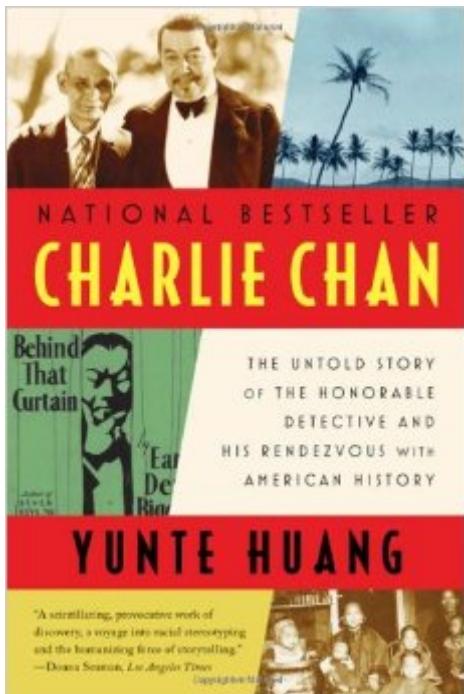


The book was found

Charlie Chan: The Untold Story Of The Honorable Detective And His Rendezvous With American History



Synopsis

Winner of the 2011 Edgar Award for Best Critical/Biographical Book and Shortlisted for the 2010 National Book Critics Circle Award in Biography: "An ingenious and absorbing bookâ It will permanently change the way we tell this troubled yet gripping story." â Jonathan Spence Hailed as â œirrepressibly spirited and entertainingâ • (Pico Iyer, *Time*) and â œa fascinating cultural surveyâ • (Paul Devlin, *Daily Beast*), this provocative first biography of Charlie Chan presents American history in a way that it has never been told before. Yunte Huang ingeniously traces Charlie Chan from his real beginnings as a bullwhip-wielding detective in territorial Hawaii to his reinvention as a literary sleuth and Hollywood film icon. Huang finally resurrects the â œhonorable detectiveâ • from the graveyard of detested postmodern symbols and reclaims him as the embodiment of Americaâ ™s rich cultural diversity. The result is one of the most critically acclaimed books of the year and a â œdeeply personal . . . voyage into racial stereotyping and the humanizing force of story tellingâ • (Donna Seaman, *Los Angeles Times*). 35 black-and-white illustrations

Book Information

Paperback: 384 pages

Publisher: W. W. Norton & Company; Reprint edition (August 15, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0393340392

ISBN-13: 978-0393340396

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.9 x 8.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 10.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (79 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #637,068 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #124 inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Genres & Styles > Mystery & Detective #126 inÂ Books > Mystery, Thriller & Suspense > Mystery > Reference #341 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Specific Demographics > Asian American Studies

Customer Reviews

Sherlock Holmes, Sam Spade, Lord Peter Wimsey, and Hercule Poirot are among the most famous of literary characters. They may have had their eccentricities, but being of an exotic or foreign racial extraction was not among them. It's different for another famous shamus, Charlie Chan; I know detective fiction fans might be able to think of some other non-white gumshoe, but he's the only one who comes to my mind. Chan did all the detective work those other sleuths did but in an honorable

and modest way that was quite different, and all the while he mouthed amusing aphorisms that would have fit well inside a fortune cookie ("The wise elephant does not seek to ape the butterfly."). It says something that while none of those other detectives is at all controversial, Charlie Chan has at times been at the center of controversy, racial controversy. Chan's controversies, his origins, his portrayals in film, and his continuing appeal are the themes within *Charlie Chan: The Untold Story of the Honorable Detective and His Rendezvous with American History* (Norton) by Yunte Huang. Huang is from China, but is an American citizen and professor of English. In his graduate student days, he came upon Charlie Chan books at a garage sale and became a fan. He has turned his literary skills, as well as big dollops of history, onto the Chan case, and obviously enjoys letting us know about the often surprising facts he has uncovered. His book is a cheerful and insightful appreciation that will help anyone more deeply understand Chan's illustrious career. Chan was the brainchild of Earl Derr Biggers, who grew up in Ohio and in 1925 wrote *The House Without a Key*, the book in which Charlie Chan first appeared.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Charlie Chan: The Untold Story of the Honorable Detective and His Rendezvous with American History
The Charlie Chan Film Encyclopedia Charlie Chan's Words of Wisdom
DETECTIVE COMICS (BATMAN) COLLECTOR'S GUIDE VOL. 2: THE SILVER AGE: Every Cover Of DC Comic's DETECTIVE COMICS 1956-1970 (DETECTIVE COMICS COLLECTOR'S GUIDES)
Charlie y la fabrica de chocolate (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) (Alfaguara) (Spanish Edition)
Temerarios forajidos de destino (Charlie Small 4) (Inauditas Aventuras de Charlie Small) (Spanish Edition)
Honorable Bandit: A Walk across Corsica Rendezvous with ADA: Programmers
Introduction Superior Rendezvous-Place: Fort William in the Canadian Fur Trade American History:
The People & Events that Changed American History (People's History, American, United States of America, American Revolution, Patriot, United States History Book 1)
Charlie Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story of How the Wildest Man in Congress and a Rogue CIA Agent Changed the History
Sportista: Female Fandom in the United States (Politics History & Social Chan)
Precious and Grace: No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (17) (No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series)
DETECTIVE COMICS (BATMAN) COLLECTOR'S GUIDE VOL. 1: THE GOLDEN AGE: Every Cover 1937-1955 Including BATMAN'S First Appearance (DETECTIVE COMICS COLLECTOR'S GUIDES)
Pure Pulp: TRUE DETECTIVE MYSTERIES VOL. 1: TWO COMPLETE ORIGINAL PULP MAGAZINE ISSUES FROM THE 1926 & 1930 - OVER 240 PAGES OF STORIES OF DETECTIVE MYSTERIES ... (PURE PULP - COMPLETE ORIGINAL MAGAZINES)
The Devotion of Suspect X: A Detective Galileo Novel (Detective Galileo Series Book 1)
The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine:

No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (16) (No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series) GIRL JACKED: Detective Jack Stratton Mystery Series (Detective Jack Stratton Mystery Thriller Series Book 1) The Detective's Secret (The Detective's Daughter) Detective Jack Stratton Mystery Thriller Series: JACK KNIFED (Detective Jack Stratton Mystery-Thriller Series Book 2)

[Dmca](#)