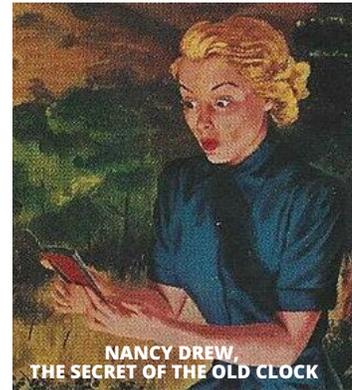
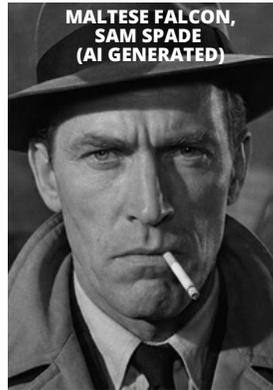
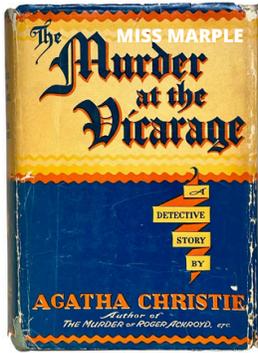


THE 2026 PUBLIC DOMAIN YEARBOOK: WHAT'S NEXT FOR 1930S CHARACTERS



THE CLASS OF 2026

This year, we celebrate the graduation of characters whose works were first published in 1930 and will now enter the public domain on January 1, 2026. Below are highlights of the 2026 public domain graduating class.



EVOLVING CHARACTER CLUB

As culture and creativity evolved through the 1930s and beyond, so did the characters in this year's public domain graduating class. Below are some examples of the characters' growth over the years and the many creative works they have starred in. As these incarnations mature, they too will join the public domain.



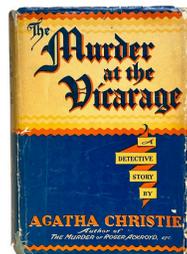
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Betty Boop, Dizzy Dishes



1932

Betty Boop, Human Flapper



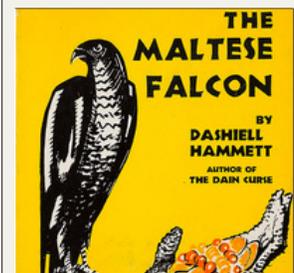
1930

Miss Marple, Agatha Christie



2004

Miss Marple, PBS



1930

Maltese Falcon, Novel



1941

Humphrey Bogart