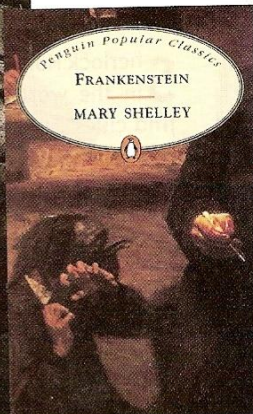


M. for Mystery ... A guided tour.

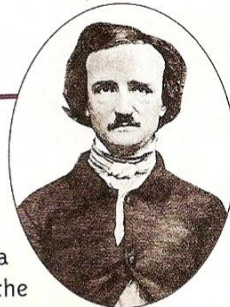


Dr Frankenstein (1818),
by V.M. Shelley
(1797-1851)

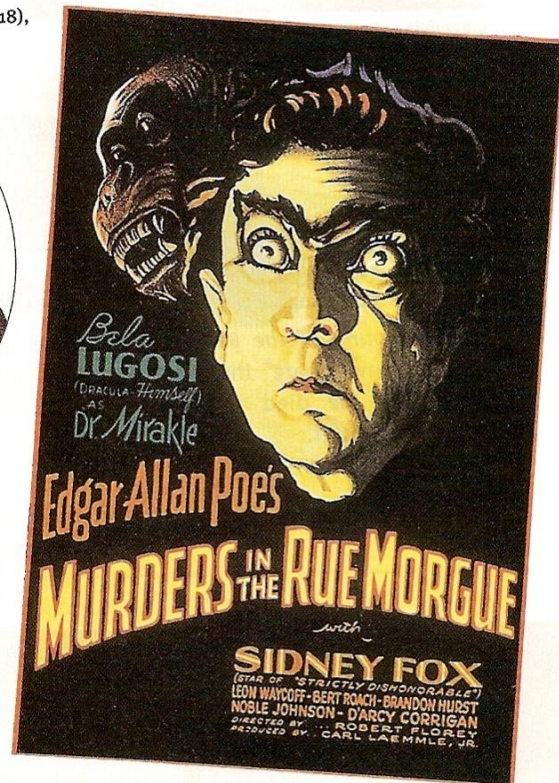
Mary Shelley was only 19 when she started writing *Dr. Frankenstein*. Victor Frankenstein, a scientist, creates a monster with pieces of human bodies. But the monster persecutes its creator: he kills Frankenstein's brother and his best friend.

Murders in the Rue Morgue is the first detective story. It mixes suspense with terror. In a room locked on the inside, the police find the body of a young woman. How did the murderer escape? Auguste Dupin, a young, brilliant and eccentric gentleman will solve* this mystery.

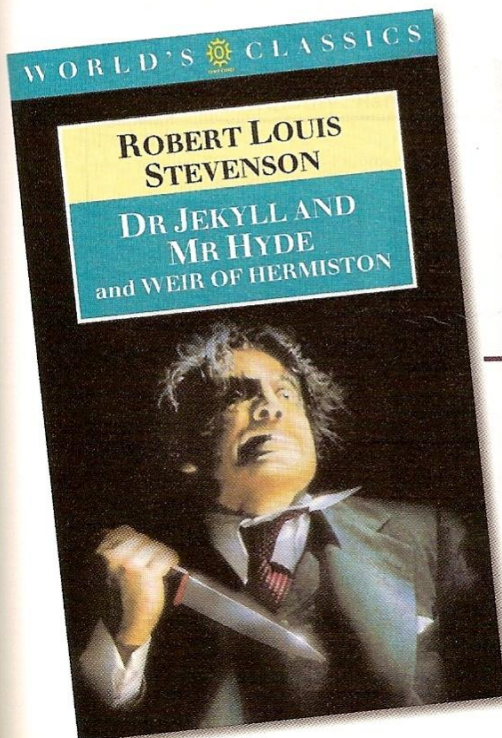
*solve : résoudre



E.A. Poe



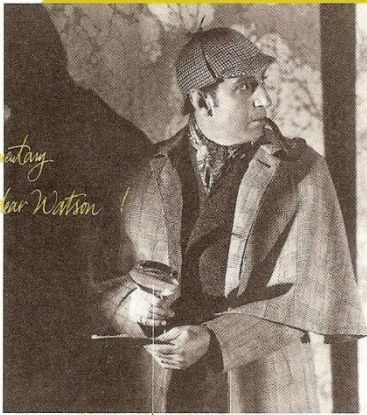
Murders in the Rue Morgue (1841),
by E.A. Poe (1809-1849)



Stevenson wrote *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* in only three days. A scientist, Doctor Jekyll, is looking for the chemical formula for immortality. He tests the potion on himself but he is transformed into a murderous monster, Mr Hyde. Jekyll cannot find the antidote, so he can only kill the monster by killing himself.

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1886),
by R.L. Stevenson (1850-1894)

*Herbert
my dear Watson!*



magnifying glass

Sherlock Holmes is the most legendary detective in the world. He uses a magnifying glass to find clues*, and logic to solve crimes.

