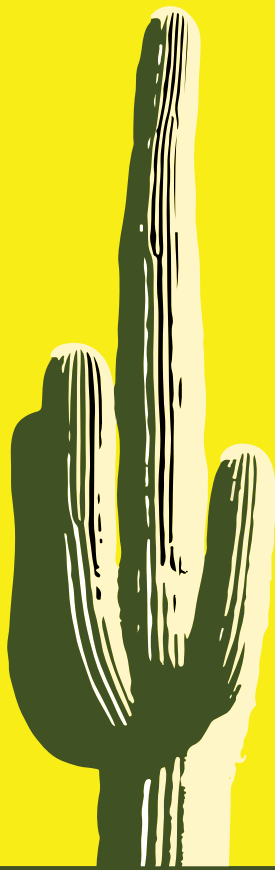


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The Chair's Welcome

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As Left Coast Crime 2016 begins, I want to welcome you to Phoenix, Arizona.

This year we've got the usual suspects of panel sessions, book bags, and the Opening Ceremonies. We also have some new plot twists, such as Author Speed Dating and Author Discovery sessions—plus you can *Have Your Cake and Murder Too* at Friday night's dessert reception.

Back by popular demand this year are Author/Reader Connections, introduced last year in Portland, giving fans and readers another opportunity to connect with authors. The panel programming looks interesting this year, and with almost 80 panels to choose from, there's a little bit of something for everyone.

The City of Phoenix has welcomed our event with open arms, and I encourage you to take full advantage of the climate, scenery, and local businesses while you're here. Plenty of restaurants, bars, shops, and other attractions are within walking distance or a short drive, and they're all ready and waiting to host crime fiction readers and fans.

Special thanks to Karen Ringer, for helping to keep me focused and on target, and to Stan Ulrich and Lucinda Surber, for their insight into all things LCC. I'm also grateful to Tammy Kaehler for coordinating our social media efforts, Mary Thielen for coordinating the Silent Auction, Deborah Lacy for pulling together a great Author Branding Workshop, and Rochelle Staab for filling in everywhere needed.

I've had a great time working with the volunteer committee to organize this event, and I hope you'll appreciate our efforts. I know you'll take home many good memories, new friends, and lots of good books from Left Coast Crime 2016 – The Great Cactus Caper. We're glad you're here.

Enjoy!

Ingrid Willis

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General Schedule

All interviews, breakfasts, and the banquet will be held in the Regency Ballroom on the first floor. Check the hotel maps on pages 89-90 to locate rooms for special events, panels and more.

Thursday, February 25

9 AM – 4 PM	Registration
9 – 11 AM	Author Speed Dating, Phoenix Ballroom
12 PM	Panels begin
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Interview with American Guest of Honor, Gregg Hurwitz
5:30 – 6:30 PM	<i>A Million Ways to Die in the Desert Reception</i> : Was it an accident, or murder? Desert Sleuths and Tucson Sisters in Crime Chapters welcome you to Left Coast Crime's happy hour. Enjoy drinks, snacks and games.
6:30 PM – 8 PM	Opening Ceremonies and Welcome Reception

Friday, February 26

7:30 – 9 AM	Meet the New Authors Breakfast – Hosted by Mike Befeler
9 AM – 4 PM	Registration
9:30 AM – 4 PM	Panels Continue
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Interview with International Guest of Honor, Ann Cleeves
5:30 – 6:30 PM	<i>Meet the Canucks Reception</i> : Enjoy cocktails and Canadian-themed nibbles while hunting down your favorite Canadian authors to win prizes. Sponsored by Crime Writers of Canada.
9 – 11 PM	<i>Have Your Cake and Murder Too</i> Dessert Reception

Saturday, February 27

7:30 – 9 AM	<i>Discover Mystery</i> Breakfast hosted by Poisoned Pen Press Enjoy a continental breakfast and hear about the wide variety of crime fiction published by Poisoned Pen Press.
9 AM – 4 PM	Registration
9:30 AM – 4 PM	Panels Continue
1:30 PM	Awards Ballots must be deposited in Ballot Box near Registration by 1:30PM
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Interview with Toastmaster, Catriona McPherson
7 PM	Lefty Awards Banquet

Sunday, February 28

9:30 AM – 12 PM	Panels Conclude
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Closing Ceremonies: Interview with LCC 2016 Guests of Honor

- **Book Signings** follow each panel session in the Atrium. Author Discovery sessions do not have signings.
- **Book Dealers** are located in Cowboy Room. *Hours*: Thursday, 12 – 4:30 PM; Friday & Saturday, 10 AM – 5 PM; Sunday, 10 AM – 12:30 PM.
- **Silent Auction** is ongoing in the Cassidy Room, starting Thursday and continuing until 3 PM Saturday.
- **Volunteers**: If you'd like to help out, check in at the Volunteer Table in the Atrium.
- **Book Exchange**: Please use the table marked *Book Exchange* to trade books and magazines.
- **Promotions**: Please use the table marked *Promotions* for bookmarks, postcards, and other publicity.
- **Hospitality** is located in the Atrium near Cassidy and Ellis. *Hours*: Thursday 1 – 4 PM; Friday & Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM; Sunday 10 AM – 12 PM.
- **Don't forget to vote!** Your LCC Awards Ballot is included in your registration packet. Awards Ballots must be deposited in Ballot Box near Volunteer Table by 1:30 PM on Saturday.

Panel Schedules

Thursday, February 25

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* Panel assignments are subject to change

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	Regency Ballroom	Curtis	Phoenix	Remington	Russell	Ellis East	Ellis West
12:00 - 1:00			<p>Murder on the Books: Leslie Blatt (M) Kristin Eckhardt R. Franklin James Mary Jane Maffini (Victoria Abbott) Erika Chase (Linda Wilken)</p>	<p>5 Shades of Violence: How much should you have in a mystery? David B. Schlosser (M) Lisa Alber Brett Battles Glen Erik Hamilton Lori Rader-Day</p>	<p>Around the World with Murder, Thrills, and Conspiracy Theories Annette Rogers (M) Annamaria Alfieri Philip Donlay Lene Kaaberbøl Barry Lancet Boyd Morrison</p>	<p>Homegrown: Arizona Authors Deborah J. Ledford (M) Maegan Beaumont Shelley Coriell Dane McCaslin Betty Webb</p>	<p>Setting as Character Joel Goldman (M) Shannon Baker Christine Carbo Sara J. Henry S.K. Rizzolo Dana Stabenow</p>
1:30 - 2:30		<p>Big Fish in a Small Pond: Big-city sleuths tackle small-town murder Dana Stabenow (M) Martha Cooley Robin (R.J.) Harlick Frederick Ramsay</p>	<p>Security Clearance Required: Crime novels set in government agencies or the military Arthur Kerns (M) Allison Brennan Matthew Quirk L.J. Sellers Anne A. Wilson</p>	<p>Behind the Badge: Cops writing mysteries Ellen Kirschman (M) Kathy Bennett Larry Bergsgaard Timothy Moore David Putnam</p>	<p>Get Your History With Mystery: What historical adds to the genre Charles Todd (M) Michael J. Cooper Jess Faraday Sharan Newman Ann Parker</p>	<p>A Brief Dance With Death: Short mystery fiction Sarah M. Chen (M) Dale W. Berry Mysti Berry Stephen Buehler M.H. Callway</p>	<p>Collaboration: Art or Desperation? Married couples and co-writers discuss their work and process Will Zeilinger (M) Bette Golden Lamb J.J. Lamb Janet Elizabeth Lynn Larry Mild Rosemary Mild</p>
3:00 - 4:00		<p>Traditional, The Space Between Cozy and Thriller: What defines a traditional mystery? Catriona McPherson (M) Carla Buckley Terry Shames Triss Stein Nancy G. West</p>	<p>Juggling Multiple Series Kate Carlisle (M) Ann Cleeves Vicki Delany (Eva Gates) Gigi Pandian Thomas Perry</p>	<p>Classical Through Victorian Mysteries: Mysteries of the last millennium, the 1600s through 1800s Nancy Herriman (M) Jennifer Ashley (Ashley Gardner) Susanna Calkins Charlotte Hinger F. Matthews (Stephanie Barron)</p>	<p>Fans and Reviewers Talk Their Favorite Books Bill Fitzhugh (M) Katrina Niidas Holm Lesa Holstine Dru Ann Love Lucinda Surber</p>	<p>The Other Dimension: Paranormal mysteries Jo Perry (M) Chris Holm Eileen Magill Margaret C. Morse Kerry Schafer</p>	<p>Murder on the Rocks Deborah Lacy (M) R.M. Cartmel Nadine Nettmann Carlene O'Neil Johnny Shaw</p>
4:30 - 5:30	<p>Interview with American Guest of Honor Gregg Hurwitz Erica Ruth Neubauer (M)</p>						

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	Regency Ballroom	Curtis	Phoenix	Remington	Russell A & C	Ellis East	Ellis West
	<i>Writing With...Partnering with a major author on an established brand</i> Barbara Peters (M) Robin Burrell Lee Goldberg Boyd Morrison Phoef Sutton	Lefty Award Nominees: Best Humorous Novel Janet Rudolph (M) Donna Andrews Ellen Byron Jess Lourey Cindy Sample Diane Vallere	One Night Stand or a Long Affair: Writing series versus standalones Stephanie Gayle (M) Jess Faraday Gregg Hurwitz W.L. Ripley Tim Tigner	Genre Hopping: Authors writing multiple genres Ann Cleaves (M) Chris Goff Mette Ivie Harrison Annette Mahon Clea Simon	Author Discovery Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.	Plot Digging: The challenge of research Leslie Blatt (M) Hilary Davidson Alan Russell Jeri Westerson Marty Wingate	Jewish Noir Chantelle Aimée Osman (M) Michael J. Cooper Travis Richardson Kenneth Wishnia Melissa Yi
9:30 - 10:30		Lefty Award Nominees: Bruce Alexander Memorial Historical Award Bill Gottfried (M) Rhys Bowen Susanna Calkins Heather Haven Jennifer Kincheloe Laurie R. King	Cherchez La Femme, Women Overturning the Stereotype: Strong female sleuths as role models Francine Mathews (S. Barron) (M) Allison Brennan Mark Coggins Deborah Crombie Tammy Kaehler	Doctors of Death: Doctors involved in the science and investigation of death Maryglenn McCombs (M) John Burley H.S. Clark Aaron Elkins Mary Anna Evans	Author Discovery Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.	Serving Up Murder: Culinary mysteries Carlene O'Neil (M) Kathy Aarons Leslie Budewitz Ellie Alexander (K. Dyer-Seeley) Sharon Arthur Moore	The Challenge of Much in a Little: The art of writing short stories Susan Cummins Miller (M) Sarah M. Chen Dharma Kelleher Rob Pierce Holly West
11:00 - 12:00							
1:30 - 2:30		Lefty Award Nominees: Best LCC Regional Novel Robert Rosenwald (M) Matt Coyle Gigi Pandian Josh Stallings	A Funny Thing Happened... Anecdotes, horror stories, and laughs from veteran crime writers Simon Wood (M) Alice Duncan Jess Lourey Catriona McPherson Johnny Shaw	Historical: Turn of the 20th Century Ann Parker (M) Tessa Arlen Donis Casey Annamaria Alfieri Charles Todd	Author Discovery Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.	I Spy Annette Rogers (M) Diana Chambers Arthur Kerns Jeff Layton Ryan Quinn	The Transition from Fan to Published Author Tina Whittle (M) M. Evonne Dobson Melissa Lenhardt Leslie Karst Carrie Stuart Parks Lida Sideris
3:00 - 4:00	What's So Funny About Murder? Brad Parks (M) Melodie Campbell John Clement Carolyn Haines Rochelle Staab	Lefty Award Nominees: Best Novel Outside LCC Region William Kent Krueger (M) Lou Berney Lisa Brackmann Chris Holm James Ziskin	Private Eyes Are Watching You Kelli Stanley (M) C.S. DeWitdt (Chris) Robert Downs Darrell James Ken Kuhlken	Rock and Roll Is Not a Crime S.W. Lauden (M) Craig Faustus Buck Joe Clifford Corey Lynn Fayman Bill Fitzhugh	Author Discovery Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.	Mystery or Thriller—What's the Difference? David Corbett (M) Brett Battles Ray Daniel Timothy Hallinan Jeff Markowitz Nancy Cole Silverman	Romance Under the Gun Julie Mulhern (M) Carey Baldwin Marianne Harden Cathy Perkins Maria Grazia Swan
4:30 - 5:30	Interview with International Guest of Honor Ann Cleaves Catriona McPherson (M)						

