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"It's your New York!"

# *The Rondout Reader*

From Eddyville, New York



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## **In Search of Enemies And Friends!**

By Kevin Ahearn

# JULY 31, 1930



**ON THE AIR**

**THE Shadow**  
WILL BROADCAST  
**SECRET MESSAGES**  
TO HIS FOLLOWERS - EVERY  
**MONDAY and WEDNESDAY**  
AT 6:30 P.M.  
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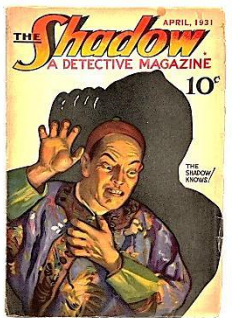
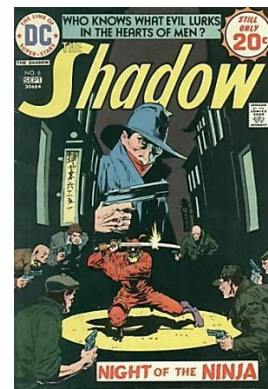
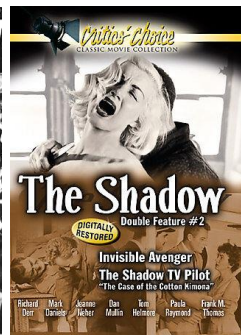
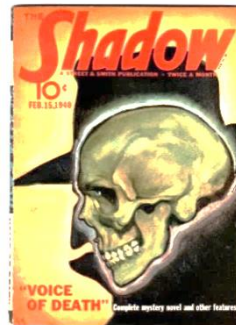
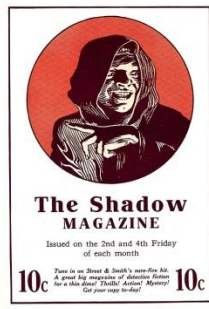


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RADIO'S MYSTERY THRILLER

# THE SHADOW

RETURNS



**TUNE IN TODAY  
AND EVERY SUNDAY  
W000—4:30 P. M.**

PRESENTED BY YOUR 'blue coal' Dealer

THE **Shadow**

RETURNS TO THE AIR!

*Mystery!  
Thrills!  
Excitement!*

**IT'S YOUR PROGRAM**  
LISTEN IN - Tell **YOUR**  
friends about it —  
Tell Them to Tell  
**THEIR** Friends

The Shadow  
WILL HELP YOU  
SELL MORE

**'blue coal'**

**EVERY SUNDAY  
AFTERNOON**  
Starting **SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>**




RADIO'S FAMOUS THRILLER!

# THE SHADOW

IS HERE!



**TUNE IN TODAY  
AND EVERY SUNDAY  
WGN—4:30 P. M.**

PRESENTED BY YOUR 'blue coal' Dealer

IT WILL

# CHILL YOUR BLOOD



**THE SHADOW**

TODAY

**5 pm station WOL**

presented by your  
neighborhood 'blue-coal' dealer

**For Zahala**

# Part 5 2010



*"Ah, the Rondout! From either shore, I feel its aura, taking me back to Eddyville and the best of times with my immortal creator!"*



*"But I cannot stay long, for the **SHADOW** lives by killing evil. As I no longer have weapons, I must find other ways!"*



*Back to the big city...*



*When the **SHADOW** searches up and down, the highbrows and the lowlives, his eyes always find...*



***The dark underbelly of humanity!***



*"Who do we have here?"*



*"An easy one! A confessed child molester!  
He gave it up, before I even read him his  
rights including the nastiest details!"*

*"Yes, I'm guilty, **GUILTY, GUILTY!**  
Lock me up...solitary! I want protection!"*

*"Protection"? From what?"*

*"From, from, from...**Him!**"*



*"Who?"*

*"The, the **SHADOW!**"*

*"A pedophile scared of his  
own shadow! I like it!"*

The news traveled fast to...



