

The bondage theme, while pretty prevalent on the covers of SPICY WESTERN STORIES and SPICY MYSTERY STORIES, makes a fairly rare appearance on the cover of SPICY DETECTIVE STORIES with the January 1938 issue. Inside, among the usual array of enlightening fiction, lurked Doc Savage author William G. Bogart under his Russell Hale pseudonym, while Robert Leslie Bellem was present with no less than four stories. The Bellem tale which appeared under his own name, "Dark Star of Death", featured none other than spicy pulpdom's longest running hero, Dan Turner. "Dark Star of Death" would later be reprinted in DAN TURNER HOLLYWOOD DETECTIVE, a trade paperback collection of seven of Turner's lurid adventures published in 1983 by Bowling Green State University Popular Press, edited by John Wooley.