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featured a new kind of hero and soon challenged the popularity of the British mysteries that held readers in thrall on both sides of the Atlantic. In *Hard-Boiled* Erin A. Smith examines the culture that produced and supported this form of detective story through the 1940's. Relying on pulp magazine advertising, the memoirs of writers and publishers, Depression-era