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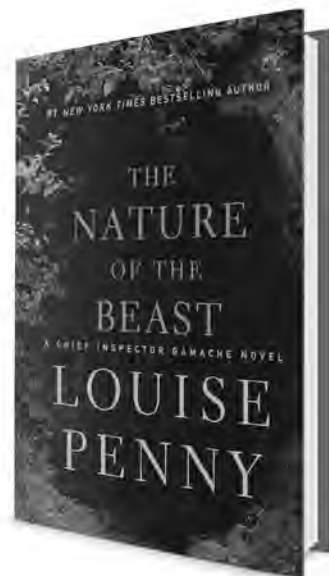
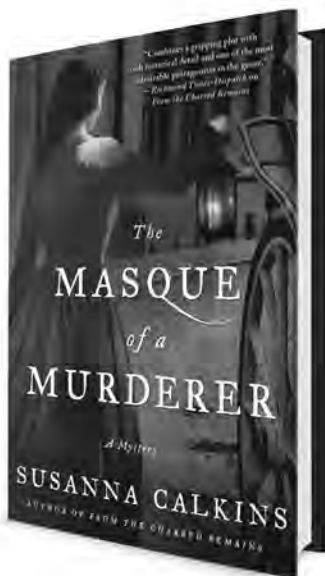
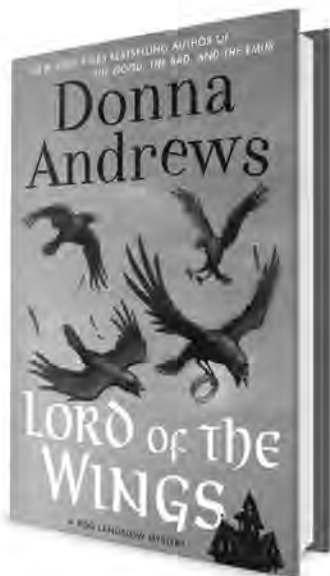
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9:30-10:30	<p>Mixing Media—Print, Film, TV: Authors who write in multiple media platforms</p> <p>Ellen Byron (M) Ann Cleaves Gregg Hurwitz Thomas Perry John Shepphird</p>	<p>Before Technology Made it Simple: 1930-1970s historicals</p> <p>Brian Thornton (M) Kim Fay Michael Kurland Bruce W. Most James Ziskin</p>	<p>Power to the Small Presses</p> <p>Warren C. Easley (M) Kendal Lynn Lee Goldberg Matt Martz Barbara Peters Maggie Topkis</p>	<p>Changing Lanes: What's Involved in genre shifts</p> <p>Heather Haven (M) L.C. Hayden Darrell James Rita Lakin Cindy Sample</p>	<p>Author Discovery</p> <p>Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.</p>	<p>An Unusual Job for a Sleuth: Protagonists with unique professions</p> <p>Ray Daniel Holly West (M) Eloise Hill Susan C Shea Mark Stevens Betty Webb</p>	<p>The Science of Investigation</p> <p>Lynne Raimondo (M) Susan Cummins Miller Aaron Elkins Ian Hamilton Sheila Lowe</p>
11:00-12:00	<p>Liar's Panel</p> <p>Rhys Bowen (M) Carolyn Haines Parnell Hall Gary Phillips Kelli Stanley</p>	<p>Lawyers, Guns, and Mystery: Legal eagles investigating crime</p> <p>Jeffrey M. Siger (M) Robert V. Dugoni Warren C. Easley Lee Goodman Charles Rosenberg</p>	<p>Two Sleuths are Better Than One: Fictional crime-solving duos</p> <p>Rochelle Staab (M) Anne Cleeland Mary Anna Evans Laurie R. King Michael Robertson Tina Whittle</p>	<p>Main Street Murder: Mysteries set along Main Street U.S.A.</p> <p>Jenn McKinlay (M) Kate Carlisle J.A. Hennrikus (Julianne Holmes) Cheryl Hollon Jennifer McAndrews</p>	<p>Author Discovery</p> <p>Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.</p>	<p>Four-Legged Sidekicks</p> <p>Maryglenn McComb (M) John Clement Janet Finsilver Linda O. Johnston Margaret Mizushima</p>	<p>From Fact to Fiction: Journalists writing mysteries</p> <p>Gwen Florio (M) Sarah Cain Andrew E. Kaufman Carla Norton Brad Parks</p>
1:30-2:30	<p>Fan Guest of Honor Chantelle Aimée Osman Presents The Match Game</p> <p>Chantelle Aimée Osman (M) S.W. Laudon Hilary Davidson Glen Erik Hamilton Lesa Holstine Janet Rudolph</p>	<p>Murder is My Business: The pros, cops as protagonists</p> <p>Robin Burcell (M) Matthew Iden Janey Mack Lisa Preston Mar Preston</p>	<p>Sleuthing on Both Sides of the Law: Bending society's rules to solve crimes</p> <p>Lori Rader-Day (M) Carla Buckley Agnete Friis Mette Ivie Harrison Alan Russel</p>	<p>Ancient, Classical, and Medieval Mysteries</p> <p>Susan McDuffie (M) Sharan Newman John Maddox Roberts Priscilla J. Royal Judith Starkston</p>	<p>Author Discovery</p> <p>Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.</p>	<p>The Making of a Cozy Murder: What defines a cozy?</p> <p>Dru Ann Love (M) Ritter Ames Donna Andrews Carolyn Greene Camille Minichino</p>	<p>The Game of Murder: Sports in mysteries</p> <p>Robert Rosenwald (M) John Billheimer Tammy Kaehler W.L. Ripley Bill Syken</p>
3:00-4:00	<p>The Thriller of It All</p> <p>Sarah Williams (M) Michael Sears Chevy Stevens Ingrid Thoft Mark Wheaton</p>	<p>Sex, Sex, Sex...Discuss: How much sex in mysteries is too much?</p> <p>Jess Lourey (M) David Corbett L.J. Sellers Charles Todd (Caroline) Simon Wood</p>	<p>Murder Most Cozy: Small-town mysteries</p> <p>Leslie Budewitz (M) Kristi Abbott Sherry Harris Paige Shelton Clea Simon</p>	<p>The Psychology of Murder</p> <p>Steve Brewer (M) Cathy Ace Ellen Kirschman Pat Morin Dennis Palumbo</p>	<p>Author Discovery</p> <p>Note: There are no signings for A.D. sessions.</p>	<p>Madcap Mysteries</p> <p>Diane Vallere (M) Zoe Burke Maia Chance Marta Chausee Kristen Kittscher</p>	
4:30-5:30	<p>Interview with Toastmaster Catriona McPherson</p> <p>Deborah Lacy (M)</p>						

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	Curtis	Phoenix	Remington	Russell	Ellis East	Ellis West
9:30 - 10:30	Heroes With a Badge: Sleuths in law enforcement Neal Griffin (M) Peg Brantley Brenda Chapman Tyler Dilts Barbara Fradkin	Writing Other Cultures Paty Jager (M) Shannon Baker Timothy Hallinan William Kent Krueger Jeffrey M. Siger	Arizona is My Beat: Arizona writers and settings Elizabeth Gunn (M) Cindy Brown C.C. Harrison Jenn McKinlay Jim Thane	Cats, Badges, or Fedoras? Making the Case for Amateurs or Professionals Anne Cleeland (M) Parnell Hall Charlotte Hinger Mary Jane Maffini (Victoria Abbott) Ingrid Thoft	Did the Job, Wrote the Job: From real life to fiction Teresa Burrell (M) Trudy Nan Boyce Eileen Brady John Burley Andrew Case	Murder on the Go: Mysteries with travel and transportation themes Nancy G. West (M) Stacy Allen Mike Befeler Janet Dawson Patricia Gulley Philip Reed
11:00 - 12:00	How to Get More Involved with Left Coast Crime Lucinda Surber (M)	Noir: Neither Tarnished Nor Afraid Gary Phillips (M) Craig Faustus Buck Christa Faust Lisa Brackmann Josh Stallings	Writing Exotic Locations Terry Ambrose (M) Frankie Bow Barry Lancet D.R. Ransdell Susan Spann	Murder in the Great Outdoors Maegan Beaumont (M) Christine Carbo Vicki Delany (Eva Gates) Ellie Alexander (K. Dyer-Seeley) Chris Goff	Anti-Heroes Matt Coyle (M) Lou Berney Steve Brewer Jodi Compton Elizabeth Little	Teamwork: Writing With a Partner Charles Todd (Caroline) (M) Agnete Friis Lene Kaaberbøl Rosemarie Keenan (Renee Patrick) Vince Keenan (Renee Patrick)
12:30 - 1:30		Closing Panel: Interview with Guests of Honor Tammy Kaehler (M) Ann Cleeves Gregg Hurwitz Catriona McPherson Chantelle Aimée Osman				

Appreciation of Fan Guest of Honor **Chantelle Aimée Osman**

by Rebecca Cantrell



Chantelle Aimée Osman comes by her interest in mysteries honestly, since she's always on the lookout for news ways to dispose of bodies. Others would stick with the tried and true, but she'd rather mix it up. "Sure, you can bury them," she says, "But sometimes a barrel of acid can keep the experience fresh!"

Since she's a woman of mystery herself, I had to put some work into tracking down the details about her life to present to you here. This is all my sources could reveal. Sorry for the redactions—some of it is classified.

LEFT COAST CRIME MOST WANTED

NAME: Chantelle Aimée Osman

KNOWN ALIASES: Siren of Suspense, *REDACTED*, Wile E. Coyote, The Script Doctor, The Consultant of Crime

Sex: F **DOB:** March 11, *Redacted*

Height: 5'0", but up to 5'6" in fancy shoes **Weight:** 100

Scars/Tattoos: numerous Russian prison tattoos, a skull on her left redacted, the word *SinRedacted* and an anchor on her forearm sporting, bizarrely, the word 'Mom.'

Warrant issued: February 25-28, 2016 **Official charge:** Fan Guest of Honor

Details:

Osman's offenses are numerous, from being nominated for an Anthony Award to serving as keynote speaker (capo) and a judge (and jury and executioner, one presumes) of many writing contests.

Although she prefers to subtly manipulate from the shadows, she has been known to lead others into a life of crime, teaching at the apocryphally named *Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing at Arizona State University*, *Comic Con*, *Bouchercon*, *Dragon Con* (notice how the word 'con' is right there in the title? it's as if the criminals don't even try to hide their intention?), *Left Coast Crime*, *Tucson Festival of Books*, and numerous other clandestine sites. She's created an Anthony-nominated blog called *Sirens of Suspense* where she interviews others interested in criminal documentation and also edits *RT Digital Extra Magazine*, which is some kind of newly-created dark site for reviews.

