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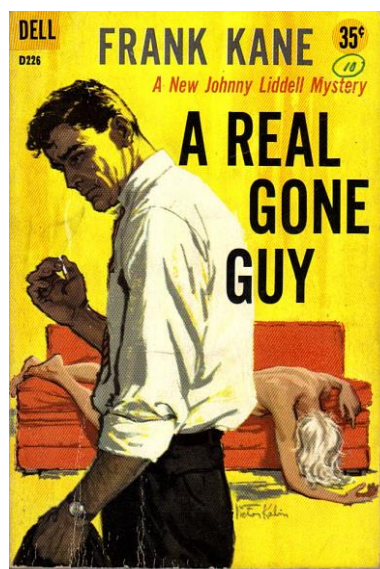
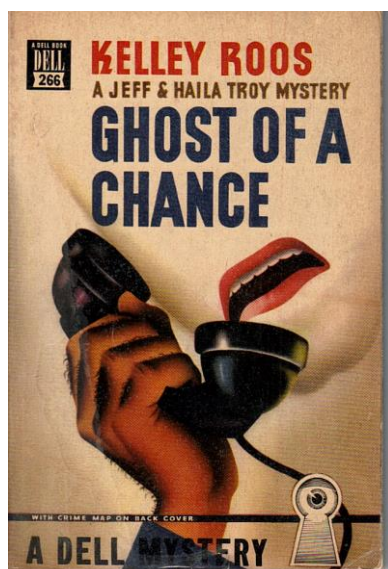
THIS CATALOGUE features crime fiction (predominately) published by New York publisher Dell during 1942 to 1960. Apart from publishing some marvellous vintage crime fiction (American-style) Dell was famous for their series of back covers which featured a map of the scene of the crime – known as map backs.

The cover art for Dells can be found at <http://bookscans.com/Publishers/dell/dell.htm>

*These books are from the collection of noted Australian collector Graeme Flanagan who passed away on 21 February 2015. Amongst many other writings, Graeme authored **The Australian Vintage Paperback Guide** (Gryphon Books, 1994) a ground-breaking survey of local publishing. Graeme also collected private eye fiction and vintage paperbacks for their cover art by his favourite artists.*

A note on condition: on the whole these are in very good to near fine condition, with a few I would class as Fine. Most have been read at some stage in their life and have a crease down the cover alongside the spine.

All books in this catalogue are \$10 each



Dell main series numbered 1 – 1020, and D series

Adams, Cleve F. The Crooking Finger [Dell 104 map back] [Light creases on covers]

Adams, Samuel Hopkins Tambay Gold [Dell 20 map back] [Light creases along covers near spine] “A Dell Romance”

Ayres, Ruby M. Afterglow [Dell 336 map back] [Cover creases, sticky tape on spine bottom; old price in pen ink on cover] Romance

Bohl, Edgar The Man Who Disappeared [Dell 1013]

Conant, Paul Dr. Gatskill’s Blue Shoes [Dell 741] [Light crease along spine]

Coxe, George Harmon Alias the Dead [Dell 377 map back] [Front cover crease along spine]

Coxe, George Harmon Fashioned for murder [Dell 678] [Creases along front cover & corner]

Coxe, George Harmon One Minute Past Eight [Dell D346]

Coxe, George Harmon The Camera Clue [Dell 453 map back] [Front cover and spine creasing] Kent Murdock

Coxe, George Harmon The Frightened Fiancée [Dell 838] [Light front cover crease along spine]

Coxe, George Harmon The Glass Triangle [Dell 522 map back] [Front cover creases] Kent Murdock

Coxe, George Harmon The Hollow Needle [Dell 757] [Light crease along front cover] Kent Murdock

Coxe, George Harmon The Impetuous Mistress [Dell D421]

Dolph, Jack Murder is Mutuel [Dell 419 map back] [Sticky tape marks on spine; small tear on front cover from old price sticker and cover creasing]” Mutuel” is as spelt

Fair, A.S. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Give ‘Em the Ax [Dell 460 map back] [Light front cover creases]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Owls Don’t Blink [Dell 243 map back] [Wear on front cover along spine & bottom edge]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Top of the Heap [Dell 772] [Light crease on spine]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Turn on the Heat [Dell D253] [Front cover creased along spine]

