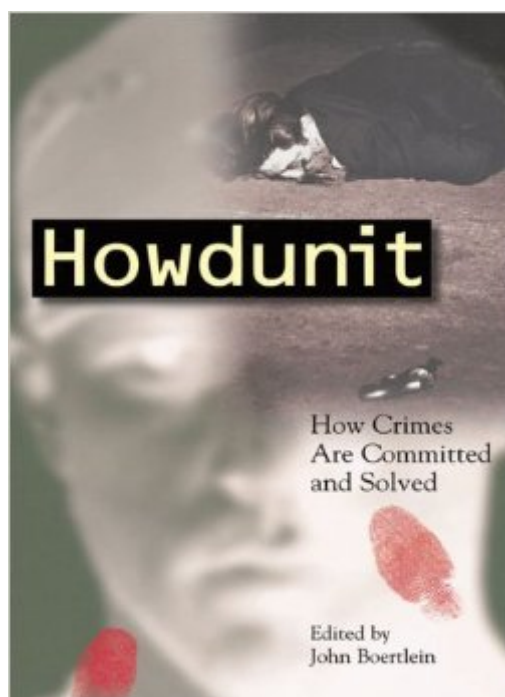


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# Howdunit: How Crimes Are Committed And Solved



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