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Jon L. Breen : Hair of the Sleuthhound: Parodies of Mystery Fiction before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hair of the Sleuthhound: Parodies of Mystery Fiction:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Unmemorable ParodiesBy Kevin KillianJon L Breen has written a book filled with parodies of Golden Age and later detective and thriller fiction writers, and it's sort of humorous I guess. It probably really depends on how much you like this sort of thing, loving homages to his favorite writers. The ones on S S VanDine ad Ellery Queen are okay, though nothing special, and here I had hoped for something spectacular, having read online that reading Breen's "The Lithuanian Eraser Mystery" had all the intellectual and artistic excitement of reading an actual Ellery Queen book. Not so unfortunately. Indeed I wonder who would ever say such a thing except perhaps a man who owed Breen a big favor.My problem starts with the title. I'm dumb, I don't understand, what does it mean, "Hair of the SleuthHound"? It isn't immediately obvious. It never comes across. Some of the writing is clever, some seems like he had a few good lines in each story, the rest is padding.What I like is the fanboy look of the book, from the early days of word processing you can tell. It's composed in Courier so it looks like someone typed it up, spread glue on the pages, and mocke it up himself.Another appealing aspect is that some of the authors parodied, wrote Breen back some letters of thanks or appreciation or merely acknowledgement. Ed McBain's in a nice one. In fact Breen's parody of McBain is one of the book's better pieces. Ditto with John MacDonald, though he doesn't seem very thrilled with "Green Gravy for the Blush," which IS pretty stupid.And some must have just been friends of Breen since their writing was undistinctive to begin with--Michael Avallone? Isaac Asimov? Edward D. Hoch? I know each of these authors has his partisans, but for me they turned what could have

been a fun book into a dreary trek through hack land. Breen has gone on to write some interesting novels in his own right. Wonder if he still does parodies and has written any since those collected in the mysterious HAIR OF THE SLEUTHHOUND.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Clever parodiesBy S. L. OREILLYI got this book mainly for the John D. MacDonald spoof, Green Gravy for the Blush. It was more than worth the price of the book, really spot-on. I especially enjoyed the comments by MacDonald at the end of the story. For readers who aren't familiar with the writers being parodied, the stories might not be as enjoyable, but certainly those who are familiar would be pleased with this book.

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