

LIGHTHOUSES

www.lighthousestampociety.org

Shining more light on another of the most popular themes is the Lighthouse Stamp Society being nursed in the United States by Dalene Thomas, whose website offers a searchable alphabetical index of illustrations.

There are extensive sections on postage stamps, cinderellas, personalised issues, postal stationery and cancellations, and it appears very comprehensive.

Irritatingly, however, there is no textual information backing up the images, so if you see an item you don't have you have to go back to catalogues to find out more.

VERDICT

Comprehensiveness ★★★★★
 Entertainment ★★★★★
 Style ★★★★★



DETECTIVE FICTION

<http://trussel.com/detfic>

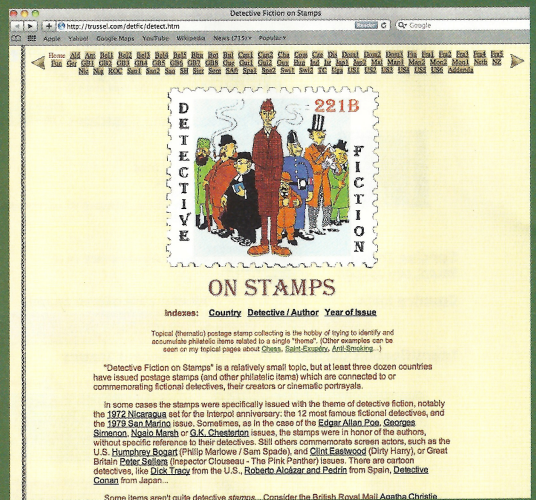
This little gem can be found within American collector Steve Trussel's emporium website Eclectic City (the clue is in the title!), which includes a handful of other very interesting thematic sections too.

You can look up all the famous fictional sleuths, from Miss Marple to Inspector Maigret and from Sherlock Holmes to Dirty Harry, via easily accessed links on the home page. Or you can search by country or year of issue.

Each issue is well illustrated and well explained, with captions, comments, technical details and Scott catalogue numbers. The site is regularly updated, and a nice touch is the presentation of the stamps on faux album pages.

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SPACE

rammb.cira.colostate.edu/dev/hillger/satellites.htm

A true labour of love by two academics on the other side of the Atlantic, Don Hillger and Gary Toth, has created an amazing specialist site for space stamp collectors.

It's essentially an index of stamps, covers and cancellations, in meticulous detail, relating to the various unmanned satellite programmes launched worldwide, starting with Sputnik in 1957.

Some of the satellite programmes will be known only to the specialist. You might have heard of Explorer, Nimbus and Meteosat, but how about OGO, Eole and San Marco? Click on the hyperlinks to find images for scores of different satellites.

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