

'Thin Man' Author Dies in New York

New York - (UPI)—Dashiell Hammett, 66, creator of the "Thin Man" and other detective characters, died at Lenox Hill Hospital Tuesday.

Hammett, born Samuel Dashiell Hammett May 27, 1894, began his career as a detective story writer in 1922. Prior to that he traveled about the country working as messenger boy, stevedore, and advertising man.

At one point in his career he worked as a private detective and drew from this experience to write his highly successful stories of tough-guy sleuths.

The veteran of both world wars wrote "The Thin Man" in 1934. It became the basis of a series of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movies starring William Powell and Myrna Loy as Nick and Nora Charles. In recent years, "The Thin Man" was a television series.

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