Currently, she's working with *Polis Books* and *Jason Starr* on a project terrifyingly titled *Serial Killer*, described as: One house. Twelve strangers. One killer. Who will survive? So, keep that in mind if you spot her at *Left Coast Crime*. Use caution. Be the one who survives.

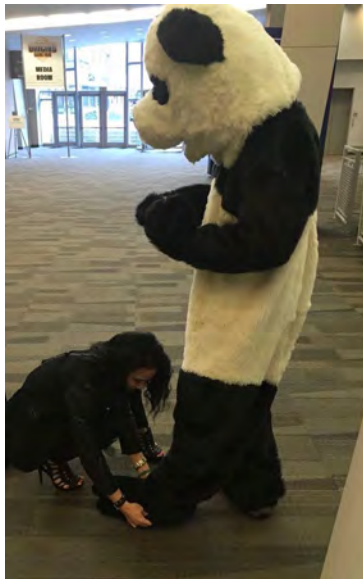
She is well-known for crafting how-to guides on committing crimes, with sinister titles such as *An Ember of Truth*; *Baby, it's Cold Outside* (included in *How Not to Survive the Holidays*); *Bad News*; *The Case for Killing Granny*, *The Fifth Day of Christmas*, *The Last Good-bye*, a bit in *Thrillers, Killers, and Chillers*; *Once Killed, Twice Dead*; *Revenge is Bliss*; *The Phone Call*; *The Understudy*; and *Wish You Weren't Here*. In addition to these titles, she has created an entire universe of *The Quick and Dirty Guide to...* books.

She serves as a for-hire freelancer, known as the *Consultant of Crime*, helping crime folks with anti-social media, writing, editing.

It's said she once even managed political campaigns, but that seems hard to believe, even for her.

She should be considered armed and dangerous. Approach with caution. It's suggested that you keep her placated with good champagne and chocolate at all times.

Last known photos:



New York Times and *USA Today* bestselling author *Rebecca Cantrell* has published nine novels in over ten different languages. Her novels have won the *ITW Thriller*, the *Macavity*, and the *Bruce Alexander* awards. They have been nominated for the *GoodReads Choice* award, the *Barry*, the *RT Reviewers Choice*, and the *APPY* award. She and her husband and son live in *Berlin*.

Appreciation of Toastmaster Catriona McPherson

by Jess Lourey



I first met Catriona McPherson on the elevator at St. Louis Bouchercon. I stepped into the car and there she stood: tall, glorious, and dressed like a Sex Pistols' housewife. I glanced at her lanyard, recognized her name, and committed my first crime.

“Cat-TREE-oh-nuh MUCfearsen!”

Imagine the social grace it took her not to correct my butchery of her name. It wasn't until our panel that afternoon, upon hearing the moderator correctly pronounce it (“Catreena McFurson,” with rumbleshot Scottish “r”s, if you can pull that off), did I realize what I'd done.

My second offense against Catriona was moderating Left Coast Crime's inaugural sex panel, “When the Rubber Meets the Road,” in 2014. Because of the panel's title (my fault), Catriona, four other brilliant writers, and I found ourselves facing a 200-seat room full of people who thought they were about to hear about automobiles. When I announced that we'd actually be talking graphically about sex and writing and that anyone who was uncomfortable could leave, Catriona was the first to slink away.

Thankfully, she returned and gave a wonderful reading from the Literary Review's 2014 Bad Sex in Fiction Award winner. And she's still my friend. In fact, her gracious, open heart is a thing of legend. She seems to make time for everyone and everything, including helming Sisters in Crime from 2014-15, where she championed We Love Bookstores grants, the Dorothy Cannell Guppy Scholarship, and the Eleanor Taylor Bland grant for emerging writers of color. Also, according to sitting SinC president Leslie Budewitz, she launched the “fabulously successful Speakers' Bureau. Catriona has an amazing ability to bring people together.”

Catriona also carves out time to teach writing workshops, dumpster dive, garden, contribute to two award-winning blogs, and get a couple surgeries (if we're looking at 2015 as a marker). All that, and she *still* writes three books a year.

Her father, Jim, tells me that she wrote and published her first book at age nine. *Wendy the Wicked and Wanda the Wise* came in at six single-spaced pages and had a print run of one, thanks to Jim's office copier. Catriona's English teacher also encouraged her writing, reading her stories out loud to the class. Around the same formative time in Catriona's life, *The Buntz*, a Scottish girl's magazine, ran a letter she'd written.

No surprise she went on to become one of the world's leading linguistics professors.

Or would have, if she'd enjoyed academia. We all owe a thanks to university bureaucracy that after five years of teaching while pursuing a linguistics MA and then a PhD, and despite enjoying the subject and her students, in 2000, Catriona chose to give up the glamour of education to pursue the only job she'd ever really wanted: writing.

She resigned her position, moved to Galloway with husband Neil, and started out Chapter One, Page One. Ten months later, she'd completed her first novel, initially rejected by publishers. The summer after that, she decided to write what she loved to read: Golden Age detective fiction. Inspired by the work of Dorothy L Sayers and Margery Allingham, Catriona fleshed out the character of Dandelion Dahlia Leston Gilver (Dandy to friends), a 1920s aristocrat-cum-amateur-sleuth who dropped into Catriona's imagination wholly formed. *After the Armistice Ball* was published in 2005.

The Dandy Gilver series has been shortlisted for the CWA Ellis Peters Dagger and won the Sue Feder Memorial Macavity Award, an Agatha, and multiple Bruce Alexander awards, and *Dandy Gilver and the Proper Treatment of Bloodstains* was named one of the top ten picks of 2012 by the *Boston Globe*. There's good reason. The series adheres to the clever deduction typical of Golden Age writing, but Dandy stands out for her intuitiveness and humor. Catriona writes her with a delicate awareness of social mores, historical authenticity, and a subtle respect for justice—cultural and legal—that permeates every scene. And the dialogue. Oh my. If for no other reason, read Dandy Gilver to learn how to write conversations as swift and powerful as arrows. It's no wonder the BBC has optioned the series.

Catriona is more than Dandy Gilver's mistress, of course. She's also written two comic romps as Catriona McCloud. The first, *Growing Up Again*, was originally titled *Saving Elvis*. Catriona's husband Neil says she still dreams of it being reissued under that title. "It's an incredible book," he says. "How many people could turn a PhD thesis on the logical properties of nonexistent objects into a warm-hearted, laugh-out-loud, time travel caper about the importance of love, honesty, and good intentions?"

Only one.

And don't forget about the four atmospheric suspense novels picked up by Midnight Ink. Remember that first novel she wrote back in 2000, the one that was rejected by publishers? It became *Come to Harm* after a chance meeting in 2013 between Catriona and Midnight Ink acquisitions editor Terri Bischoff. According to Terri, "Catriona's writing is magical—she drops you right into the heart of the characters."

Terri saw something we've all come to realize: Catriona can write the hell out of anything. The standalones Midnight Ink picked up have been nominated for every major mystery award: the Edgar for best paperback original, the Macavity for best novel, the Silver Falchion for best literary suspense, and the Anthony award for best paperback. In addition, *As She Left It* was named to Kirkus top 20 mystery/thrillers of 2013.

And according to Terri (and anyone without a heart of cabbage who has met Catriona), Ms. McPherson's magic isn't isolated in her writing. It extends to Catriona herself, and from there, she sprays it into the world. Terri explains: "Catriona makes people feel comfortable. I think it's because she engages with and listens to everyone. It's an amazing gift...and I'm totally in love with her accent."

As a fellow Brit, author Simon Wood is impervious to the power of the brogue, but he shares the love. "I marvel at Catriona's effortless ability to charm and put people at ease. Within five minutes of meeting anyone, people are in awe and engaged by what she has to share. That's a rare and fine ability, especially when she doesn't even realize she's doing it."

We stateside are forever grateful Catriona moved from her home country of Scotland to California in 2010. This *Guardian Review* description of Dandy Gilver eerily describes best what Catriona herself brings to the table: she is "brisk, baffled, kindly, heroic and—above all—very funny."

As a side note, Catriona McPherson gives the best awards speeches in the industry. If you get a chance to hear one (and the way that she writes, smart money says you will), check it out. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll run to buy her latest book, or your money back.

Jessica (Jess) Lourey is best known for her critically-acclaimed Murder-by-Month mysteries, which have earned multiple starred reviews from Library Journal and Booklist, the latter calling her writing "a splendid mix of humor and suspense." Jessica is a tenured professor of creative writing and sociology at a Minnesota college. When not teaching, reading, traveling, writing, or raising her two wonderful kids, you can find her dreaming of her next story. Salem's Cipher, the first book in her thrilling Witch Hunt Series, hits shelves September 2016.

Appreciation of American
Guest of Honor
Gregg Hurwitz

by Barbara Peters



There are so many things I admire about Gregg Hurwitz—his kindness as a person, his curiosity and love of challenge, his intelligence and his creativity. The one stimulates and supports the other.

I first met Gregg in 2002 when he visited The Poisoned Pen on tour with *Do No Harm*. As the author of 1999's *The Tower*, published when he was 26, he'd already created what the publishing industry calls "buzz." At our first of many discussions about literature and craft (and life) I could see that at age 29 he had a clear vision of who he was as a writer, and as a person, and that the "buzz" was something he accepted but did not let define him. As I have witnessed in the years since, he's had the courage to let his imagination and talent run as it would into 13 new and gripping thrillers, translated into some 26 languages and winning critical and popular recognition. You have only to visit gregghurwitz.net to be blown away by his many accomplishments.

I've been an admirer and friend forever of Gregg's editor, Keith Kahla, Executive Editor at St Martin's Press. I asked him to add his thoughts to mine:

"Gregg Hurwitz has such an unlikely background and series of accomplishments that, if he showed as a character in a novel, I'd tell the author that he was simply too unbelievable. And yet, Gregg really is all that. He has a BA from Harvard University, where he was an athlete, then has a Masters from Trinity College, Oxford, where he went to study Shakespeare. He wrote his first novel while in college, and got it published. By a major house. And has published fourteen more novels since then, the latest being *Orphan X*.

“At the same time, he's written and produced TV shows and movies, with major studios. Not to mention that he's written comics (Marvel and DC)—he even got to write Batman for a time, the dream of many a young man. But whatever else he does, and accomplishes, his novels come first. And it shows in his work. Never content to rest on his laurels, he's steadily become a stronger, more accomplished writer with ever new book. Personally, he's well-read, charming, and funny, the first to admit his foibles and the last to talk of his accomplishments. As a character, he would be unbelievable. But as a writer and a person, he's a wonder and a delight.”

I add that for me, the most enticing thing about being a publisher and bookseller is the sheer unpredictability of what, on a large scale, will catch the public's fancy. I'm not channeling Malcolm Gladwell here so I'll just say that a fictional concept that taps a commercial vein must be arresting, feel fresh. And get a lot of helping hands.

Orphan X, Gregg's series-start published this January, hit me like a hammer as I met Evan Smoak, began to learn his story, and was swept into the action. Actor Bradley Cooper and Warner Brothers were out in front of me: movie rights have been snapped up for Cooper to produce and possibly star. Part of this thriller's charm, as another reviewer notes, is that “Gregg balances the deadly goings-on with scenes that take place at the building where Evan lives, showing ordinary citizens nagging Evan about HOA meetings and asking him to babysit. The dichotomy reveals a man who knows how to survive, but perhaps has never been given the chance truly to live.”

And there's a terrific screen role for some lucky boy in *Orphan X*. I love it that as a mature man and writer, Gregg does channel, channel what it is to be a boy plus his experience writing thrillers, comics, and screenplays—in short, everything he is—into a magical moment, the creation of a character and a universe he can explore for years to come. There could be no better time for Gregg to be heralded the American Guest of Honor at Left Coast Crime 2016.