## ONE POLICE PLAZA



*"So now we're on the look out for a comic book character?"*



*"Not so. The SHADOW started out on radio!"*

*"And then became a magazine!"*

*"A best-seller all around!"*

*"A vigilante back in business?"*



**"Not in my watch!"**

# DAILY BUGLE

NEW YORK'S FINEST DAILY NEWSPAPER

## Stalking Our City!



## GHOST@LARGE!

By JJ Jameson





*'Third-rate punks and cowardly thieves...  
no fun at all!'*



*'Gang members one day...Cellmates the next!'*

## ONE POLICE PLAZA



*'Commissioner, a reporter is here.'*

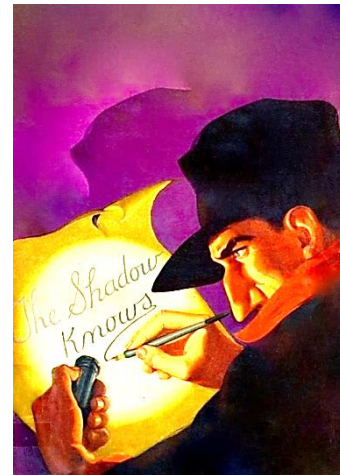
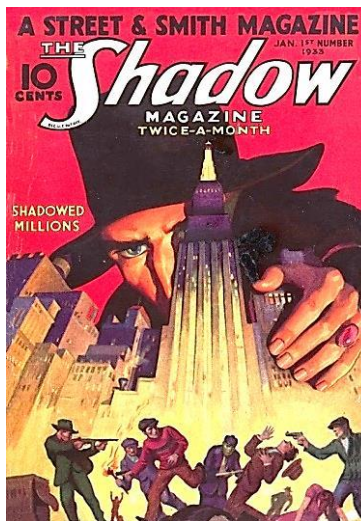
*'Very well. Let's get this over with!'*



*'You're here about this **SHADOW**, aren't you?' 'The Public wants to know!'*

*'Substance or sensationalism?'*

*'You tell me, sir.'*



*'This "Master of Darkness" is a myth, a New York legend is desperately trying for a comeback!*

*"As what? Our officers only heard a whisper in the dark. The voice led them to a host of arrests!"*

*'But can you take the voice to court?'*

*'That's the rub! Are we going to need a judge who believes in ghosts?'*

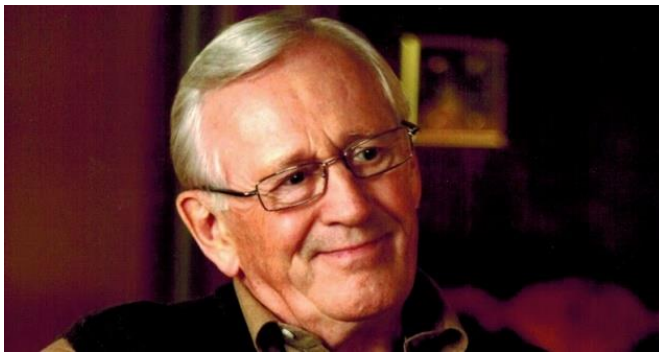




*'Mister Kent, mild-mannered reporter that you are, The New York City Police Department will not comment on alleged apparitions or sensitive conversations have had with this, this...**SHADOW!**'*



*'Understood, Commissioner! The Daily Planet takes great pride in its unbiased honesty, but please, tell us what's going on!'*



*'Say what you want, but in my day, on my beat, the common cop loved the **SHADOW** 'cause he racked up so many crooked bodies! **SHADOW** Justice!'*



*'Yeah, Pop, but this is the 21st century! Blasting all the bad guys pointblank is not how the **NYPD** does business!'*



*'This is just crazy!'*

*"Comes with the territory, Boss!"*

*'Yes, but if NYPD takes this "voice" seriously, no one will take us seriously!'*

*'Only until we shed some light on the "Master"!'*



*'This **SHADOW**/Ghost "voice" will never fly in court! The DA's office will be a laughing stock!'*

*"But if this "voice" is that of a ghost, the city, the country, the whole world wants in on it!"*

*'Aha! Not a PR problem, Mr. Kent! You can interview whatever this **SHADOW** is to the Daily Planet's heart's content after the trial of those he implicated!'*

