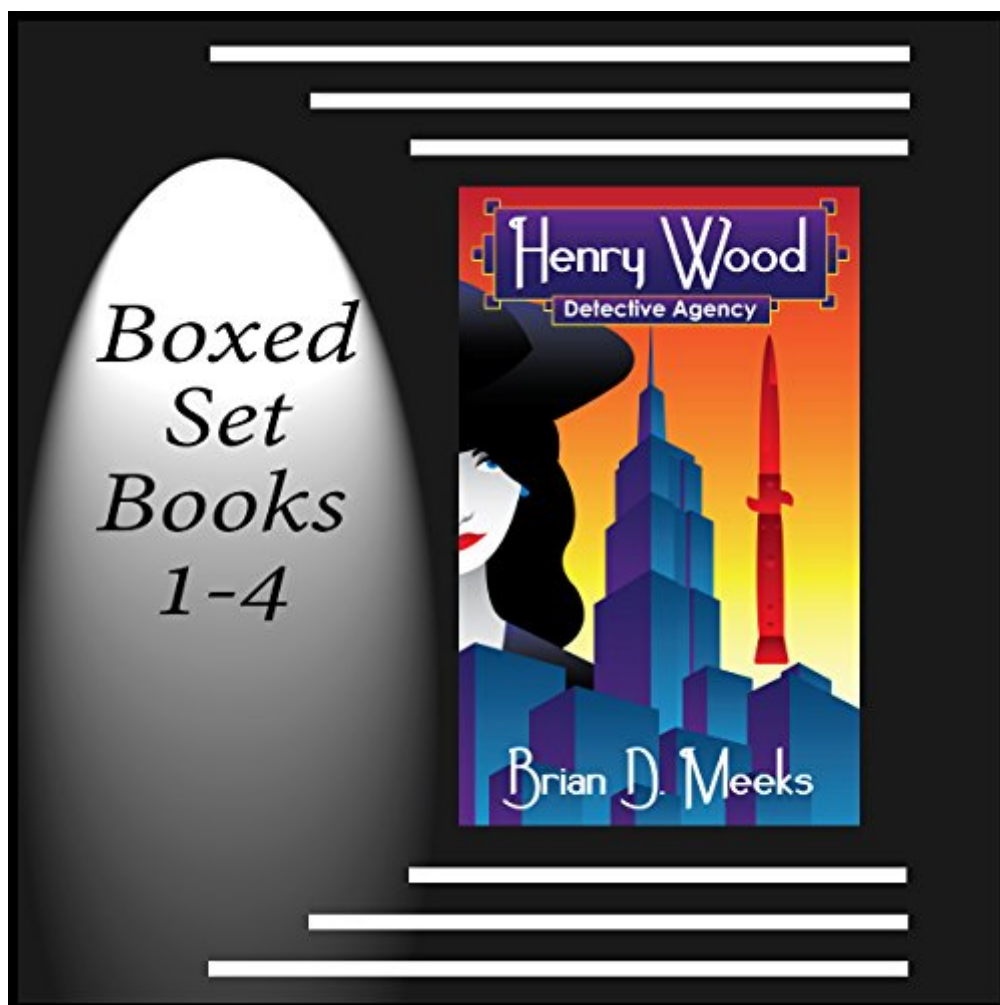


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# Henry Wood Detective: Boxed Set (Books 1 - 4)



## Synopsis

Henry Wood Detective Agency Jan 1, 1955 Henry Wood is suffering greatly from a festive night of saying goodbye to 1954. His world is one of black and white, right and wrong, but his life is about to change and there will forever be shades of grey. An average detective, with a passion for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Henry is about to be hired by a beautiful woman, to find her father and his journal. It seems simple enough, but when a second woman appears, wanting his services, to find the same journal, he suspects he might be in over his head. He's right. They are the least of his problems. The local mafia boss, Tommy 'The Knife', wants the journal too. As long as it is missing, he is vulnerable, and the other bosses smell blood in the water. Who can Henry trust? Henry has a mysterious benefactor that he has never met, but seems to have his best interest at heart. Will Henry take the help that is offered? Does he have a choice? If you enjoy mystery crime novels, then Henry Wood Detective Agency is for you.

**Henry Wood: Time and Again** The second book in the Henry Wood Detective Series. Fans of Dashiell Hammett, who long for days of Bogart and Beccall, will appreciate Henry Wood's sleuthing. 1955, Manhattan, and Henry has just gotten the call. Mickey is dead. His long time mentor and friend, run down outside their favorite bar, The Dublin Rogue. It looks like a simple hit and run, but keen eyes notice there is only one empty parking spot on the street, and the pile of cigarette butts in the gutter tells a different tale. Somebody was waiting, but who? A novel in black and white, it harkens back to the days before Google, cell phones, and computer data bases. Henry must use cunning to uncover the truth, because everyone connected to the case has an agenda. There is much sleuthing and just the slightest hint of science fiction hiding in the closet of Henry's basement. All of it, though, is there to give him a chance to uncover the answers. Take a journey back in time and see Manhattan as it was when the Yankees always seemed to win, and Brooklyn had Ebbets Field and the Dodgers. There is history, intrigue and hints at romance that will keep you turning page after page until it is time to flip off the light. If you like a mystery, then Time & Again is for you.

