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## The (double) Consciousness in African American crime fiction - Popular literature as platform for social criticism

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