*"Thank you, Mrs. Reagan, but I am not subservient to the **New York PD**! I'm going to "tell it like it is" as soon as I've got the story!"*





*'Enough of this comic book nonsense!  
From the reports I've read, we've got plenty  
of evidence on these **SHADOW**-tipped suspects  
that we don't need a ghost to testify!'*



*'Bottom of the rung losers! I refuse to  
go on like this! I need very special help from  
a very special crimefighter!.'*

*'I can only hope he'll be happy to see me again!'*





**TWENTY YEARS GONE...**



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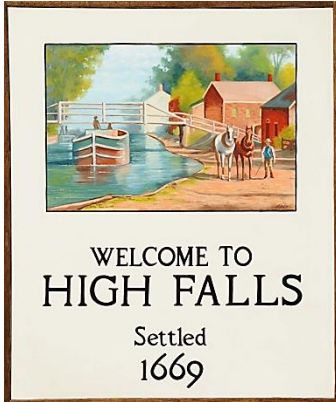
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**THE SHADOW!**



**Or Just...His GHOST?**

BY CLARK KENT

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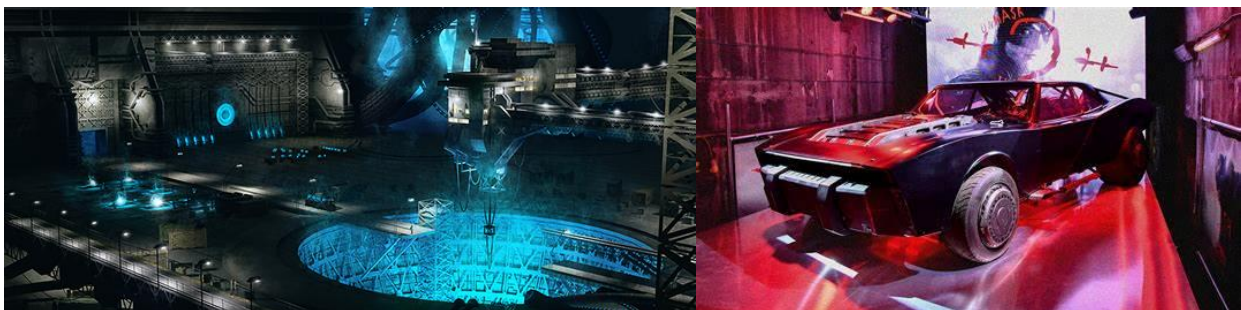




*'Gotham City is like too many fading stars  
Looks best at night and from a distance.'*



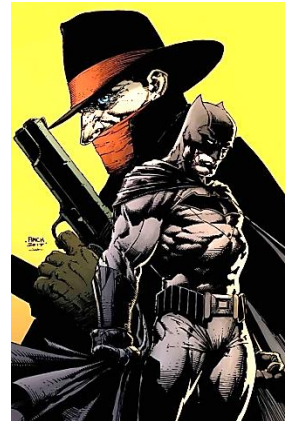
*'I do hope he's home!'*



*'His incredible car's here. A good sign!'*



*'Good evening, Bruce!  
It's been too long!'*



*'Shadow! Good lord, what's happened  
to you?'*

*"My creator passed and most  
of me went with him!"*







*'I got lucky! **BATMAN** kept making money!  
In movies, on TV and in the toy stores!'*



*'Batman is timeless and so many  
different things to so many different  
people!'*

*'Success strongly influenced  
by my own!'*

*'But what kept **BATMAN** fresh and new  
year after year was a series of creators,  
each blessing me with an unexpected  
twist! And the artists!'*

*'I wasn't 'created' in the usual  
way. Young Walter Gibson was  
given my name, a 'catch-phrase'  
and a haunting laugh!'*

*'From just that my...neither creator  
nor novelist...disguises for what he  
truly was...a magician!'*

*'And I'm what's left of his  
greatest trick!'*



*'Alone and looking for a purpose!  
I can almost feel Sir Walter looking  
down on me with disdain!*