* clues : indices

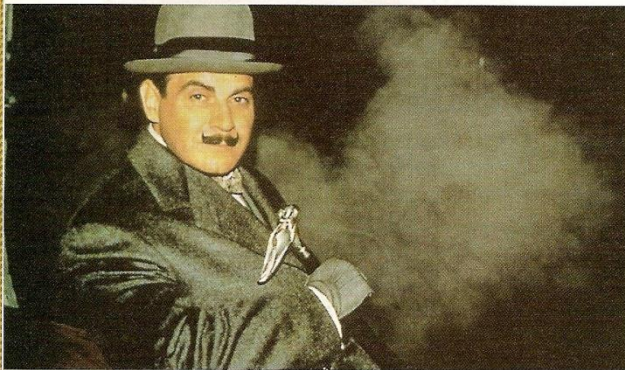
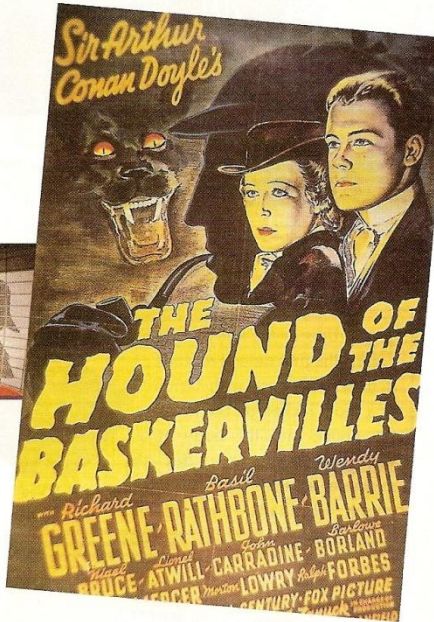


Holmes lived in Baker Street, London

In *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, Holmes and Watson investigate* the murder of Sir Charles Baskerville: he died after seeing a strange dog-like monster.

* investigate : enquêter sur

The Hound of the Baskervilles (1902), by A.C. Doyle (1859-1930)



In *Murder on the Orient Express* (1934), Hercule Poirot, a Belgian detective, is travelling on the Orient Express when one of the passengers is killed. The train is stuck* in deep snow, so the killer cannot escape. There are several* suspects, but they all have an alibi. Will Poirot discover the truth?

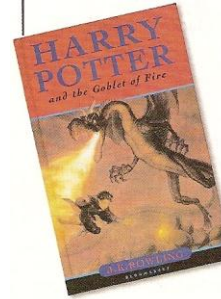
1. stuck : bloqué - 2. several : plusieurs



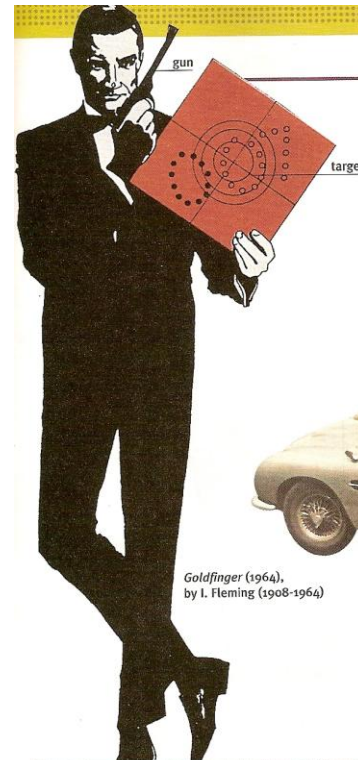
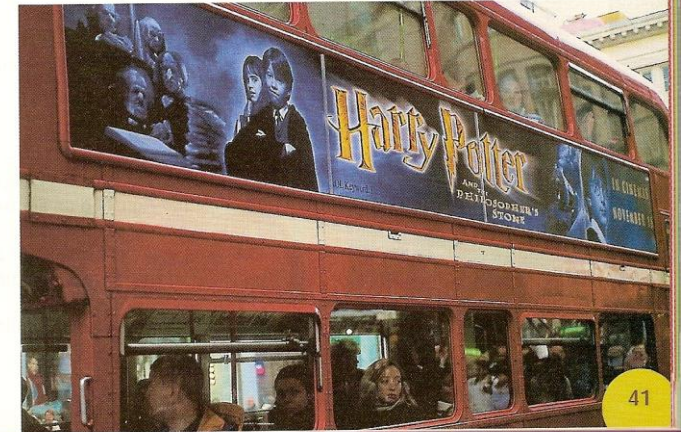
Agatha Christie (1891-1976) wrote over 80 books. She created detective like Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple.

Harry Potter's adventures are for children, but adults love these thrillers too. The plots* are full of mystery, action and humour. Harry Potter is a wizard*, and he goes to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry faces terrible dangers to fight Voldemort, the evil* monster who killed his parents.

1. plot : intrigue, histoire - 2. wizard : sorcier - 3. evil : diabolique



Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2000), by J.K. Rowling (1965-)



James Bond, agent 007, is the most successful action hero of all time. His creator, Ian Fleming, was a secret agent before he became a writer. In his adventures, Bond fights and kills dangerous enemies who want to rule* the world.

* rule : dominer

James Bond likes fast cars, high-tech gadgets and beautiful women



Goldfinger (1964), by I. Fleming (1908-1964)

M. for Mystery ... Understanding the texts.

1)- Look at the texts and images and complete the grid:

Titles	Published In	Author	Born in	Died in	Hero
<i>Dr Frankenstein</i>					Scientist
<i>Murders in the Rue Morgue</i>					Detective
<i>The Strange vase of Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde.</i>					
<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>					
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>					
<i>Goldfinger</i>					
<i>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</i>					

2)- Read the texts again and say if the following sentences are Right or Wrong. Justify your answers by quoting the texts.

- | | R | W |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a- Frankenstein is the name of a monster. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | |
| b- Auguste Dupin is a policeman. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | |
| c- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde are two different people. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | |
| d- Sherlock Holmes is a very logical person. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | |
| e- Agatha Christie created only one detective. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | |
| f- Ian Fleming was an ex secret agent. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | |
| g- Harry Potter has magical powers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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3)- All these books have something in common: Murder. Read the texts and find the words or sentences about murders:

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4)- All these books have something in common: Mystery. Put the books in one of the categories below:

1. A mystery: who is the culprit? How to beat the enemy?	2. A mysterious atmosphere: scientists pushing the limits of human science, or evil forces using magical or supernatural powers.