



Question 3: Elective 2: Crime Fiction

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Crime fiction, ~~was~~ ever since it was developed ~~was~~, has fascinated millions upon millions over the centuries. Although the genre as we know it now ~~does not~~ did not ~~exist~~ ~~farther~~ ~~back~~ exist much further behind than ~~this~~ ~~cent~~ the last century, traces of the genre can be found in writing thousands of years ago in the Vedas in India. The enduring popularity of crime fiction can be linked to the ability of the genre to adapt to the changing nature of human society and their ~~set~~ evolving set of values and morals. As long as humans are able to think and act for themselves,

crime will linger ~~over~~ around us like a bad smell and as long as crimes are committed in this world, the genre of crime fiction will continue to appeal to people ~~all~~ across the globe.

To reinforce my views I will use the following texts. Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson, 'The Big Sleep' by Howard Hawks as my prescribed texts and The Hound of the Baskervilles and 'The tuxedo' as supplementary material. Although these texts are in no particular order, they have been derived from various time periods within the last couple of centuries. That could help me portray the changing nature of crime fiction ~~which~~ must move effectively.

The Hound of the Baskervilles or more importantly Sherlock Holmes is a very well known name when it comes to crime fiction. Written by



girl, a simple crime and other characters thrown in for good measure. The story is quite complex with more than one crime occurring during the course of the movie.

In this movie ~~no~~ guns are used to commit crimes and photos are used as a blackmail tool and unlike the previous text where there is no reference to sex ~~whatsoever~~, sex appeal is a large part of the is evident in the movie.)
Crime fighting techniques are limited to questioning and fighting. "I like that. I'd like more"

Snow Falling on Cedars is not your typical crime fiction text in that the elements that we have come to expect ~~in~~ are not all evident in David Guttersen's work. The whole book is based on the trial of a ~~Pa~~ Japanese man by the name of Kameo Miyamoto and the story is told through the recollections of various characters in the witness box.

The book is laden heavy with new techniques in crime-solving as compared to the previous two. Post mortem, blood type testing, etc are all used in the novel to add more interest in the story. The suspected 'crime' itself may have been simple but the solving of it ~~is~~ seems centuries more advanced as compared to ~~the~~ the previous text. "I'd say he was hit with something blunt. A gun-butt perhaps."

'The tuxedo' is a recent Hollywood block buster and is a very modern form of crime fiction text. Starring Jackie Chan, the story is based on the use of ~~gun~~ bacteria to ~~commit~~ commit crimes and the use of hi-tech gadgets, namely a tuxedo that controlled the nervous system to fight crime.

This movie is typical of the modern Hollywood movies with lots of special effects and explosions and sex appeal. Gadgets are very common in the movie and include



a remote controlled ~~as~~ skateboard bomb,
a watch which controlled your nervous
system, and etc. "The bacteria causes dehydra-
tion which makes you want water. Our water.
~~Give~~ He He He. We're going to be rich!"

Crime fiction as a genre owes most of
its success to ~~the~~ its ability to adapt to
the changing society. Its ability to evolve
with the way in which we view things.
It would ~~no~~ be nowhere as successful if
it remained the same as it was a few
centuries back. No longer is it enough for
us to read about someone being murdered
and the murderer is caught because the
knife used to ~~commit~~ commit the murder was
found under his pillow.

As ~~society~~ society changes and as
technology advances, we want new
things for us to think about, such as



The possibility of death to millions by a simple virus, etc, not getting stabbed or poisoned. It is in our nature to want more and more and everytime something new comes around humans like its our values and morals change so does the face of crime fiction so it is still very popular among us.