Barbara Peters has been editor-in-chief (the Evil Editor) at Poisoned Pen Press since its inception in 1998. She is also the owner and founder of The Poisoned Pen—A Bookstore in Scottsdale, Arizona. She reads more books in a year than most can read in a lifetime and still manages to remember the minute details of books and authors, even years later.

Appreciation of International Guest of Honor **Ann Cleeves**

by Toby and Bill Gottfried

Our favorite experience with Ann Cleeves was when we sat in the Monterey hotel restaurant at Calamari Crime, Left Coast Crime 2014, with her and reminisced about the first book she wrote: *A Bird in the Hand*, featuring elderly bird watchers George and Molly Palmer-Jones. As avid bird watchers ourselves, we were enthralled by a crime novel with a bird watchers theme. Much to our delight, that debut was followed by other Palmer-Jones mysteries: *A Prey to Murder* and *Murder in Paradise*, to name but two of the eventual eight in the series. Since that time, we've come to know Ann and her husband Tim, author of the "RSPB Handbook of British Birds," and we look forward to any occasion to get together and talk mysteries and birds.

Ann grew up in the English countryside, first in Herefordshire and then North Devon. After dropping out Sussex University, where she'd been studying English, she took a number of temporary jobs before returning to college and training to be a probation officer—an occupation that later led her to set up reading groups in prisons as part of the Inside Books project. One of her (fortuitous) temporary jobs was as cook in the Bird Observatory on Fair Isle, where she met Tim Cleeves. They were soon married and moved to a remote nature reserve occupying Hilbre Island, off the west coast of the United Kingdom, near the border of England and Wales.

As one of two only permanent residents on the island, which was cut off from the mainland except at low tide (we're skipping the part about no electricity or running water), Ann turned to writing to fill her time—even though she had no real interest in bird watching. In 1986 the first in the George and Molly series was published. After a move to Northumberland, she wrote six mysteries featuring Inspector Stephen Ramsey of that area, all published in the 1990s. But perhaps our favorite of Ann's characters is the redoubtable Vera Stanhope—we've read her, but we also never miss her on PBS! Ann's Vera Stanhope series is already eight books strong, with the most recent being *The Moth Catcher*, published in 2015.

With Detective Chief Inspector Vera Stanhope, Ann has truly created an excellent character, a woman full of insights into the criminal mind and leading investigations in a forthright and resolute manner. The sixth season of the Vera Stanhope TV series has just begun, starring Brenda Blethyn—the perfect



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embodiment of the descriptions in the novel's pages. As a woman of middle age, a bit stocky and unstylish, Vera is still a commanding figure. She and her sidekick Joe Ashworth, played by David Leon, continually engage us by discovering clues and complexities in murderers and mysteries.

Of course, Vera isn't the only one of Ann's fictional characters to show up on the television screen. "Shetland"—another show we never miss—features Detective Inspector Jimmy Perez and (certainly the setting is a major character itself!) the Scottish archipelago of the Shetland Islands. To date Ann has published six Shetland novels: the first quartet is *Raven Black*, *White Nights*, *Red Bones*, and *Blue Lightning*, each set in a different season; the second quartet, which will cover the four elements, has started with *Dead Water* and *Thin Air* (the most recent series release in 2014). The BBC series truly brings the characters and environment of the wonderful series to life.

But it's Ann's words that provided the spark, and she's recognized by readers and critics alike for her work. Her books have been translated into 20 languages, and she's a best seller in multiple countries. In 2006, she was the first winner of the prestigious Duncan Lawrie Dagger Award of the Crime Writer's Association for *Raven Black*, the first volume of her Shetland Quartet. The same book was also short listed for the Martin Beck award for the best translated crime novel in Sweden in 2007.

In 2014, Ann was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of Sunderland in recognition of her outstanding achievements as a crime writer. And in 2015, Ann was shortlisted for the Dagger in the Library award, which is awarded not for an individual book but for an author's entire body of work. The long list is drawn from reader's submissions, with the short list then voted on by a panel of judges. The winner of the Dagger in the Library will be announced at the CWA Annual Awards Dinner on June 30, 2016. (We have our fingers crossed for her!)

You might think Ann's storytelling talents stop at four different successful mystery series—oh no! She's a writer of short stories, one of which, *The Platter*, was short listed for the CWA Dagger Award. She's an prize-winning filmmaker—winning a Royal Television Society Award for her short film for Border TV, "Catching Birds." And she's a sought-after guest of honor and participant in mystery conferences, from Left Coast Crime and Malice Domestic in the States, to CrimeFest, Shetland Noir, and the Emirates Literature Festival overseas (and mostly closer to home). In 2015, Ann was the Programming Chair for the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival and the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Award. She became Cheltenham Literature Festival's first reader-in-residence and still makes time to work with libraries.

We enjoy so much about Ann Cleaves, from her fascinating characters, whether on page or on screen, to her warm and charming personality. We're thrilled that birds not only brought us together as friends, but ultimately brought her to the Left Coast Crime community, as the International Guest of Honor at The Great Cactus Caper. We couldn't think of anyone more deserving. Congratulations, Ann!

Bill and Toby Gottfried are life-long mystery partners (55 years and counting), the owners of 18,000 mysteries, and attendees of every LCC since its inception in 1990. They are recipients of the Don Sandstrom Memorial Award (Bcon 2008) and the David Thompson Award (Bcon 2015).

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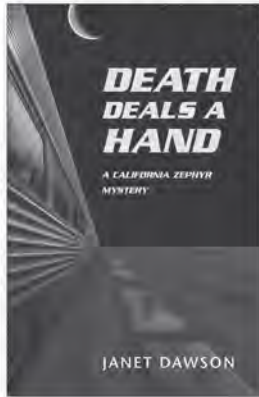
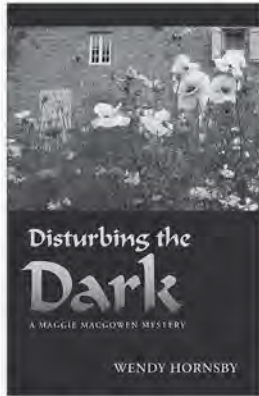
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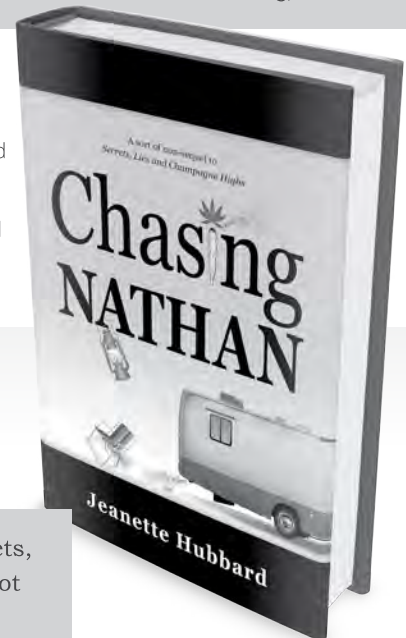


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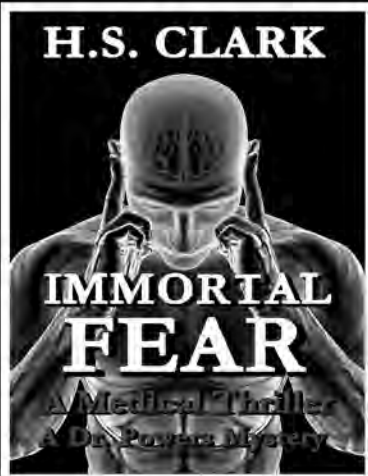
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1993	Anaheim, CA	Susan Dunlap		Ann & Evan Maxwell	
1994	Anaheim, CA	Aaron Elkins		Carolyn Hart	
1995	Scottsdale, AZ	Tony Hillerman		Judith Van Gieson	
1996	Boulder, CO	Kinky Friedman	Maggie Mason	Nevada Barr	
1997	Seattle, WA	Faye & Jonathan Kellerman		Lia Matera	
1998	San Diego, CA	Elizabeth George	Willis Herr	Alan Russell	Bob Wade
1999	Albuquerque, NM	John Dunning	Tasha Mackler	Deborah Crombie	
2000	Tucson, AZ	Sue Grafton	George Easter	Harlan Coben	
2001	Anchorage, AK	Michael Connelly Lindsey Davis	Andi Shechter		
2002	Portland, OR	Laurie R. King Steven Saylor Dennis McMillan [SG]	Don Herron	G.M. Ford	
2003	Pasadena, CA	Robert Crais	Sue Feder	Jerrilyn Farmer	
2004	Monterey, CA	Walter Mosley Sharan Newman	Bryan Barrett Thom Walls	Gillian Roberts	Richard Lupoff
2005	El Paso, TX	S.J. Rozan Paco Ignacio Taibo II	Ernie Bulow	Rick Riordan	
2006	Bristol, UK	Boris Akunin Jeffrey Deaver Anne Perry	Bill & Toby Gottfried Donna Moore	Lee Child	
2007	Seattle, WA	Dennis & Gayle Lynds	Diane Kovacs Kara Robinson	Gary Phillips	
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2009	Waikoloa, HI	Rhys Bowen Barry Eisler	Pam Dehnke Vallery Feldman	Lee Goldberg	
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2013	Colorado Springs, CO	Craig Johnson Laura Lippman Lou Diamond Phillips <i>[SG]</i>	Tom & Enid Schantz	David Corbett	
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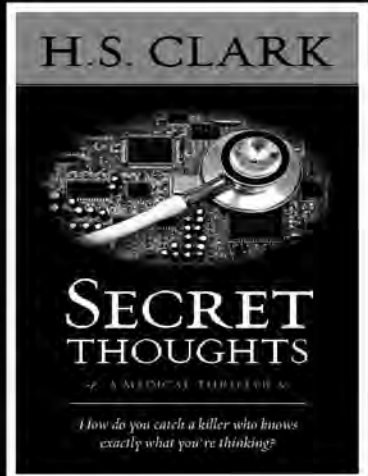
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The optional awards have been given in a variety of categories, such as for the best mystery set in the LCC geographical region (Mountain & Pacific time zones in North America and west to Hawaii), and variously named depending on the convention location: e.g., *Otter* (Monterey 2004), *Calavera* (El Paso 2005), *Rocky* (Denver 2008 & Colorado Springs 2013), and *Rose* (Portland 2015). Other varieties of geographically-based award include the *Hillerman Sky* for Southwest settings (Santa Fe 2011), *Golden Nugget* for California (Sacramento 2012), and the *Squid* (US) and *Calamari* (non-US) (Monterey 2014).

Awards for best first mystery include the *Eureka!* (Sacramento 2012) and *Rosebud* (Portland 2015). And let's not forget the *Watson*, for the mystery with the best sidekick (Santa Fe 2011 & Colorado Springs 2013), and the *Hawaii Five-O* (2009) for law enforcement and police procedurals. The *Panik* award was given in memory of Paul Anik for best LA noir (Los Angeles 2010). Cover art was recognized with the *Arty* (Denver 2008).

This year's Lefty categories and the nominees are set out below. Be sure to deposit your paper Lefty Ballot in the ballot box near the Volunteer Table by 1:30 PM on Saturday.

