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The detective novel is a highly popular and easily identifiable form of popular literature. Although it is commonly taken as mere entertainment, authors frequently utilize the concrete form of such a novel to present elements of social criticism to their readers. This often results in the creation of what Linton refers to as a "resistant text." Spanish detectives novels written after the death of dictator Francisco Franco present a perfect example of how the classic form of the detective novel can be used to present social criticism that allows mainstream readers to enter into and understand and outsider's world.