Fox, James M. The Lady Regrets [Dell 338 map back] [Light cover creases along spine]

Fuller, Timothy Keep Cool, Mr. Jones [Dell 594] [Wear along spine; creases at corners] Jupiter Jones

Gault, Bill (William Campbell) Murder in the Raw [Dell 926] [Front cover lightly creased] SOLD

Gault, William Campbell Blood on the Boards [Dell 835] [Back top corner lightly creased]

Halliday, Brett A Taste for Violence [Dell 934] Mike Shayne

Halliday, Brett Blood on the Stairs [Dell 385 map back] [Front cover crease along spine] Mike Shayne

Halliday, Brett Michael Shayne's Long Chance [Dell 325 map back] [Pencil annotation on front cover] Mike Shayne

Halliday, Brett Tickets for Death [Dell 989] [Covers creased along spine] Mike Shayne

Havoc, June Early Havoc [Dell F110] [Spine faded slightly] Show-business autobiography

~~**Hitchcock, Alfred** Fear and Trembling: Shivery Stories Selected by Alfred Hitchcock [Dell 264 map back] [Light crease to back cover] SOLD~~

~~**Hitchcock, Alfred** Suspense Stories Collected by Alfred Hitchcock [Dell 92 map back] [Light creases along spine edge and covers; sticky tape on bottom of spine SOLD] [also Dell 367 map back] [Cover creases along spine]~~

Kane, Frank Grave Danger [Dell 886] [[Front bottom lightly creased] Johnny Liddell

Keith, Carlton A Gem of a Murder (The Diamond Studded Typewriter) [Dell 1007] [Light front cover crease along spine]

Kelland, Clarence Budington Double Treasure [Dell 335 map back] [Cover creases along spine]

Kyne, Peter B. Jim the Conqueror [Dell 294 map back] "A Dell Western"

Lait, Jack & Lee Mortimer Chicago Confidential [Dell D101]

Land, Myrick The Search (Search the Dark Woods) [Dell D315]

Lustgarten, Edgar One More Unfortunate [Dell D299]

Malcolm-Smith, George The Trouble With Fidelity [Dell 999] [Light front cover crease along spine]

Martin, Robert Sleep, My Love [Dell 794] [Small tear to spine bottom; creasing to front cover]

Masur, Hal Murder on Broadway (The Last Gamble) [Dell D298] [Light front cover crease along spine]

~~**Mole, William** Shadow of a Killer (Small Venom) [Dell D272] [Light cover creases] SOLD~~

~~**Murray, Max** Good Luck to the Corpse [Dell 639 map back] [Light crease along front spine] SOLD~~

Overholser, Wayne D. West of the Rimrock [Dell 499 map back] [Front cover creases; sticky tape on bottom of spine] Western

Rice, Craig & Ed McBain The April Robin Murders [Dell D264] [Front cover creased along spine]

~~**Roos, Kelley** Ghost of a Chance [Dell 266 map back] Jeff & Haila Troy SOLD~~

Sale, Richard Benefit Performance [Dell 252 map back] [Covers creased. Inside front cover reinforced]

Sterling, Stewart Alarm in the Night [Dell 513 map back] [Light front cover crease along spine] Fire Marshal Pedley

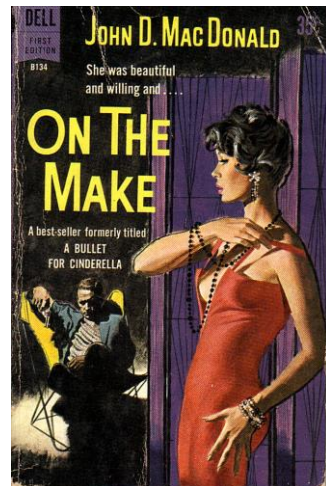
Sterling, Stewart Dead of Night [Dell 583 map back] [27mm sticky tape on spine] Gil Vine

Sterling, Stewart Dead Sure [Dell 420 map back] [Front cover creases] Gil Vine

Sterling, Stewart Five Alarm Funeral [Dell 816] [Covers lightly creased]

Treat, Lawrence Q as in Quicksand [Dell 301 map back] [Light cover creases along spine]

