete Kindle version of COUNTERFEIT EYE. I caught 15, most of them as trivial as "were" instead of "we're," some of them downright fun for scanner error fans, like "If ... you HE to me I'll quit you cold" instead of "If ... you LIE to me I'll quit you cold." They didn't slow me up for a second, or they wouldn't have except I marked them all so I could count them later.

Critics have complained that the central situation in this book is implausible, but in return for that, the plot and the deductions Mason makes are easier to follow. When the Mason stories get more believable, they get more complicated in proportion. If you can even begin to read a book that has eight glass eyes in it, three of them important clues and five of them incriminating to Mason himself -- if you can get that far in, you have only yourself to blame if you can't get out.

I must say I enjoyed the fact that there were also three guns and a blanket involved, and THESE important clues and confusion factors trailed off into nothing before the book ended, as if Gardner had enough material for two separate mysteries and could only finish one of them.

What a blast. No kidding. And the book not only has the first appearance of Hamilton Burger but a tougher, and much more nearly crooked, Perry Mason than the post tv-series books were willing or able to show us. The man is a bit of a monster, and maybe his client is too, only everything is moving too fast for us to be able to tell. Mason is so slick that once or twice he outsmarts even himself. Della Street appears in nothing but a fur coat and hose. Who wouldn't risk a typo or two for fun like this?

Hulore

This is one of the earlier Perry Mason books because Hamilton Burger visits Mason's office to introduce himself while accusing Mason of hiding a witness. This book has enough twists and turns that it is hard to keep the players straight without an occasional look at the cast of characters that is thoughtfully provided at the front of the book beside the table of contents. I won't go into the story so as not to spoil the plot, but it is a truly good book with a surprise at the end.

Pipet

Started to wonder if this read would pan out....Yes it fit. Looking forward to start another Perry book. Working my way down the list.

Doomwarden

A good novel. When it was written the country was going through a severe hardship. And even though there were people who had money there were those who did not. The Writer took into account the circumstances there with regards to the way the country was working or not working as the case maybe.

In fact a TV episode in the Perry Mason series did make use of some of the characters in the novel, and it was a good use of his time.

JoJolar

Not a long review by me. I'm reading the series in publication order. This is the book I like best so far in the series. Not much court room drama, still more of a detective series. But I did like Hamilton Burger joining the series. Particularly the adversarial but not automatically hostile relationship with Perry. The counterfeit eye hook was a good mystery gimmick. It was obvious enough that a reader caught the same problem Perry Mason saw, but didn't give away the real murdered immediately.

Swift Summer

These great Perry Mason novels just keep on coming and get better. I got into this one quickly and it kept my interest till the (no spoilers) end.

Stick

All the Perry Mason novels I have read so far are great reads. The only problem I have is with the typos in the Kindle editions. A human proof reader in lieu of spellcheck would be nice.

This is one of the earliest in the series. Gardner's wily attorney comes up against Prosecutor Hamilton Burger for the first time and sparks fly in the courtroom like it's the fourth of July.

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