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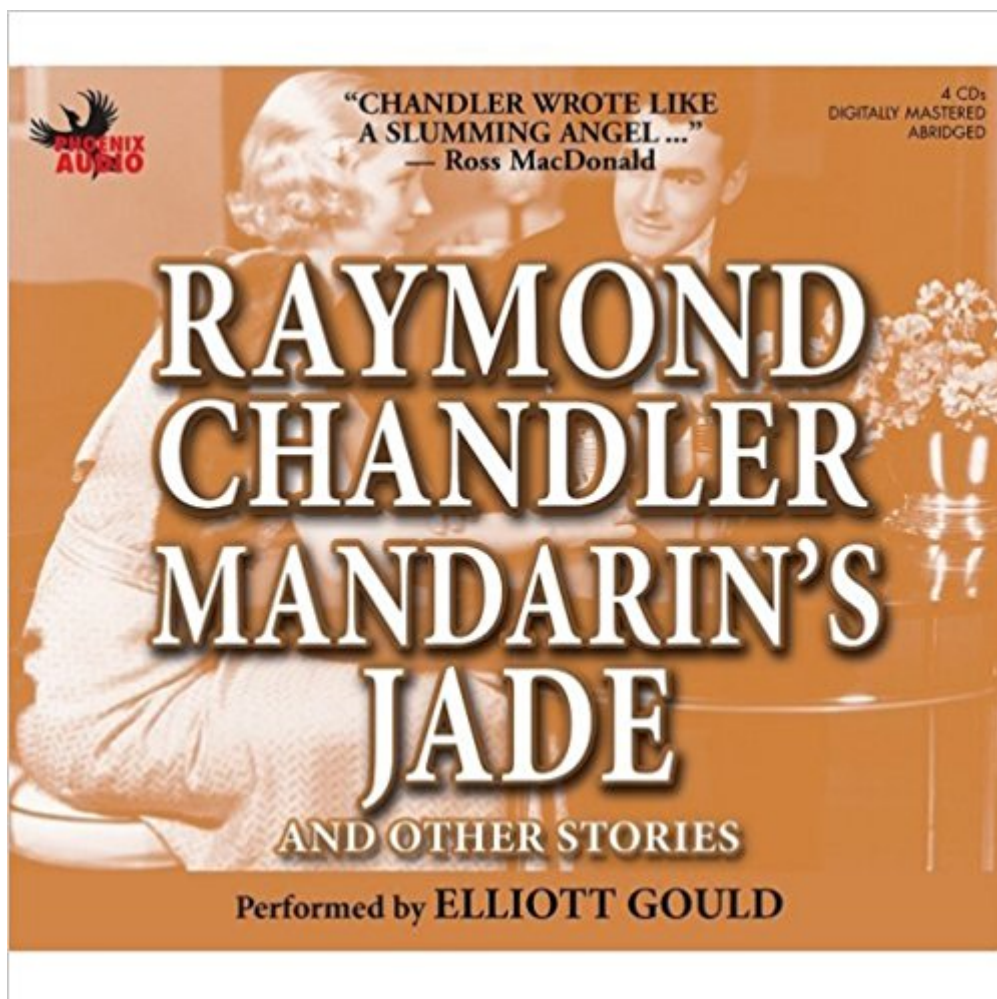
Synopsis

Mandarin's Jade, The Man Who Liked Dogs, and Try the Girl are three of Raymond Chandler's early mystery stories that set the groundwork for the creation of the Philip Marlowe character. His fast-paced style has become the hallmark of American mystery at its best. 4 cassettes.

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Raymond Thornton Chandler (1888 - 1959) was the master practitioner of American hard-boiled crime fiction. Although he was born in Chicago, Chandler spent most of his boyhood and youth in England where he attended Dulwich College and later worked as a freelance journalist for "The Westminster Gazette" and "The Spectator," During World War I, Chandler served in France with the First Division of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, transferring later to the Royal Flying Corps (R. A. F.). In 1919 he returned to the United States, settling in California, where he eventually became director of a number of independent oil companies. The Depression put an end to his career, and in 1933, at the age of forty-five, he turned to writing fiction, publishing his first stories in "Black Mask," Chandler's detective stories often starred the brash but honorable Philip Marlowe (introduced in 1939 in his first novel, The Big Sleep) and were noted for their literate presentation and dead-on critical eye. Never a prolific writer, Chandler published only one collection of stories and seven novels in his lifetime. Some of Chandler's novels, like The Big Sleep, were made into classic movies which helped define the film noir style. In the last year of his life he was elected president of the Mystery Writers of America. He died in La Jolla, California on March 26, 1959.

This collection includes "Mandarin's Jade," "Try the Girl," and "The Man Who Liked Dogs," originally published in detective magazines in the 1930s. These fast-paced stories are similar in style and intensity, as well as in classic clichÃ©s and similes, and are set in a time of sedans with running boards and whiskey that could be bought for a nickel. While one has some difficulty distinguishing between characters, the distinctive voice of Elliot Gould adds a comfortable familiarity to the listening experience. This nostalgic selection offers an authentic taste of the early days of American crime fiction. F.L.F. Â© AudioFile 2002, Portland, Maine-- Copyright Â© AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The combination of Elliot Gould and Raymond Chandler I find superb. For me it takes that combination. All the stories in this collection I really liked.

Not near as good as The Long Goodbye. C+ story here. Chandler is very popular with mystery fans but not as good as John D. Macdonalds Travis McGee (in my opinion). And in this case of Jade and Other Stories more evidence.

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