*'But Bruce, we did have come good  
times together, didn't we!'*



*'That we did, SHADOW! But why did you  
come here? How can I help you?'*

*'Good question, Bruce!  
Perhaps I should follow  
your lead!'*





*'Times keep a changin' **SHADOW!** New blood keeps rising! Endless competition! Evderybody wants to be costumed hero!'*



*'Then the **SHADOW** must aim high, above the make-believe antagonists who overpopulate our mass-produced fantasies!'*

**'America Enemy #1!'**

# The Gotham Times

***"HE'S BAAACK!"***



***"MASTER OF DARKNESS"***

***The  
Shadow***





*"I am being scooped on the **SHADOW**! And I don't like it!  
We are going to catch this "ghost" and interview him!  
Aren't we, Parker?"*



*'But Jay-Jay, suppose this "Master of  
Darkness" is a fake, a two-bit Mysterio!'*



*'The **SHADOW**'s "ghost" is real because I, your employer, said so!  
Now do you believe?'*



*"But if he's...then I gotta call..."*



*'Parker, understand! This "SHADOW-belief" is a disease that must have been unleashed by a supernatural spell! This story requires a doctor!'*

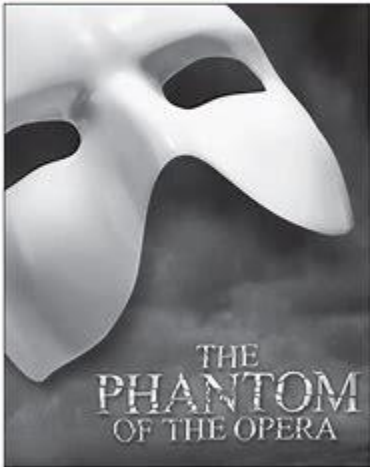


*'A unique doctor!'*

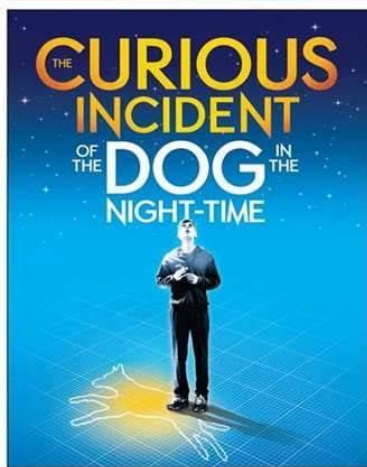


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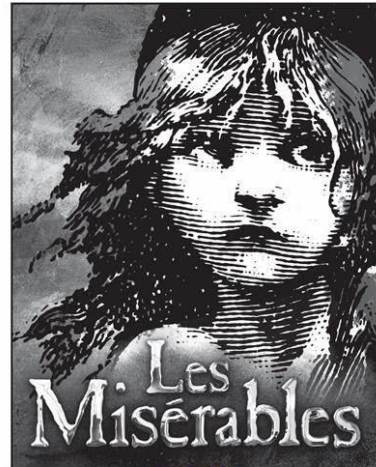
**PLAYBILL**  
MAJESTIC THEATRE



**PLAYBILL**  
ETHEL BARRYMORE THEATRE



**PLAYBILL**  
IMPERIAL THEATRE



*Public entertainment has come a long way since my glorious ten-cent magazine!*





*“Mr. Wick, in your next chapter... Maybe a nod.”*



*“Done, Shadow! Consider it a 'professional courtesy.'”*

## 725 FIFTH AVENUE



*‘Gentlemen, today we begin our patriotic quest! Not to take over a company or a corporation, but our weak and incompetent government!’*

