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Although strong and relentless, Batman has no super powers. Instead he relies on Sherlock Holmes-like abilities of deduction and detection. Forensic Files of Batman features two dozen entries from Batman's Case Files. Most are written by Batman himself, but two are from Police Commissioner Gordon, and there are a couple of other entries from Batman's right hand man, Alfred the butler. Cases range from the puzzling to the bizarre, and feature such classic Batman villains as The Joker, Catwoman, Poison Ivy, and Two-Face. Interspersed among the Case File reports are sidebars that explain the specific kinds of forensic science that Batman uses to solve his cases.

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bluetyson says

The Forensic Files of Batman by Doug Moench (2005)

C.O. Bonham says

This book is really a collection of Batman short stories interspersed with shorter educational pieces about the Forensic Sciences. The educational pieces added much needed depth to the quickly paced stories and being written in the same voice as the stories they intergrated well and did not detract from the overall narrative. Not to say that a common plot runs throughout but the stories do contain continuity thus making the stories if not actually interlinking at least related. This book would be a good fit for anyone who is curious about forensic science but not actually motivated enough to jump right into a technical non-fiction book on the subject.

Jacobi says

I teetered between giving this 3 or 4 stars, but I settled on 3. While I definitely enjoyed this book, it took me a while to get through because it can be dry and clinical at times.

That said, this book is pretty damn cool. The Forensic Files of Batman is written in the guise of being a journal kept by Batman and Alfred that documents what they learn in Batman's early years of operation -- for whatever purpose that could serve in the future. This book could have easily been corny as hell, but Moench did an excellent job here. He balances out the more Sherlockian elements of Batman's skills of deduction with hard factual references to criminology procedures and detective work. In that way the book has educational elements, as it takes detours to explain the FBIs use of body farms, just exactly how it is fingerprinting works, and the history of autopsies to name just a few topics that naturally arise in the telling of cases Batman is working in the book.

Moench also has the voices of the main players down. His Batman is cold, distant, and calculating. His Alfred is charming, witty, wry, and intelligent. And his Gordon is good, honest, and kind of frustrated all the time.

The Forensic Files is definitely worth reading for Bat-dorks (like myself), or for any fans who want a bit more Detective in their Batman fiction.

William says

I have come to not expect much out of novels based on comic book characters, but this may be the exception to the rule. The author deftly displays both the dark detective's physical prowess with his superior

intelligence and intuition. While it is not a complete novel, and is instead broken up into "cases" (read short fiction), the author introduces us to the many aspects of forensic science through Batman's eyes. Mixed in with the four page chapters where Batman/Bruce Wayne explains things like GSR, rigor mortis, and entomology, are some well written action pieces in which the Bat gets to show us his knowledge of criminology while putting the boots to some of his most dangerous enemies. Perfect read for fans of Batman and the hit TV show, CSI.

Brit says

While I thoroughly enjoyed the case files in this book, which were packed with evidence of Batman's detective skills, the diary entries were incredibly informative. It was more like reading a forensic textbook than a regular book, which is great, because learning is awesome! However, it made the read somewhat slow and tedious at times. Very good, but dense on information when I was expecting less technical information and more Batman being a kickass detective.

Mike says

Picked it up from the library on sale for \$2...I can't pass up stuff like that.

Interesting novelization of classic Batman vs. (insert villain name) stories. Each chapter is either a diary entry from Bruce Wayne's logging of his crime-fighting encounters or a synopsis of his training to become a crime fighter and what the different forensic techniques are that he will need to use in solving crimes and catching the bad guys.

UPDATE: Not too shabby. Although it lacked in interesting wordplay or sublime prose, it was a novelization of Batman for pete's sake. Easy to pick up and easy to put down. Will look nice on my shelf with the Hellboy short stories.

Vicki-shawn says

THE FORENSIC FILES OF BATMAN: THE WORLDS GREATEST DETECTIVE, was an awesome read for me, it was like CSI minus all the corny hollywood bullshit, and made up nonsense, in fact other than the fictional characters all of the forensic information contained within is legitimate. Now the one thing that is most likely to drive the average reader away from this one is that a great deal of the novel reads like a text book, but for those that like to learn new complex information in dry no sugar added text book style this book is a delight. Now even though I say it is mainly dry info, Mr. Moench being a superb Bat writer does a great job of adding in elements that further pull you into the psyche of the budding Batman and his early universe. I think one of my favorite parts was the interview with Joker, I just wish it was longer, and that there were more similar elements in the book but all around it was a great read.

Lora says

This book was great. It gives great basic forensic background and keeps our favorite criminal detective and his butler in character while also providing us a look into how Bruce studied to be the the Criminalist he is as Batman.

The book is designed as short stories focusing on one or more specific aspects of forensics. This also makes it easy to pick up the book and re-read favorite stories or see how the book treated a particular aspect of forensics.

Nicole says

It's very technical and probably was not meant to be in the young adult fiction section of the library. But it has some good mystery story lines in it.

Lisa says

Although I appreciate the Batman character, I am not a fan of reading books based upon his escapades. However, my brother suggested this book because of my interest in science and forensics and it was a good suggestion. Most of the excerpts are short and explain in detail the science and utilization of various forensic tools and procedures. The author did a great job in research and the writing is intelligent and informative.

Gavin Yee says

Is pretty good is like reading sherlock holmes! but with batman! ... if anything the movies really under play is the fact that batman is known as the world's greatest detective... and this book really gives you an idea of how he is.

Mr.Jamie says

Not that Moench doesn't know how to write Batman, he was fine. The novel just didn't grip and entertain the way the Gaped Crusader's comical do. There were too many dry spots in this one.

2.75/ 5 Stars

Sam says

Basically a forensic detective textbook, made entertaining by being told through the eyes of The Batman. It is not a comic book, but a series of journal entries relating cases Batman's solved and the

scientific/psychological methods he used to solve them. Some chapters have familiar villians in them, and some are strictly informative.

Amanda says

LAME.

Seriously. The prose is juvenile, the characters are flat(and really, you have so much to work with!), and the forensic facts aren't even that cool. It's more like someone's forensics for dummies threw up on the pages and attached "Batman" at the top.

They also used the word "Murdicide." I could rant some more, but it's not worth it to expend the energy. Although it would give me something to do....

Brian says

Fun and informative (at least to forensic novices such as myself)
