

Detective fiction is considered to have begun in 1841 with the publication of Edgar Allan Poe's short story, "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," which starred the first fictional sleuth, the eccentric and brilliant C. Auguste Dupin. Poe devised a plot formula that has been successful ever since where detectives ascertain the truth by using intuitive logic, astute observation, and perspicacious inference.

If you like detective fiction, be sure to read about world-weary Paul Darac of the Nice police force in Peter Morfoot's *Impure Blood*; dauntless auto racer Kate Reilly in Tammy Kaehler's *Red Flags*, and Edith Maxwell's observant Quaker midwife Rose Carroll in *Delivering the Truth*. Also not to be missed is Marcia Clark's new book, *Blood Defense*, where a criminal defense attorney works hard to clear a decorated veteran LAPD detective who has been charged with murder. Other titles getting starred reviews are *King Maybe* by Timothy Hallinan, *Kill Switch* by Jonathan Maberry, and *Quiet Neighbors* by Catriona McPherson. Check them out at your Scott County Public Library.

