



Course details

Course title

Literature: Detective Fiction in Society and Culture

Course code

Q00018325

Course date

Start: 24/02/25

End: 10/03/25

Number of classes

3 sessions

Timetable

Mon 24th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 3rd Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Mon 10th Mar, 10:30 to 12:30

Branch

Berkhamsted

Tutor

Guest Speaker

Fee range

Free to £30.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Friends Meeting House (Berkhamsted)
289 High Street
Berkhamsted
HP4 1AJ

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

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Texts to be referenced include:

Edgar Allen Poe, The Murders in the Rue Morgue

Arthur Conan Doyle, The Hound of the Baskervilles

Wilkie Collins, The Moonstone

Dashiell Hammett, Red Harvest

Agatha Christie, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*

Umberto Eco, *The Name of the Rose*

Leonardo Padura, *Havana Blue*

Note: You do not need to have read all these texts. Stephen will post readings nearer to the start of the course.

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