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He wrote **romances, adventure stories, and historical novels**, but it was **detective stories** that made him famous.

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