2016 Lefty Award Nominees

Best Humorous Mystery

- Lord of the Wings* by Donna Andrews
- Plantation Shudders* by Ellen Byron
- February Fever* by Jess Lourey
- Dying for a Donut* by Cindy Sample
- Crushed Velvet* by Diane Vallere

Best Historical Mystery (prior to 1960)

– The Bruce Alexander Memorial

- Malice at the Palace* by Rhys Bowen
- The Masque of a Murderer*
by Susanna Calkins
- The Chocolate Kiss-Off* by Heather Haven
- The Secret Life of Anna Blanc*
by Jennifer Kincheloe
- Dreaming Spies* by Laurie R. King
- Mrs. Roosevelt's Confidante*
by Susan Elia MacNeal

Best Mystery Set in the Left Coast Crime Geographic Area

- The Crossing* by Michael Connelly
- Night Tremors* by Matt Coyle
- The Promise* by Robert Crais
- The Accidental Alchemist* by Gigi Pandian
- Young Americans* by Josh Stallings

Best Mystery Set Outside the Left Coast Crime Geographic Area

- The Long and Faraway Gone* by Lou Berney
- Dragon Day* by Lisa Brackmann
- The Killing Kind* by Chris Holm
- The Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny
- Stone Cold Dead* by James W. Ziskin

History of Left Coast Crime Awards

2015 – Portland, Oregon

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Herbie's Game* by Timothy Hallinan
- The Good, the Bad, and the Emus*
by Donna Andrews
- January Thaw* by Jess Lourey
- Dying for a Dude* by Cindy Sample
- Suede to Rest* by Diane Vallere

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1960]

- ☑ *A Deadly Measure of Brimstone*
by Catriona McPherson
- Queen of Hearts* by Rhys Bowen
- From the Charred Remains* by Susanna Calkins
- City of Ghosts* by Kelli Stanley
- Cup of Blood* by Jeri Westerson

Rose Award [LCC region]

- ☑ *Pirate Vishnu* by Gigi Pandian
- One Kick* by Chelsea Cain
- Glass Houses* by Terri Nolan
- Deadly Bonds* by L.J. Sellers
- Plaster City* by Johnny Shaw

Rosebud Award [debut]

- ☑ *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens
- Kilmoon* by Lisa Alber
- Ice Shear* by M.P. Cooley
- The Black Hour* by Lori Rader-Day
- Mistress of Fortune* by Holly West

2014 – Monterey, California

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *The Good Cop* by Brad Parks
- The Hen of the Baskervilles* by Donna Andrews
- The Fame Thief* by Timothy Hallinan
- The Last Word* by Lisa Lutz
- Dying for a Daiquiri* by Cindy Sample

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1960]

- ☑ *Dandy Gilver and a Bothersome Number of Corpses* by
Catriona McPherson
- Heirs and Graces* by Rhys Bowen
- His Majesty's Hope* by Susan Elia MacNeal
- Murder as a Fine Art* by David Morrell
- Covenant with Hell* by Priscilla Royal
- Leaving Everything Most Loved*
by Jacqueline Winspear

Squid Award [U.S.]

- ☑ *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger
- W Is for Wasted* by Sue Grafton
- Purgatory Key* by Darrell James
- The Wrong Girl* by Hank Phillippi Ryan
- A Killing at Cotton Hill* by Terry Shames

Calamari Award [non-U.S.]

- ☑ *How the Light Gets In* by Louise Penny
- Murder Below Montparnasse* by Cara Black
- Hour of the Rat* by Lisa Brackmann
- As She Left It* by Catriona McPherson
- Mykonos After Midnight* by Jeffrey Siger

2013 – Colorado Springs, Colorado

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *The Girl Next Door* by Brad Parks
- Cruising in Your Eighties Is Murder*
by Mike Befeler
- Swift Run* by Laura DiSilverio
- December Dread* by Jess Lourey
- Trail of the Spellmans* by Lisa Lutz
- Fit To Be Dead* by Nancy G. West

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1960]

- ☑ *Dandy Gilver and an Unsuitable Day for a Murder*
by Catriona McPherson
- The Twelve Clues of Christmas* by Rhys Bowen
- A City of Broken Glass* by Rebecca Cantrell
- Live by Night* by Dennis Lehane
- Elegy for Eddie* by Jacqueline Winspear

Rocky Award [LCC region]

- ☑ *As the Crow Flies* by Craig Johnson
- Buffalo Bill's Dead Now* by Margaret Coel
- Hush Money* by Chuck Greaves
- Wicked Eddies* by Beth Groundwater
- Sonora Crossing* by Darrell James

Watson Award [sidekick]

- ☑ *Bruja Brouhaha* by Rochelle Staab
- In a Witch's Wardrobe* by Juliet Blackwell
- Taken* by Robert Crais
- Fun House* by Chris Grabenstein
- When the Past Haunts You* by L.C. Hayden

2012 – Sacramento, California

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *The Real Macaw* by Donna Andrews
- Getting Old Can Kill You* by Rita Lakin
- October Fest* by Jess Lourey
- Magical Alienation* by Kris Neri
- Dying for a Dance* by Cindy Sample
- The Albuquerque Turkey* by John Vorhaus

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1960]

- ☑ *Mercury's Rise* by Ann Parker
- Naughty in Nice* by Rhys Bowen
- A Game of Lies* by Rebecca Cantrell
- A Killing Season* by Priscilla Royal
- Troubled Bones* by Jeri Westerson
- A Lesson in Secrets* by Jacqueline Winspear

Golden Nugget Award [California]

- ☑ *City of Secrets* by Kelli Stanley
- Disturbance* by Jan Burke
- The Drop* by Michael Connelly
- Bit Player* by Janet Dawson
- V Is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton

Eureka! Award [debut]

- ☑ *Nazareth Child* by Darrell James
- The Baffled Beatlemaniac Caper*
by Sally Carpenter
- Dead Man's Switch* by Tammy Kaehler
- Who Do, Voodoo?* by Rochelle Staab

2011 – Santa Fe, New Mexico

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *The Pot Thief Who Studied Einstein*
by J. Michael Orenduff
- Stork Raving Mad* by Donna Andrews
- Swift Justice* by Laura DiSilverio
- Old Dogs* by Donna Moore
- Revenge for Old Times' Sake* by Kris Neri

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1950]

- ☑ *The Mapping of Love and Death*
by Jacqueline Winspear
- A Night of Long Knives* by Rebecca Cantrell
- Murder for Greenhorns* by Robert Kresge
- City of Dragons* by Kelli Stanley
- The Demon's Parchment* by Jeri Westerson

Hillerman Sky Award [Southwest]

- ☑ *The Spider's Web* by Margaret Coel
- Wild Penance* by Sandi Ault
- The Bone Fire* by Christine Barber
- Snare* by Deborah J Ledford

Watson Award [sidekick]

- ☑ *Junkyard Dogs* by Craig Johnson
- Wild Penance* by Sandi Ault
- Dead Lift* by Rachel Brady
- Rolling Thunder* by Chris Grabenstein
- To Fetch a Thief* by Spencer Quinn

2010 – Los Angeles, California

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Getting Old Is a Disaster* by Rita Lakin
- Swan for the Money* by Donna Andrews
- Living with Your Kids Is Murder* by Mike Befeler
- Strangle a Loaf of Italian Bread* by Denise Dietz
- High Crimes on the Magical Plane* by Kris Neri

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical pre-1950]

- ☑ *A Trace of Smoke* by Rebecca Cantrell
- Tears of Pearl* by Tasha Alexander
- In a Gilded Cage* by Rhys Bowen
- Freedom's Flight* by Gary Phillips
- Serpent in the Thorns* by Jeri Westerson

The Panik [L.A. noir]

- ☑ *Death Was in the Picture* by Linda Richards
- Cemetery Road* by Gar Anthony Haywood
- Trust No One* by Gregg Hurwitz
- Boulevard* by Stephen Jay Schwartz

2009 – Waikoloa, Hawaii

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Greasing the Piñata* by Tim Maleeny
- Six Geese A-Slaying* by Donna Andrews
- It Happened One Knife* by Jeffrey Cohen
- Thugs & Kisses* by Sue Ann Jaffarian
- Murder at the Bad Girl's Bar and Grill*
by N.M. Kelby
- Getting Old Is To Die For* by Rita Lakin

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1950]

- ☑ *Nox Dormienda, A Long Night for Sleeping*
by Kelli Stanley
- A Fatal Waltz* by Tasha Alexander
- A Royal Pain* by Rhys Bowen
- Tell Me, Pretty Maiden* by Rhys Bowen
- Touchstone* by Laurie King

Hawaii Five-O [police procedural]

- ☑ *Mahu Fire* by Neil S. Plakcy
- Angels Fall* by Baron Birtcher
- The Angel of Knowlton Park* by Kate Flora
- The Black Path* by Åsa Larsson
- Death of a Cozy Writer* by G.M. Malliet
- Fractured* by Karin Slaughter

LCC Award History (cont.)

2008 – Denver, Colorado

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Murder with Reservations* by Elaine Viets
The Penguin Who Knew Too Much
by Donna Andrews
- Stuff To Die For* by Don Bruns
- Some Like It Hot-Buttered* by Jeffrey Cohen
- Knee High by the Fourth of July* by Jess Lourey

Rocky Award [LCC region]

- ☑ *The Girl with the Braided Hair* by Margaret Coel
- Free Fire* by C.J. Box
- Lost Dog* by Bill Cameron
- Stealing the Dragon* by Tim Maleeny
- False Fortune* by Twist Phelan

Arty Award [cover art]

- ☑ *Her Royal Spyness* by Rhys Bowen
- Queenpin* by Megan Abbott
- Isabella Moon* by Laura Benedict
- Silent Counsel* by Ken Isaacson
- Stealing the Dragon* by Tim Maleeny

2007 – Seattle, Washington

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Go to Helena Handbasket* by Donna Moore
- No Nest for the Wicket* by Donna Andrews
- Monkey Man* by Steve Brewer
- 47 Rules of Highly Effective Bank Robbers*
by Troy Cook
- Murder Unleashed* by Elaine Viets

2006 – Bristol, UK

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Cast Adrift* by Peter Guttridge
- Cue the Easter Bunny* by Liz Evans
- The Big Over Easy* by Jasper Fforde
- Highway 61 Resurfaced* by Bill Fitzhugh
- Fags and Lager* by Charlie Williams

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1950]

- ☑ *Spectres in the Smoke* by Tony Broadbent
- Night's Child* by Maureen Jennings
- Pardonable Lies* by Jacqueline Winspear

2005 – El Paso, Texas

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *We'll Always Have Parrots*
by Donna Andrews [tie]
- ☑ *Blue Blood* by Susan McBride [tie]
Carnage on the Committee
by Ruth Dudley Edwards
- Holy Guacamole* by Nancy Fairbanks
- Perfect Sax* by Jerrilyn Farmer

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1950]

- ☑ *The Witch in the Well* by Sharan Newman
- Five for Silver* by Mary Reed & Eric Mayer
- Tyrant of the Mind* by Priscilla Royal
- Murder on Marble Row* by Victoria Thompson
- Birds of a Feather* by Jacqueline Winspear

Calavera Award [LCC region]

- ☑ *Grave Endings* by Rochelle Krich
- Snap Shot* by Meg Chittenden
- Shadow Play* by David Cole
- What Others Know* by L.C. Hayden
- Family Claims* by Twist Phelan

2004 – Monterey, California

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Mumbo Gumbo* by Jerrilyn Farmer
- Crouching Buzzard, Leaping Loon*
by Donna Andrews
- Shop Till You Drop* by Elaine Viets

Bruce Alexander Memorial [historical, pre-1950]

- ☑ *For the Love of Mike* by Rhys Bowen
- Silver Lies* by Ann Parker
- Four for a Boy* by Mary Reed & Eric Mayer

Otter Award [LCC region]