Tucker, Wilson The Chinese Doll [Dell 343 map back] [Pencil annotation on front cover]



Dell First Editions (FE) – Paperback Originals (mostly) 1953 - 1962

Benson, O.G. Cain's Woman [Dell FE A200] [Creases along spine]

Daniels, Harold R. In His Blood [Dell FE 73] [Fine copy] SOLD

Dewey, Thomas B. The Golden Hooligan [Dell FE B207] [Small Tear bottom front cover]

Dietrich, Robert Steve Bentley's Calypso Caper [Dell FE B182] [Front cover creases]

Ehrlich, Jack Cry, Baby [Dell FE B227] [Fine]

Fuller, William Brad Dolan's Blonde Cargo [Dell FE A153] [Fine]

Grove, Walt The Joy Boys [Dell FE B136] [Near fine]

Kane, Frank Due or Die [Dell FE B174] [Light creasing on front cover corners] Johnny Liddell

MacDonald, John D. A Man of Affairs [Dell FE B112] [Price mark on front cover]

MacDonald, John D. Death Trap [Dell FE A130] [Light crease along spine and front cover corner]

MacDonald, John D. On the Make (A Bullet for Cinderella) [Dell FE B134] [Light creases along spine]

McKimmy, James Squeeze Play [Dell FE B230] [Light pen marks top of front cover]

McKimmy, James The Long Ride [Dell FE B211] [Price and "N/R" in ink on cover]

McKimmey, James Winner Take All [Dell FE A185] Very light front cover crease along spine]

Rome, Anthony My Kind of Game [Dell FE B232] [Light crease along front cover spine. Ink or pencil mark on top page edges]

Wormser, Richard The Thief of Baghdad [Dell FE B216] Based on the Steve Reeves film

Dell miscellaneous numbers (many are reprints of earlier Dells)

Chesterton, G.K. The Amazing Adventures of Father Brown [Dell 0095] [Creases along spine]

Dewey, Thomas B. Nude in Nevada [Dell 6508] [Light crease bottom back cover corner]

Dewey, Thomas B. The Girl in the Punchbowl [Dell 2883] [Small tears top of spine and corner of front cover] Pete Schofield

Dewey, Thomas B. Only on Tuesdays [Dell 6680] [Light rubbing]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Bats Fly at Dusk [Dell 0476]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Bedrooms Have Windows [Dell 0511] [Light crease on front cover]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Give 'em the Ax [Dell 2918]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Owls Don't Blink [Dell R101]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Spill the Jackpot [Dell R117] [Light crease on spine. Small tear top of spine]

Fair, A.A. (Erle Stanley Gardner) Turn on the Heat [Dell 9142] [Crease on top front cover]

Kane, Frank A Real Gone Guy [Dell 7267] [Creases along spine. Tear at bottom spine & front cover corner. Price sticker on back]

Kane, Frank Bare Trap [Dell 0456] [Light creases along spine]

Kane, Frank Barely Seen [Dell 0458] [Light creases along spine] Johnny Liddell

Kane, Frank Crime of Their Life [Dell 1557 labelled a First Edition but probably a reprint] [Tears on front cover] Johnny Liddell

Kane, Frank Dead Weight [Dell 1720] Johnny Liddell

Kane, Frank Final Curtain [Dell 2522] [Light tears at top corners] Johnny Liddell

Kane, Frank Maid in Paris [Dell 5165 mass market] [Light crease down front cover] Johnny Liddell

Kane, Frank Margin for Terror [Dell 5396 mass market] [Light crease along back cover spine] Johnny Liddell

Kane, Frank The Guilt Edged Frame [Dell 3289] [Light creases along spine. Small pen mark on bottom page edges]

Kane, Frank Two to Tangle [Dell 9213] [Crease along front cover spine] Johnny Liddell

Kane, Henry Esprit De Corpse [Dell 2409] [Small tear to spine. VG-near fine]

Masur, Harold Q. Send Another Hearse [Dell 7737] [Crease along front cover spine. Small tear to top of spine]

~~**Monig, Christopher** Abra-Cadaver [Dell 0007] SOLD~~ ===== **END OF CATALOGUE 5** =====