

The first newsstand issue of SPICY MYSTERY STORIES was dated June 1935, making it the third spicy title to appear, following SPICY DETECTIVE STORIES and SPICY ADVENTURE STORIES. The June 1935 issue, however, like the first newsstand issue of SPICY ADVENTURE STORIES, was numbered volume 1, number 2, and for years pulp fans believed that there were no volume 1, number 1 issues of either magazine. These missing issues--dated July 1934--finally surfaced in the 1980's among the Library of Congress records, but they were merely ashcan issues, filed to protect the title.