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Relates seven cases in which the Hardy brothers use police technology to track down criminals. Details of these techniques and procedures are given in the last five chapters.

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Jack says

Ate these up as a kid and usually got them as gifts for birthdays, Christmas and other events. This edition would be quite dated now and I believe they have updated the books. The author was a pseudonym for a plethora of writers who contributed to this series.

Onysha says

This is way more technical than the Nancy Drew counterpart. What is going on, Grosset & Dunlap?

I like the in-depth chapters on surveillance, fingerprinting, and the judicial system. They are quite informative but technical and dry. You should be able to find better, more readable articles about them on the Internet or something. The funny thing is that there are chapters on criminal slang and drugs. So if some kids were able to fluently purchase illegal drugs after reading this I wouldn't be surprised. The information might be out-of-date though. Plus, the modus operandi the author describes might be out-of-date, too, as this was written before the Godsent computer.

The stories demonstrating the crime-busting are pretty bad. The author simply loves to tell us how amazing the Hardy Boys are. I mean, someone has to look at them in admiration almost every chapter. Otherwise, the author goes like, "Yoohoo, audience, this is Joe and he's one of the amazing, manly Hardy Boys. He's one of the fastest people on the track team. Whoooshh, there he goes again! Like a high-speed bullet! OMG OMG!" If an author has to keep reminding us how awesome his characters are like this, I get grumpy. Author, pls.

Besides that, the author's writing is boring and flat. What happened to "show, not tell?" Sometimes, he even goes into passive voice. Yoohoo, this is not an essay. And adverbs! Flee for thine precious lives!

I have never read The Hardy Boys series before. This is probably why I think them calling their crime-busting kits names like "The Hardy Plaster Cast Kit" very dumb. What is with "The Hardy?" Are their kits special or something? Do they have more functions than "The Average Plaster Cast Kit?"

As you can see from the other reviews, established fans of the Hardy Boys will love this. I don't love it very much, because I haven't read the series. But who am I kidding? I don't love very much.

Liz Mcrae says

Read the whole series through mid 1960's publishings.

J. Scott says

This is the book that was responsible for me getting in trouble for pulverizing blackboard chalk to make fingerprint powder. I read and re-read it all through my pre-teen years, and I blame it directly for my brief obsession with "CSI" and the related TV shows.

Theresa says

additional resource book to the original hardy boy mystery series

Drew Raley says

Learn how to tail a criminal through city streets! Learn the slang to go undercover into the "hep" drug subculture! Learn how to defeat the criminal element in your town! Make no mistake: taking any of the information of this book out into the real world will most assuredly get you killed. However, this is a terrific snapshot of a time when Glad Bags were called "glassine" bags, and the drugs you put into them were called "scag," "nose candy," and "stuff." Wonderful artifacts from the boys' adventure genre.

Chuck White says

Great book, brought back fond memories and is still relevant. If only kids today still read books.

Aaron DeMott says

I spent most of my childhood looking for this book after I'd read the rest of the series. My Dad didn't have it in his collection, and none of the libraries around had it either, it sat in the list at the back of each book taunting me.

I finally found it at a book shop last year. I just have to find time to read it now...

Hanne T says

this was so much more cheesy detective-y than usual (which = A LOT bc it's usually very cheesy detective-y) but it was a cool read and taught a lot

Ethan Hulbert says

I have the version published in '59 with the help of D.A. Spina, an ex-cop who, after this book was published, was caught up in a corruption scandal in New Jersey. That's why the re-published next edition of the book has a different guy consulting instead.

This is a fun book on crime solving that is hopelessly, hilariously out of date today, which is really where a lot of the fun comes from. If a criminal catches you using the slang defined in this book, you might just kill them with laughter.

Jessica says

As a child, I loved the Hardy Boys series. I remember that when I saw this Detective handbook on the bookstore shelf, I was so excited. I read and reread this book so many times. It was so exciting for a young child to learn about fingerprinting and taking shoe prints. This book is really such an exciting and wholesome book for anyone who is starting to read on their own or who loves to read mysteries.

Cyd says

Alas, having finished all 58 of the Hardy Boys books (original series, 1920s-1950s, re-edited 1960s-1970s), this is all that's left. Fun mixture of mini-adventures plus detective how-to.

I'll miss you, Frank and Joe. Thanks for all the great adventures and mysteries!

Anna says

BAHAHAHAHAHAHA, what a gem.

June Jacobs says

This is a fun book for readers of all ages!

The first few chapters are fictional accounts of police cases in which the Hardy Boys assisted their father. The final few chapters are non-fiction about police and detective procedures such as fingerprinting, surveillance, and evidence collection.

Borrowed through the public library's interlibrary loan system.

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Scott says

One of my favorite books from childhood. It would be cool if they could update this with current forensic science for a YA audience. I read the 1972 edition. I just discovered the original was 1959. It would be interesting to compare the two editions.
