

An Evening of Mystery Donald Levin March 29, 2018

What is a "mystery"?

"Mystery" means something puzzling or secret, or hard to understand So a "mystery" is a story (or novel or movie or tv show) where there is a puzzling crime to be solved

Sometimes mystery, thriller, crime novel, whodunit, detective story are all used to mean the same thing.

But they are different aspects of crime fiction (fiction about unlawful acts):

Crime - (Order/law violated or plot to violate)	Efforts to solve mystery/ find perpetrator	<b>→</b>	Perpetrator brought to justice	<b>→</b>	World set right (Order/law reestablished or not)
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Crime novels, Caper novels Political thrillers	Police procedurals PI novels Mysteries (whodunits) Cozies Juvenile/YA mysteries Psychological mysteries Locked room mysteries Forensic mysteries [CSI] [Law part of "Law and Ord	er"]	Courtroom dramas Legal thrillers Order part of "Law and Order"		