

# AMERICAN CRIMES STORIES

RETOLD BY JOHN ESCOTT (3 stories)

**PART 1** In which story does the crime occur? Write the letter in the space

A-THE HEROINE ( PATRICIA HIGHSMITH)    B-RIDE THE LIGHTING ( JOHN LUZT)    C-THE LIPSTICK (MARY ROBERTS RINEHART)

1-A husband murders his wife...

2-A woman sets fire to a house...

3-A woman's lover dies for her murders....

**PART 2** Who said this? Match by putting a capital letter on the space

A) The governess in "The Heroine"

B) Louise Baring in "The lipstick"

C)The cop in "Death Wish"

D) The private detective in "Ride the Lighting"

4-It's about my pay, madam. It's too much \_\_\_\_\_

5-You don't want it known that somebody was pushed out of your office window. \_\_\_\_\_

6- When you robbed the liquor store, he stayed in the car to drive. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 3** Who are these women? Match using the letter in CAPITAL

A) Lucille Smith in "The Heroine"

B) Holly Ann Adams in "Ride the Lightning"

C) Elinor Hammond in "The Lipstick"

7-She would play around with a woman's husband until she was tired of him. \_\_\_\_\_

8-Her eyes looked like her mother's when she opened wide like that \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 4** WRITE THE WORD (TRUE) OR (FALSE) IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

9- In "The Heroine" Lucille Smith wanted to kill the children because she hated them.

10-In "The Ride the Lightning" Nudger saved Curtis Colt from death in the electric chair.