**Henry Wood: Perception** The third book in the Henry Wood Detective Series continues its genre busting mysteries with Perception. Fans of Sam Spade will enjoy Henry Wood, who is cut from the same cloth. As spring winds down there is only one thing on Henry's mind...baseball. Opening day, 1955, is just around the corner and foremost in Henry's thoughts. He just wants to watch his beloved Brooklyn Dodgers and relax. Is that too much to ask? The CIA, KGB, and a cabal of businessmen have their own agenda, and soon Henry stumbles into their world when he agrees to look into the open and shut case of suicide by Daniel Kupton. If you like a mystery, then Perception is for you.

**Henry Wood: Edge of Understanding** Book four in the Henry Wood Detective series Edge of Understanding continues the Henry Wood series'

genre-busting mysteries. Those who enjoy a shadowy criminal antagonist along the lines of Sherlock Holmes' nemesis Moriarty will like the Enclave. 1955 has been a good year for Henry, now, someone wants to ruin it for him. A recent series of murders all appear to have connections to Henry, and it's more than just a coincidence. Is there a new serial killer in the Big Apple? Is someone trying to set Henry up? Henry doesn't have time to worry about them, though, he's on another case. Or so he thought when he agreed to look into Mrs. Palmeroy's fears her husband may be planning a murder of his own. Invited to spend the weekend at the Palmeroy's Henry soon learns that his client has brought him there under false pretenses. Lies become truths in this tangled web of a mystery. Readers who like their mysteries with lots of twists

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## Customer Reviews

This is a fun read. It has enough of a pulp feel to have been penned in the time period it takes place. I read book 1 am starting book 2. I don't know if the characters remain the same. I said the characters are one dimensional but in this genre subtle character development is not needed. As for the basement door, this is just plain weird and I get a kick out of it. Here is what brought me to 3 stars, one line. The narrator says this one bad guy is involved in money laundering and racketeering. The term racketeering was around in the 50's maybe, but money laundering did not

exist. Better to have said into various rackets and tax evasion. The protagonist Henry, is a likable honorable guy. Henry went to college but what did he study and where? Up date I read the remaining books. They get better as the characters are interacting in interesting ways. The author emailed me about money laundering. I often think about these books because in my office my new cases are assigned when a new file "magically" appears and I don't know when, how, or why I get that particular case. The other day I commented aloud, now I know how Henry Wood felt. No one had any idea what I was talking about.

Finished the second installment and aside from some editing mishaps and the confusing secret closet, I enjoyed reading the books. I would like to see Henry's passion with women but that was almost an afterthought by the writer. The second book kept bringing images of "The Maltese Falcon" and wonder if that was intended.

I liked this set of books very much, I came to love the characters and Henry's secret closet was a twist I wasn't expecting. I would recommend these to any mystery lovers out there. I'm hoping the author will write more adventures for Henry and his group of friends. The cat in the office was a perfect touch. The character of Bobby was also a joy and mystery in itself, just who is this guy?

As much as I wanted to like these books, I just couldn't find the enjoyment. The main character seemed wooden, the supporting characters fairly predictable. The author teases you with hints of back stories with characters like Big Mike and Bobby, but nothing comes of it. Adding scores of other minor characters does not make for that great a story either and can be a bit confusing. And I still don't get the whole "magic closet" bit: are these things from the future hints? cruel jokes? They fail to intrigue. Hopefully in future books more will be revealed, but I kind of doubt it.

I thoroughly enjoyed all four books - couldn't put them down. The characters are likable and the plots engaging, and also enjoyed the historical references to 1955, and the the mysterious clues left for Henry in his basement. The fourth book had me on the edge of my seat and left me wanting to read more Henry Wood.

My biggest complaint is the lack of a good copy-editing: "to" instead of "too," "cob web" instead of cobweb," and so on. There were also a few slip-ups in language for 1955: "Gone missing" wasn't in use in 1955, when the story takes place, so a character wouldn't have used it. (I hate the phrase, so

I noticed.) Grammatical and spelling mistakes knock me out of story's "world," so I couldn't give this collection 5 stars. The four stories in this collection do connect to each other and stories often refer to earlier episodes, so a collection like this is great. I assume there are more stories on the way, because some facets of the stories have not yet been explained. I look forward to them.

The first books were a little slow, but then I got attached to the characters and wanted to see how the books concluded. The items from the "closet" seems a bit hokey. I just basically paid no attention to this story line. It wasn't explained and really didn't seem necessary.

Brian Meeks introduces us to Henry Wood an old fashioned gumshoe in a noir setting that brings to mind Philip Marlowe in the big Sleep. Meeks' skillful writing style and great character development brings his cast of characters to life. I gave this compilation of titles 5 stars. Meeks creates Mysteries with suspense, intriguing twists, great plots and a touch of sci-fi. The dialogue carries the story in a way that sweeps the reader to the very end. The boxed set includes: Henry Wood Detective Agency Henry Wood: Time and Again Henry Wood: Perception Henry Wood: Edge of Understanding! really enjoyed this series, I was hooked from page one! I felt immersed in the setting as if seeing a movie in my mind. I loved the characters and can't wait to see how they come together in the next installment!

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