

The June 1936 issue of SPICY ADVENTURE STORIES features "Eel Trap" by Justin Case. Case, one of the more prolific spicy scribes, actually was a pseudonym for pulp author Hugh B. Cave. The story is one featuring Cave's spicy series character, The Eel, who also appeared in SPICY DETECTIVE STORIES. Most of The Eel stories were written first person and in them, Cave paid homage to the style of Damon Runyon. A collection of three of The Eel stories was printed in chapbook format in 1987 by Winds Of The World Press. The issue also contains "Desert Blood" by Sam Walser, which was Robert E. Howard's second contribution to SPICY ADVENTURE STORIES. In the early 1940's, the SPICY titles reprinted freely from earlier issues, changing story titles and bylines. Pulp historian Glenn Lord has undertaken a massive effort to identify these reprinted stories. In this instance, "Desert Blood" was later reprinted in the September 1942 issue as "Revenge By Proxy" by William Decatur.