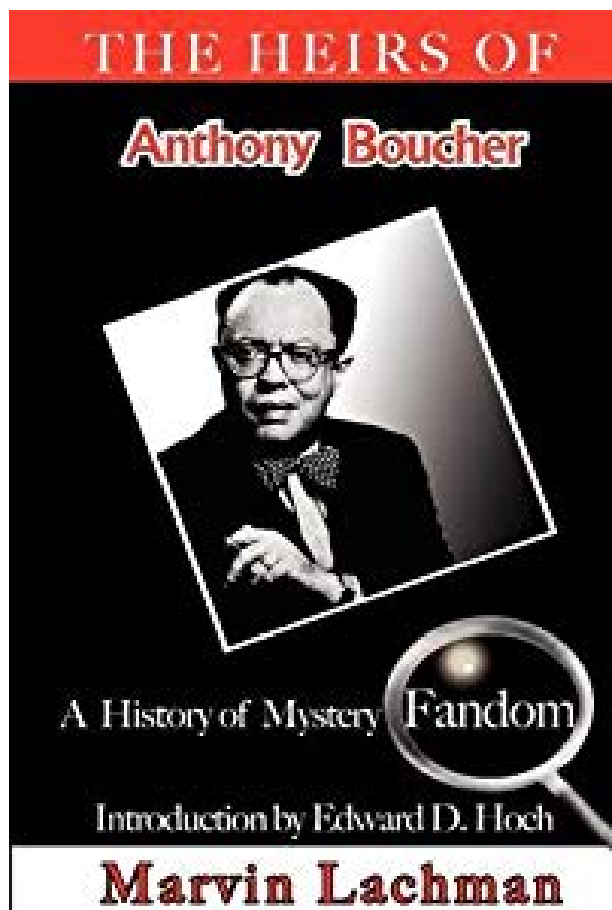


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This history of mystery fandom is called The Heirs of Anthony Boucher because it was to Boucher's mystery review column in the New York Times Book Review that fans turned, before what Lachman calls "The Fan Revolution" was launched in 1967. In a literary domino effect, Boucher's column led to the first fan magazine, The Armchair Detective, and Boucher encouraged and reviewed it. Boucher's sudden death in 1968 was a shock to mystery fans, but everything they have done since is part of Anthony Boucher's legacy.