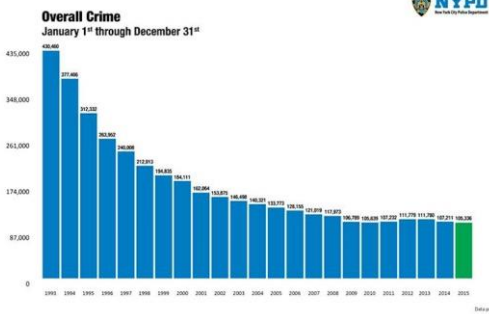


*“Burn this liberal disaster down to the ground!”*



*“Bus millions of uneducated and unskilled migrants back home!”*





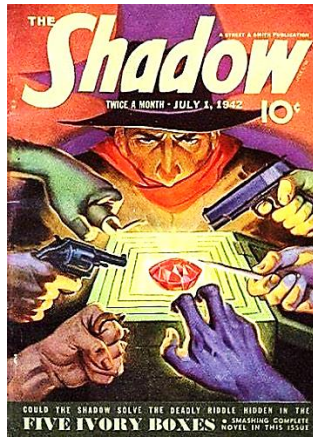
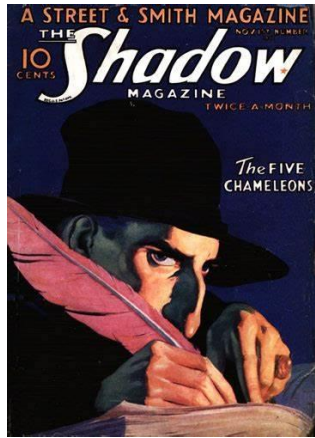
*'But we must be very careful! Crime is down in the city for one reason – the **SHADOW!**'*



*'An urban legend of a vengeful spirit hunting crooks big and small for the last couple of years!'*



*"Hmmm...Maybe we should buy the firm rights. Comic book movies are a billion-dollar business!"*



*'We are going to lead the greatest movement America has ever known! We will rally the millions left behind by an irresponsible government ripe for revolution!'*

*'And if whatever this SHADOW is, trust me, well deal with him!'*



*'We shall become an irrepressible, irresistible force bent on restoring the greatest country in history back to its rightful place at the top of the global pyramid!'*

**'Victory or death!'**

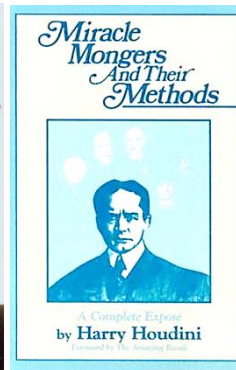
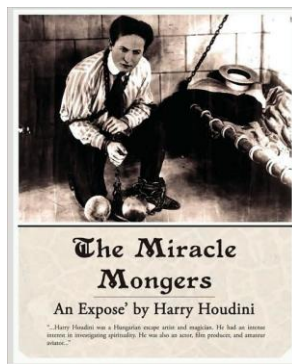




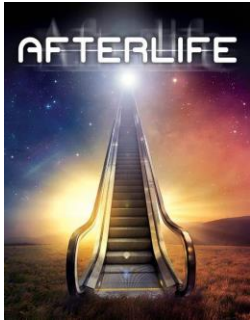
***'Times like these take me back to the Rondout and the home of my magical creator, in historic Eddyville!'***



***'I can almost feel Walter's presence! What he must think of this desperate spirit, once "The Master Darkness" and now the epitome of weakness!'***



***'Harry Houdini, the greatest magician who ever lived, attacked the so-called "spiritualists" as frauds duping the innocents!'***



***"But if the afterlife doesn't exist, then how do I?"***

***'And what do I have to do to keep going?'***

**Bay Ridge, Brooklyn...**



***'Sunday dinner, but I don't think the Reagan family saved a seat for me!'***







*“Dinner with family! Eat, drink and be merry ‘cause it gets no better than this!”*



*“Here and now, let us celebrate the greatest crimefighting comeback in New York history!”*

**DAILY  BUGLE**



***SHADOW-Mania!***  
**BACK FROM THE DEAD?**



*"Oh, no, Pop, no! "Fake news" looking for another **Spider-Man** or **Batman!**"*

*"The "Voice in the Dark" is a hoax, has to be. Like **NYPD** needs help from a ghost!"*



*'But he's cool! I believe in the **SHADOW!**'*

*'Me, too.'*



*'Now wait just a minute! The **SHADOW**, whoever or whatever he was, disappeared or whatever, he died before your grandfather was born!'*