- ☑ *More Than You Know* by Meg Chittenden
- Dragonfly Bones* by David Cole
- Murder Pans Out* by Emily Toll

2003 – Pasadena, California

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *The Hearse Case Scenario* by Tim Cockey [tie]
- ☑ *Pipsqueak* by Brian M. Wiprud [tie]
Hard Eight by Janet Evanovich
- This Pen for Hire* by Laura Levine
- The Rival Queens* by Fidelis Morgan
- Buck Fever* by Ben Rehder

2002 – Portland, Oregon

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Dim Sum Dead* by Jerrilyn Farmer [tie]
- ☑ *Fender Benders* by Bill Fitzhugh [tie]
Revenge of the Wrought-Iron Flamingos
by Donna Andrews
Murder Can Upset Your Mother by Selma Eichler
Long Time No See by Susan Isaacs

2001 – Anchorage, Alaska

[No Award Given]

2000 – Tucson, Arizona

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Murder With Peacocks* by Donna Andrews
Big Trouble by Dave Barry
High Five by Janet Evanovich
Immaculate Reception by Jerrilyn Farmer
Murder Shoots the Bull by Anne George

1999 – Albuquerque, New Mexico

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Four To Score* by Janet Evanovich

1998 – San Diego, California

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *Three To Get Deadly* by Janet Evanovich
Dead Men Don't Dance by Margaret Chittenden
Scam by Parnell Hall
I Still Miss My Man But My Aim Is Getting Better
by Sarah Shankman
The Death and Life of Bobby Z by Don Winslow

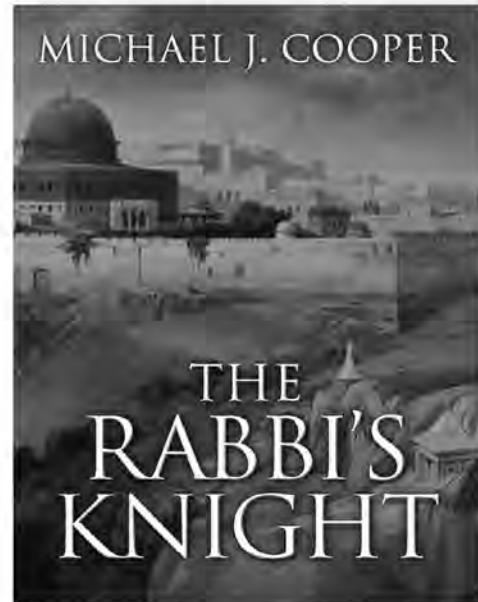
1997 – Seattle, Washington

[No Award Given]

1996 – Boulder, Colorado

Lefty Award [humorous]

- ☑ *The Fat Innkeeper* by Alan Russell
God Bless John Wayne by Kinky Friedman
Who in Hell Is Wanda Fuca? by G.M. Ford
Movie by Parnell Hall
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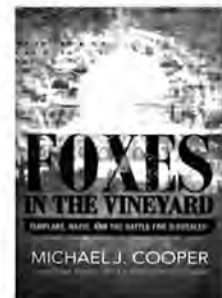


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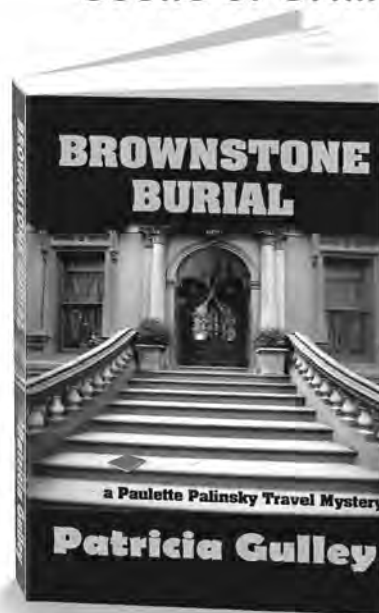
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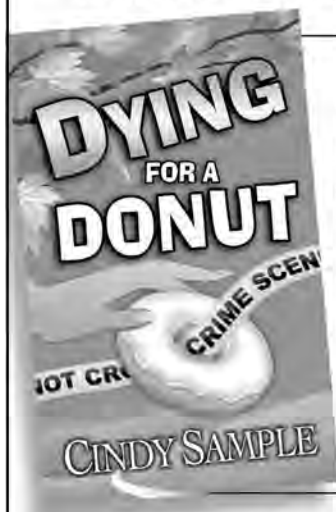


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Kristi Abbott

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A Rosebud Award finalist for best debut novel, LISA ALBER's *Kilmoon* has been described as “utterly poetic” and a “stirring debut.” *Whispers in the Mist*, her second novel in the County Clare mystery series, will be available in August 2016 from Midnight Ink Books. Lisa is the recipient of an Elizabeth George Foundation writing grant and a Walden Fellowship.



Ellie Alexander (Kate Dyer-Seeley)

Ellie Alexander writes the *Bakeshop Mysteries* for St. Martin's Press and the *Pacific Northwest Mysteries* for Kensington Publishing (Kate Dyer-Seeley). When she's not coated in flour, you'll find her outside exploring hiking trails and trying to burn off calories consumed in the name of research.

Annamaria Alfieri

Annamaria Alfieri's current series is set in British East Africa in 1911. *Of Strange Gods*, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* said "With the flair of Isak Dinesen and Beryl Markham, the cunning of Agatha Christie and Elspeth Huxley and the moral sensibility of our times, Alfieri permeates this novel with a palpable love of Africa." Kirkus compared her *Invisible Country* to "the notable novels of Charles Todd." Her next, *The Idol of Mombasa*, launches in September.



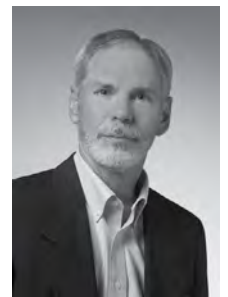
Stacy Allen

Stacy Allen is the author of *EXPEDITION INDIGO*, the first in a series featuring Dr. Riley Cooper, a SCU-BA-diving, globe-traveling archaeologist. Stacy has traveled to 60+ countries (so far!). Currently the VP of SE Chapter of Mystery Writers of America, an Advanced Open Water Diver, married and lives in the Atlanta area. Currently working on a British spy thriller, Ms. Allen is represented by Jill Marr of the Sandra Dijkstra Literary Agency.



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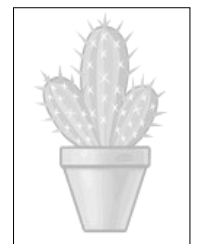
Ritter Ames

Ritter Ames is the USA Today Bestselling author of the *Organized Mysteries* and the *Bodies of Art Mysteries*. She lives atop a very green hill with her husband and Labrador Retriever, and spends each day globetrotting the art world from her laptop with Pandora blasting into her earbuds. Often with the dog snoring at her feet. She's been known to plan trips after researching new books, and keeps a list of "can't miss" foods to taste along the way. Visit her at www.ritterames.com.



Rolynn Anderson

Scandinavian, Army Brat, English Teacher, High School Principal, Golfer, Boater, World Traveler, Author. She delights in creating imperfect characters faced with extraordinary, transforming challenges. Her hope: You'll devour her 'makeover' suspense novels in the wee hours of the morning, because her stories, settings and characters capture your imagination and your heart.



Donna Andrews

Donna Andrews is the author of 19 (soon to be 20) books in the Meg Langslow series from Minotaur, including *Lord of the Wings* (August 2015) and *Die Like an Eagle* (August 2016). She currently serves as MWA's Executive Vice President. When not writing, she gardens with more enthusiasm than skill, pursues her passion for digital photography, and chauffeurs her 12-year-old twin nephews to baseball and basketball games and practices.





Tessa Arlen

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Jennifer Ashley (Ashley Gardner)

USA Today bestselling author Ashley Gardner is a pseudonym of NY Times bestselling author Jennifer Ashley. As Ashley she writes the award-winning Captain Lacey Regency mysteries. Under all her names, Ashley is the author of more than 85 published novels and novellas, currently writing for Berkley and also self-publishing. Ashley lives in Phoenix and includes dollhouse miniatures among her hobbies. More about Ashley Gardner can be found on her website: www.gardnermysteries.com.



Shannon Baker

Shannon Baker writes the upcoming Kate Fox mystery series. *Stripped Bare*, due for release September 2016 by Tor/Forge. It features a sheriff in rural Nebraska and has been called Longmire meets *The Good Wife*. She also writes the Nora Abbott Mystery Series, a fast-paced mix of murder, environmental issues and Hopi Indians published by Midnight Ink. Baker was voted Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' 2104 Writer of the Year.



Carey Baldwin

Carey Baldwin is a mild-mannered doctor by day and an award-winning author of edgy suspense by night. She holds two doctoral degrees, one in medicine and one in psychology. She loves reading and writing stories that keep you off balance and on the edge of your seat. Carey lives in the southwestern United States with her amazing family. Visit Carey at www.CareyBaldwin.com.



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Patricia K. Batta (Pat) grew up in northern Michigan. She attended Northwestern Michigan Community College, the University of Puerto Rico, and Oberlin College. She lived in Pennsylvania and in Seattle, Washington, where the Marge Christensen Mystery Series was born. She has worked as an elementary teacher, as an editorial assistant, in litigation document control, and as a corporate records manager. She retired early to concentrate on writing and publishing her work.



Brett Battles

Brett Battles is a Barry Award-winning author of over twenty-five novels, including the Jonathan Quinn series, the Logan Harper series, and the time-hopping Rewinder series. He's also the coauthor, with Robert Gregory Browne, of the Alexandra Poe series. You can learn more at his website: brettbattles.com

Pamela Beason

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Maegan Beaumont is the award-winning author of the exciting Sabrina Vaughn series. Her debut novel, *Carved in Darkness*, was awarded a gold medal by Independent Publishers for outstanding thriller, as well as named a Foreword Book of the Year finalist. Look for her fourth Sabrina Vaughn thriller, *Blood of Saints*, released summer of 2016, by Midnight Ink.



Mike Befeler

Mike Befeler's geezer-lit mysteries include *Nursing Homes Are Murder*, *Care Homes Are Murder*; *Cruising in Your Eighties Is Murder*, a finalist for The Lefty Award for best humorous mystery of 2012; *Senior Moments Are Murder*; *Living with Your Kids Is Murder*; and *Retirement Homes Are Murder*. His other published mysteries are *The V V Agency*, *The Back Wing*, *Mystery of the Dinner Playhouse* and *Murder on the Switzerland Trail*. He grew up in Hawaii and lives in Lakewood, CA. <http://www.mikebefeler.com>



Kathy Bennett

Kathy Bennett served twenty-one years as a police officer with the LAPD working varied assignments. She was named Officer of the Year in 1997. Kathy writes the popular LAPD Detective Maddie Divine series. The first book, *A Deadly Blessing*, was chosen as a Best Book of 2012 by Barnes and Noble. *A Deadly Beauty* is the fourth book in the series and will be released in early 2016. Kathy lives in Idaho with her husband and two energetic Labrador retrievers.



Larry Bergsgaard

Mr. Bergsgaard retired after nearly 30 years as a Special Agent with the U.S. Treasury and Minnesota's Crime Bureau. Drawing upon his vast investigative experiences, he has published four novels in the Doc Martini series; fast-paced and compelling mysteries solved by Doc through some unorthodox tactics. Mr. Bergsgaard recently published two cozy mystery novels set in the quaint village of Pelican Falls, Mn. Mr. Bergsgaard is most proud of his published short stories in *Where the Best Began*.



