

Throughout the late 1930's and early 1940's, the sex content in the SPICY chain of pulp magazines, both in the stories and the illustrations, had been gradually toned down in response to public pressure and scrutiny. December 1942 saw the last issues of SPICY DETECTIVE STORIES, SPICY ADVENTURE STORIES, SPICY MYSTERY STORIES and SPICY WESTERN STORIES, with the titles being replaced in January 1943 with the SPEED line of pulps from the same publisher. The first issue of SPEED DETECTIVE featured familiar ground for spicy connoisseurs, however, with a cover by Ward and stories by both Robert Leslie Bellem and E. Hoffmann Price inside.