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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sherlock of Sageland: The Complete Tales of Sheriff Henry, Volume 1 (The Argosy Library):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A pretty bad flop, by modern criteriaBy Rory CokerW. C. Tuttle was one of the most popular writers of Western fiction in the pulps during circa 1915 - 40, and among his more popular series were two that featured "cowboy" detectives. These were the "Hashknife and Sleepy" stories, which basically transplanted Sherlock and Watson to the old West, and the "Sheriff Henry" tales, which were intended to be more humorous, basically reconfiguring W. C. Fields as a reluctant sheriff in a small Western town.The first few Sheriff Henry tales are collected here. I was familiar with the series from several hardback collections of later tales. I have to say in all honesty that these early stories are rough going. First, it was a cliché of what passed for humor in the early 20th Century that drunk people were inherently funny, so at first most of the characters get falling-down drunk at every possible opportunity. When Henry becomes sheriff, his alcohol intake drops a bit, but his sidekicks Judge and Olaf (or whatever his name is) still stay perpetually sauced. It's merely tedious. Also a large number of pretty unfunny pratfalls are taken by these three in most of the stories. It should be pointed out that this kind of drivel was expected, and found quite amusing, by pulp readers of the era. It is only us modern readers who will be left grimacing rather than guffawing.The mystery solved by Henry in each story is generally pretty thin, and the "investigation" all-too-often only involves finding a letter which conveniently explains the whole thing. I was disappointed throughout.Overall, I would recommend giving this collection a miss, although I do like Tuttle's work in general.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful humorous western pulp stories from a real masterBy mumblesReally enjoyable stuff. Think W C Fields out of work and going to Arizona to be a sheriff. Clever stories, funny parts and more drinking than any Mike Shayne story. Tuttle's best work was Hashknife Hartley but these stories are also really, really good. Big "Thank You" to Altus press for making these works widely available.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. not as funny as other wBy salstories are a little bit drag out,slow moving but o.k. not as funny as other w.c. tuttle books.

Once voted Adventure Magazine's most popular author, W.C. Tuttle introduced the world to one of his longest-runningmdash;and most popularmdash;series characters, Henry Harrison Conroy, in the pages of Argosy. Collected here are the first four stories: ldrquo;Henry Goes Arizona,rdquo; ldrquo;With the Help of Henry,rdquo; ldrquo;The

Sherlock of Sageland,rdquo; and ldquo;The Diplomacy of Henry.rdquo; It's Volume #4 in The Argosy Library.

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