Lou Berney

Lou Berney is the Edgar Award-nominated author of *THE LONG AND FARAWAY GONE*, *WHIPLASH RIVER*, and *GUTSHOT STRAIGHT*. He's written screenplays for, among others, Warner Brothers, Paramount, Focus Features, ABC, and Fox. He teaches in the graduate creative writing program at Oklahoma City University.





Dale W. Berry

Dale W. Berry is a writer and artist whose graphic novel series *Tales of the Moonlight Cutter* has been optioned for film and television development. He recently created the first graphic short story to be published in *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*. You can find out more by visiting his website: www.myriadpubs.com.



Mysti Berry

Mysti Berry has just sold a story to *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*, and has finished her first crime novel about a fraud investigator. She has a BA in Linguistics from UC Santa Cruz and an MFA from University of San Francisco. She lives in the often-overlooked neighborhood of Oceanview in San Francisco with her husband Dale Berry.



John Billheimer

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Dorothy Black Crow

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Les Blatt

Les Blatt is the host of the *Classic Mysteries* blog and podcast. He has been presenting an audio review of a classic mystery each week on the podcast for nearly nine years, while the blog features additional conversations about some of the great traditional mysteries from the Golden Age down through today. He spent most of his working life as a TV network news producer, writer and editor, and he hopes that this will not be held against him.



Leslie Blatt

Leslie Blatt is a retired School Library Media Specialist. In her 40 years of being in schools, she worked with all grade levels. Mysteries have always been a major theme in her library as a resource for inquiry teaching as well as getting kids to read. *Mysteries* had one of the largest circulation numbers! Mysteries have always been a favorite genre for Leslie since she was young, beginning with *The Bobbsey Twins* and *Nancy Drew*.

Sandra Bolton

Sandra lives in Raton, New Mexico, with her dog Sam, and cat Fidel. When not writing she can be found hiking and looking for inspiration in the rugged Southwestern landscape. *Key Witness* is her second novel. Her first, *A Cipher in the Sand*, was published in 2011. She is currently near completion of a sequel to *Key Witness*.



Patricia Bonn

Patricia Bonn is a historian, playwright, and crime fiction writer. She lives with her husband of many years in Tempe, Arizona. An Arizona State University alumnus with bachelor's and master's degrees in History, her academic focus is social justice in the American West and Southwest. Contemporary issues woven into her crime fiction are related to returning veterans. Her current project is a noir manuscript set in 1949 Phoenix.



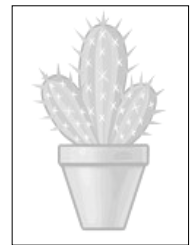
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Rhys is a former LCC guest of honor. She writes two NYT bestselling historical mystery series, *The Molly Murphy* mysteries, set in early 1900s New York, and the lighter *Royal Spyness* novels, featuring a penniless minor royal in England in the 1930s. A transplanted Brit, Rhys now divides her time between California and Arizona.



Trudy Nan Boyce

Trudy Nan Boyce received her Ph.D. in community counseling before becoming a police officer for the City of Atlanta. During her more-than-thirty-year career she served as a beat cop, homicide detective, senior hostage negotiator, and lieutenant. Boyce retired from the police department in 2008 and still lives in Atlanta.



Lisa Brackmann

Lisa Brackmann is the critically acclaimed New York Times best-selling author of the *Ellie McEnroe* novels set in China. The latest, *Dragon Day*, was a *Seattle Times* Top 10 Mystery of 2015. Her next novel is *Go-Between*, to be published in July 2016. Her work has also appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Travel+Leisure* and *CNET*. She lives in San Diego with a couple of cats, far too many books and a bass ukulele. You can find her online at www.lisabrackmann.com.



Eileen Brady

Eileen Brady's first mystery novel, *MUZZLED*, A *Kate Turner DVM* Mystery, was the winner of the 2013 Discover Mystery Contest. A veterinarian for over 20 years, she mixes her murder with veterinary medicine and a big dose of humor. She lives in Fountain Hills, Arizona, and spends too much time chasing her cats off her keyboard. Her second book in the *Kate Turner, DVM* series, *UNLEASHED*, is available now.





Peg Brantley

A Colorado native, Peg Brantley lives with her husband southeast of Denver. At this very minute she's busy turning her standalone books into two separate series because that's what her readers want. Peg's third book, *The Sacrifice*, was a finalist for two 2014 Colorado literary awards, and will become the first book in the Mex and Cade series (yet to be named).



Allison Brennan

Life is too short to be bored, so New York Times bestseller Allison Brennan decided to have five kids and write three books a year. She gave up cooking and cleaning 10 years ago. Allison pens a thriller series featuring investigative reporter Max Revere who thinks rules are meant to be broken, and a romantic suspense series starring FBI Agent Lucy Kincaid who believes rules are there for a reason. allisonbrennan.com.

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Alex Brett

Alex Brett is both a science writer and a crime writer. Her 2nd book, *Cold Dark Matter*, was shortlisted for a Crime Writers' of Canada best novel award (2006). She is now working on a new series that explores deception and lie detection—both the science and practice—through the eyes of a human lie detector. The first book, *The Liars Lab*, is currently circulating with publishers. The second book, *Where the Truth Lies*, is well underway. Alex is represented by The Rights Factory.



Steve Brewer

Steve Brewer is the author of 25 books about crooks, including the Bubba Mabry mysteries and the recent Duke City crime trilogy written as Max Austin. The first Bubba book, *LONELY STREET*, was made into a Hollywood comedy in 2009. A former journalist and humor columnist, Steve now teaches part-time at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.



Cindy Brown

Cindy Brown is a theater geek, mystery lover, and professional writer who recently combined her passions to produce madcap mysteries set in the off, off, off Broadway world of theater. *Macdeath* (an Agatha nominee for best debut novel!), *The Sound of Murder*, and *Oliver Twisted* (coming June 2016) star Ivy Meadows, actress and part-time PI, and are published by Henery Press. Check out Cindy's slightly silly look at mystery, writing, and drama at cindybrown-writer.com.

Craig Faustus Buck

Author/screenwriter Craig Faustus Buck's debut noir novel, *GO DOWN HARD*, was published by Brash Books in 2015. His short stories have won a Macavity Award and been nominated twice for the Anthony. Before prose, he was a journalist, nonfiction book author, and wrote network TV for decades. He is President of Mystery Writers of America SoCal. You can find out more at CraigFaustusBuck.com.



Carla Buckley

Carla Buckley is the author of *The Good Goodbye*, *The Deepest Secret*, *Invisible*, and *The Things That Keep Us Here*, which was nominated for a Thriller Award as a best first novel and the Ohioana Book Award for fiction. She is a graduate of Oberlin College and the Wharton School of Business, and lives in North Carolina, with her husband and children. She is currently at work on her next novel.



Susan Budavari

Susan Budavari has always been an avid mystery reader. After years as a scientific writer and encyclopedist in the pharmaceutical industry in NJ she moved to Arizona and began writing fiction. Her short stories have appeared in several award-winning anthologies. She has completed the first three novels in a series featuring a Scottsdale PI and his physician wife, and is a longtime member of Sisters in Crime Desert Sleuths Chapter.



Leslie Budewitz

The bestselling author of the *Seattle Spice Shop Mysteries* and the *Food Lovers' Village Mysteries* set in NW Montana, Leslie Budewitz can't imagine living anywhere but the left side of the country. She is the winner of two Agatha Awards—the 2013 Best First Novel award and 2011 Best Nonfiction award. Also president of Sisters in Crime, Leslie lives in NW Montana with her husband and their Burmese cat, a book cover model and avid birdwatcher.



Stephen Buehler

Stephen Buehler's short fiction has been published in numerous on-line publications including *Akashic Books*. *Not My Day* appeared in the *Last Exit to Murder* anthology and *A Job's a Job in Believe Me or Not—An Unreliable Anthology*. He is expanding his novella, *The Mindreading Murders*, about a magician, into a novel and shopping around his mystery/comedy P.I. novel, *Detective Rules*. On top of all that he is a script consultant and magician. www.stephenbuehler.com



Robin Burcell

Robin Burcell, the award-winning author of eleven novels, spent nearly three decades working in law enforcement as a police officer, hostage negotiator and criminal investigator before retiring to write fiction full time. An FBI Academy-trained forensic artist, her drawings have been used to solve a number of crimes, including homicides and bank robberies. Her most recent book is *THE LAST GOOD PLACE*, a police procedural. Her next novel, co-written with Clive Cussler, will be released 9/2016.





Jane Petersen Burfield

Jane, a long time Torontonionian, enjoys killing gently with words. Satisfaction accompanies a new, devious murder method for a victim who deserves it. Recent short stories appear in *nEvermore* (Fall 2015) and *Thirteen O'Clock*, a *Mesdames of Mystery* anthology (Fall 2015). Jane won the famous articulated skeleton Bony Pete award for her first short story at *Bloody Words*, 2001, and has loved short stories since.



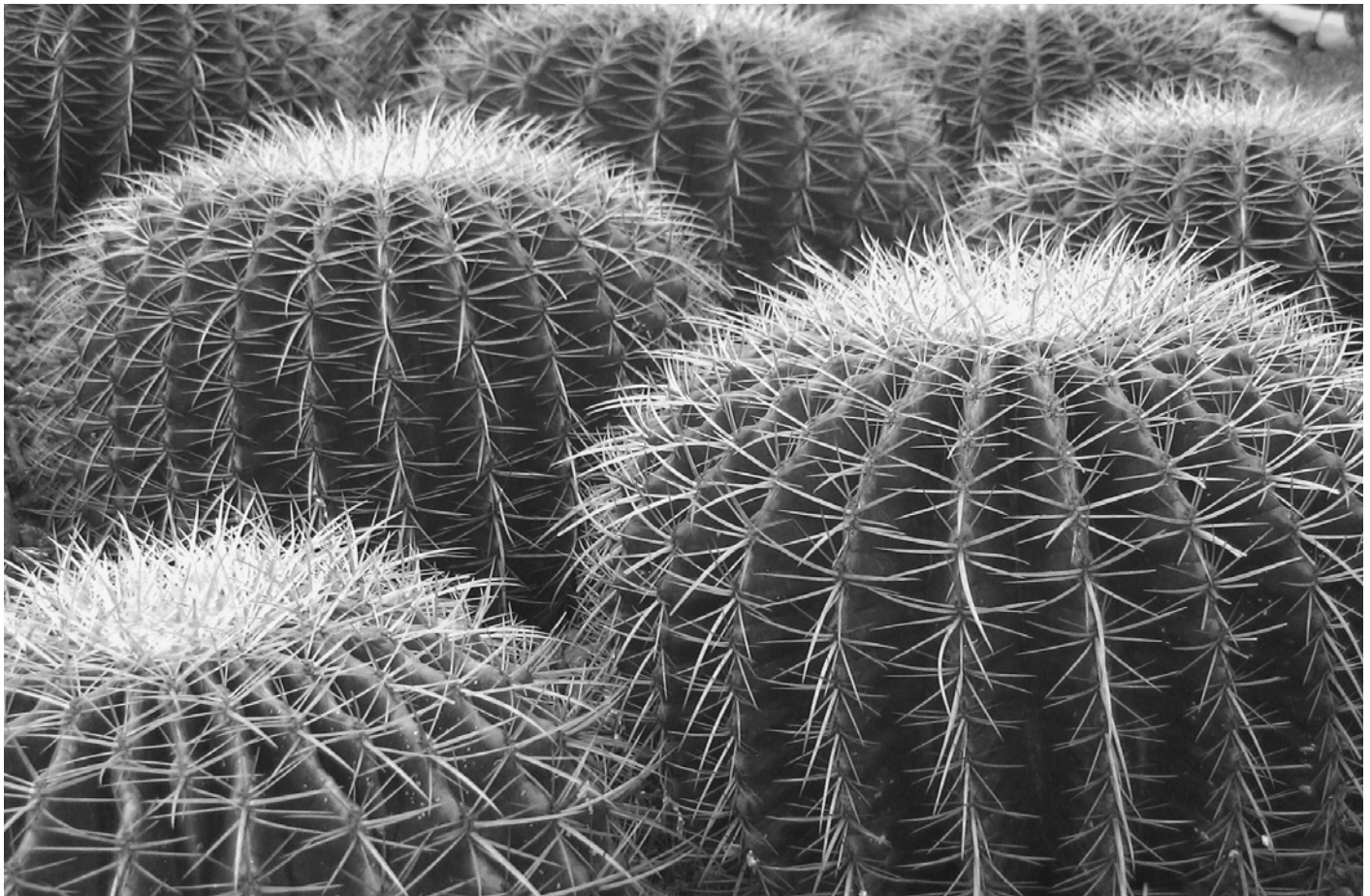
Timothy Burgess

Timothy Burgess is a former HR Manager and Career Director. Currently, he is a full-time writer who must perform housework in exchange for food and shelter. *The Never-Ending Swell* (A Liam Sol Mystery) is his first book, and his short stories have appeared in *Thievesjargon.com* and *CrimeSceneScotland.com*. Tim is hard at work on his second Liam Sol novel, *California Son*. You can follow him on Twitter @CareersandColas.



