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### Description:

Sam Spade, Dashiell Hammett's archetypally tough San Francisco detective, is more *noir* than and more vulnerable than Raymond Chandler's Marlowe. In *The Maltese Falcon*, the best known of Hammett's Sam Spade novels (including and ), Spade is tough enough to bluff the toughest thugs and hold off the police, risking his reputation when a beautiful woman begs for his help, while knowing that betrayal may deal him a new hand in the next moment.

Spade's partner is murdered on a stakeout; the cops blame him for the killing; a beautiful redhead with a heartbreaking story appears and disappears; grotesque villains demand a payoff he can't provide; and everyone wants a fabulously valuable gold statuette of a falcon, created as tribute for the Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV. Who has it? And what will it take to get it back? Spade's solution is as complicated as the motives of the seekers assembled in his hotel room, but the truth can be a cold comfort indeed.

Spade is bigger (and blonder) in the book than in the , and his Mephistophelean countenance is by turns seductive and volcanic. Sam knows how to fight, whom to call, how to rifle drawers and secrets without leaving a trace, and just the right way to call a woman "Angel" and convince her that she is. He is the quintessence of intelligent cool, with a wise guy's perfect pitch. If you only know the movie, read the book. If you're riveted by or wonder where Robert B. Parker's Spenser gets his comebacks, read the master. --*Barbara Schlieper* --This text refers to the edition.

**Review** "Dashiell Hammett . . . is a master of the detective novel, yes, but also one hell of a writer."  
--*The Boston Globe*

"**The Maltese Falcon** is not only probably the best detective story we have ever read, it is an exceedingly well written novel." --*The Times Literary Supplement* (London)

"Hammett's prose [is] clean and entirely unique. His characters [are] as sharply and economically defined as any in American fiction." --*The New York Times*  
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