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**THE MASTER
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GELETT BURGESS

READING GROUP GUIDE

1. How does Astro compare, in your opinion, to contemporary “psychics” and others who claim supernatural abilities?
2. How does Astro compare to your other favorite detectives?
3. Valeska is a strong character who does fine work on her own, and Astro clearly relies on her and values her judgment. Does this strike you as unusual for the time?
4. Are you bothered by the lighter tone of some of the stories? Or the seriousness of some?
5. Why do you think Burgess published the book (semi) anonymously? He could have published the book under his pen name, Alan Braghampton, if he simply wanted to conceal his authorship.
6. Had you heard of Gelett Burgess before reading this book?