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Abstract

This thesis undertakes to show the way in which texts of the genre of detective fiction can encourage a feminist attitude in their readers. It insists that the hard-boiled genre is incompatible with feminism because of its inherent misogyny, there are a number who have argued the contrary. This thesis is not so much concerned with proving the compatibility of feminism with the hard-boiled genre, as it is with showing, through specific strategies of particular texts, that hard-boiled texts by their very nature allow a feminist sensibility in their readers but even encourage it. The framework for the study is provided by Wolfgang Iser's theory of the reader which explains how literary work is produced by the interaction of the text and the reader. This study examines several particular strategies used in hard-boiled texts to determine the response of their readers. The first strategy is the use of those elements of structure inherent in it. The second is the use of narrative techniques to guide the readers' response. The third strategy is the differentiation of the characters in the text for the consideration of readers. Finally, there is a direct discussion in the texts of issues important to feminists.

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