*'Is that so, Commissioner? Hahahahah!'*



*'Good evening, dear Reagans! Thanks, but I've already eaten!'*



*'OMG!' 'It can't be!' 'The SHADOW!'*

*'Like I was sayin'!'*



*'Ha! A toast to the ghost with the most!'*



*'My pleasure, detective!'*



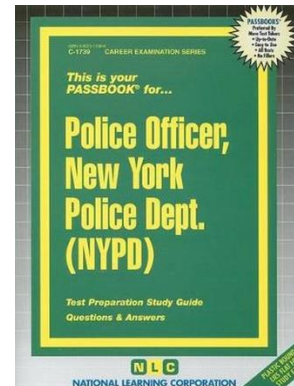
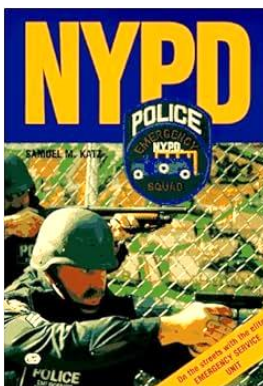
*'Oh, boy! Really going real here!'*



*'Why, "Master of Darkness. WHY?'*



*'Nearly a century ago, I rewrote the crime-fighting book!  
This century, I'm rewriting it yet again!'*



*'What? How?'*





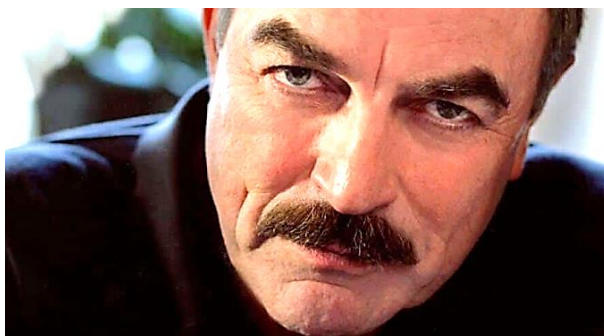
*'I will be the most helpful "confidential informant!"  
No criminal organization will be secure with the "Master  
of Darkness" on the job!'*



*'Well, thank you so much for your altruistic proposal,  
but the **NYPD** has no room in its budget for anyone completely  
unsupervised! Insurance and legal costs would be prohibitive!'*



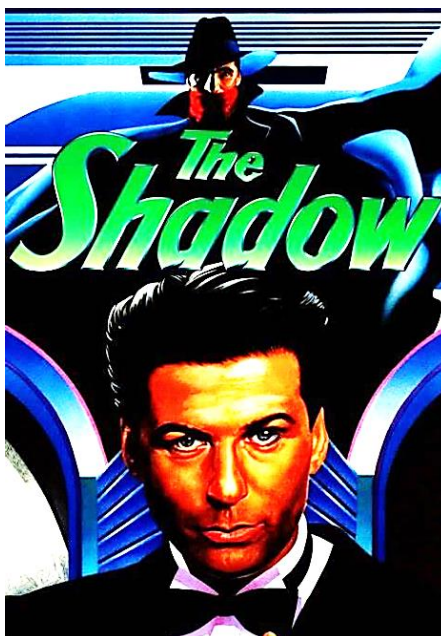
*'Commissioner, you don't have a choice!'*



*'Is that a fact, Mr. "Master of Darkness"?'*

*'Get this straight! NYPD doesn't want your haunted help nor will NYPD accept it! Not now, not ever.'*

*'Now get the hell out of my house and never come back!'*



*Incorruptible, incorrigible Frank Reagan who doesn't get the irony. In a number of lesser Hollywood versions of me, the New York City Police Commissioner was my uncle!*

*'And not you or anybody else will stop from being the **SHADOW!**'*





*'I will, but only if you make me.'*



***'Understand, all of you! Difficult times lay ahead. But don't get down, don't give up hope! And should there come a case of unhinged horror, and you don't have a single clue, you must always remember this...'***





***HaHaHaHaHaHa!***

**NEXT**

