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Valentine for a Dead Lady

By Mel D. Ames

Mosaic Press, Canada, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Marking the launch of the new Dime Crime series of classic crime fiction comes Valentine For a Dead Lady, an introduction to Mel D. Amess classic intrepid and daring Detective Cathy Carruthers. In the male dominated world of hard-boiled detectives, Amess genre-changing Lieutenant Carruthers pioneered a new exciting direction with these fast-paced tales of vice and villainy. Originally published in Mike Shayne Mystery Magazine, Amess stories evoke the golden era of short crime stories that filled pulp magazines. This anthology compiles the first five stories of Detective Carruthers, with introductory story A Matter of Observation and four other expertly crafted tales of murder and deception. Years before Elmore Leonard introduced his smart and savvy female detective Karen Sisco, Mel D. Amess razor sharp Cathy Carruthers expertly and cleverly out-maneuvres duplicitous crooks and cynical partners to solve complex and nuanced homicides. When originally published thirty years ago, these stories were praised for their originality and quality, as the editor of Mike Shayne stated that Amess serialized female detective stories blend character, story and plot into an entertaining read while Canadas national newspaper the...



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