Zoe Burke

Zoe Burke is the author of the Annabelle Starkey mystery series published by Poisoned Pen Press: *Jump the Gun* (2013) and *No Gun Intended* (2016). She has also written several children's books and is the publisher at Pomegranate Communications, an art book and gift publishing company. She lives in Portland, Oregon.



John Burley

John Burley was a paramedic and firefighter before attending medical school in Chicago and completing his residency at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. His debut novel, *THE ABSENCE OF MERCY*, received the National Black Ribbon Award for an author who brings a fresh voice to suspense writing. His second stand-alone thriller, *THE FORGETTING PLACE*, was released in February 2015. He works as an ER physician at an urban trauma center in Northern California.



Teresa Burrell

Teresa Burrell is the award-winning author of *The Advocate Series*. Her seven-book legal suspense, mystery series incorporates many of her experiences as a lawyer where she specialized in juvenile work representing delinquent and abused minors. Prior to that, she taught school for twelve years. Burrell has received multiple awards from the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program for her countless hours of pro bono work with children. She can be found at www.teresaburrell.com.



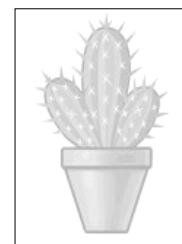
Ellen Byron

Ellen is a native New Yorker who lives in Los Angeles and often writes about Louisiana. *The Library Journal* chose her first novel, *Plantation Shudders: A Cajun Country Mystery*, as Debut Mystery of the Month. Book two, *Body on the Bayou*, launches in September. TV credits include *Wings* and *Just Shoot Me*; she's written over 200 magazine articles; published plays include the award-winning *Graceland*. Ellen is the recipient of a William F. Deek-Malice Domestic Grant.



Sarah Cain

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Susanna Calkins

Susanna Calkins has been intrigued by murder ever since she first stumbled across 17th century "murder ballads" in grad school. The idea that people used to sing about murder and other strange tales became the premise of her award-nominated historical mysteries featuring Lucy Campion. Check out her website at www.susannacalkins.com, or contact her through twitter (@scalkins3).



M. H. Callway

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Kris Calvin

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Melodie Campbell

The Toronto Sun called her Canada's "Queen of Comedy." Library Journal compared her to Janet Evanovich. Melodie Campbell got her start writing standup. She has over 200 publications, nine novels and ten awards for fiction, including the 2014 Derringer and Arthur Ellis Awards, for the screwball crime comedy, *The Goddaughter's Revenge*. Melodie is the Executive Director of Crime Writers of Canada.



Joel D Canfield

Noir. French for black. Noir is dark. Stories about dark souls doing dark things. My mysteries are less dark, but touch on dark themes. Betrayal. Depression. Our own gut-wrenching fears. Family. Yes, family. You'll see. The people in these stories share the same shadows we all suffer, but there's a glow at the edges. The darkness doesn't have to win. Literary noir. Chandleresque introspective. Mysteries about people, not puzzles.



Christine Carbo

Christine Carbo is the author of *THE WILD INSIDE*, set in stunning Glacier National Park. After earning a pilot's license, pursuing adventures in Norway, and a brief stint as a flight attendant, she got an MA in English and taught at a community college in Northwest Montana for over a decade. She still teaches, in a vastly different realm as the owner of a Pilates studio. Her second novel, *MORTAL FALL*, also from Atria Books, will be out at the end of May 2016.



Kate Carlisle

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R.M. Cartmel

Oxford graduate Dick Cartmel realised that his urge to write needed to be put on hold until he got older. Once he reached the age of confusion, he retired and started to write. *The Richebourg Affair* and its sequel *The Charlemagne Connection* were the first two products of what has been risibly described as his imagination. After writing *50 Miles From Anywhere*, he is back writing his next wine and crime book, *The Romanee Vintage*.

Andrew Case

Andrew Case's plays have been produced and commissioned by the Steppenwolf Theatre, the Manhattan Theatre Club, the Atlantic Theatre, Primary Stages, and many more. An expert in police misconduct, he has been quoted on police oversight and reform in the New York Times and many other media outlets, and his scholarship on police oversight has been published in legal journals. His novel *The Big Fear* is forthcoming from Thomas and Mercer in April 2016.



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Steph Cha

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Maia Chance

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Brenda Chapman

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Erika Chase (Linda Wiken)

A former mystery bookstore owner, Erika Chase writes the Ashton Corners Book Club Mysteries. #5, *LAW AND AUTHOR* appeared in Sept., 2015. And, as her real self, Linda Wiken, her Dinner Club Mysteries debut in July with *TOASTING UP TROUBLE*. An Agatha nominee for Best First Novel, she also was short-listed for an Arthur Ellis Award from Crime Writers of Canada for Best Short Story.



Marta Chausee

Author, artist, life coach. Kinky Friedman likes her sparkle in *Murder's Last Resort*. Partial to pomegranates, Oxford commas, and the vagrant, gypsy life. Crosses the Sahara with crazed Moroccans. Crosses the U.S. armed only with a pen, in *Travels with Ruby*. Serial envelope stuffer, foreign language teaching assistant, boutique owner, forensic document examiner, corporate wife, mother, mental health therapist, jewelry pusher, trust administrator, daughter. Writes her way through everything.

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Anthony-Award nominated author Joe Clifford is the author of four books, including *Junkie Love* and *Lamentation*, as well as editor of *Trouble in the Heartland: Crime Stories Based on the Songs of Bruce Springsteen*. His latest novel, *December Boys*, the second in the *Lamentation* series, will be out in 2016. Find Joe at www.joeclifford.com.



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Mark Coggins

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Martha Cooley

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Michael J. Cooper

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Matt Coyle

Matt Coyle lives in and writes about San Diego. His debut novel, *YESTERDAY'S ECHO*, won the Anthony Award for Best First Novel, the San Diego Book Award for Best Mystery, and the Ben Franklin Silver Award for Best New Voice in Fiction. The second book in the Rick Cahill Crime Series, *NIGHT TREMORS*, came out in June, 2015, to rave reviews. The third, *DARK FISSURES*, will be out in December.





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Kathi Daley

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J.P. David

I can neither confirm nor deny that I write under the name of J.P. David as a condition of my participation in the Federal Witness Protection Program. I can reveal that I wrote *DOUBLE TAKE* in a quaint mud adobe building off of a dirt road on the outskirts of a city in a western state, and that the second book in the Hank Hammond P.I. series featuring Lori Reed will be available in 2016.



Hilary Davidson

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Janet Dawson

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Philip Donlay

Best selling novelist Philip Donlay learned to fly at age seventeen and was first published at eighteen. Donlay burst onto the literary scene in 2004 with the publication of his first novel, *Category Five*, followed by *Code Black*, *Zero Separation*, *Deadly Echoes*, *Aftershock* and *Pegasus Down*. Phil divides his time between Montana and the Pacific Northwest.



Robert Downs

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Alice Duncan is the author of the Daisy Gumm Majesty and Mercy Allcutt historical cozy mystery series set in Southern California in the 1920s. She's also published dozens of other books under dozens of pseudonyms, but nobody knows any of them. Kind of depressing, actually. Born in Pasadena, CA, Alice now lives in Roswell, NM, where she gets along quite well with the aliens and her pack of wild wiener dogs.



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Mary Anna Evans

Mary Anna Evans is the author of the Faye Longchamp archaeological mysteries: ARTIFACTS, RELICS, EFFIGIES, FINDINGS, FLOODGATES, STRANGERS, RITUALS, and ISOLATION. They have received honors including the Benjamin Franklin Award, the Mississippi Author Award, and three Florida Book Awards bronze medals. She is an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma, where she teaches creative writing, and she holds an MFA from Rutgers-Camden. For more information, visit www.maryannaevans.com.



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Corey Lynn Fayman

“A powerful new voice on the crime-fiction scene,” Corey Lynn Fayman has done hard time as a musician, songwriter, and sound designer, but still refuses to apologize for it. Black’s Beach Shuffle, the first novel featuring the guitar-slinging detective Rolly Waters, was a San Diego Book Awards finalist. The second, Border Field Blues, won the genre award at the 2013 Hollywood Book Festival. The third, Desert City Diva, has just been published by Severn House.



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Bill Fitzhugh

Despite spectacular intellectual handicaps, Bill Fitzhugh somehow managed to become the award-winning author of nine satiric crime novels. Described variously as a polymath, a sophist, and just plain annoying, Fitzhugh enjoys long walks on the beach, transgenic baboons, and shiny objects. His major influences are DNA, alcohol, and that eighth grade English teacher who said he would never amount to anything. He is currently working on his next novel.



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Gwen Florio

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Barbara Fradkin

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Patricia Gulley

Patricia Gulley is a retired travel agent, and did time at two airlines as a res and fares agent. ‘I know what it takes to get people on those great adventures.’ Born in Pennsylvania, escaped to New York, then headed to Oregon, she lives in a floating home on the Columbia River slough.



Elizabeth Gunn

Before she started to write, Elizabeth Gunn made her living as an innkeeper in Montana, while indulging hobbies as a private pilot, live-aboard sailor, and SCUBA diver. “I like adventure,” she says, “but I was always sure I’d settle down some day and write books.” Turned out she was right. Beginning in 1997, she’s written fifteen mystery novels, a fair-sized row of short stories, critiques, and a novella. And yes, of course, she’s at work on another novel.



Carolyn Haines

Carolyn Haines is the USA Today bestselling author of over 70 novels in a number of genres. She writes the Sarah Booth Delaney mystery series, set in her home state of Mississippi, and will launch a new series of paranormal/historical mysteries in the fall. She teaches fiction writing at an Alabama university and runs an animal rescue with horses, dogs, and cats. “Spay and neuter” is her battle cry.



Parnell Hall

Parnell Hall is the author of the Puzzle Lady crossword puzzle mysteries, the Stanley Hasting private eye novels, and the Steve Winslow courtroom dramas. His music videos may be seen on YouTube.

Timothy Hallinan

Last year's Lefty winner, Timothy Hallinan, writes two series: the Poke Rafferty Bangkok Thrillers and the Junior Bender Mysteries, about a burglar who's also a private eye for crooks. The latest Rafferty, *THE HOT COUNTRIES*, was named one of the best books of 2015 by *Library Journal* and *The Strand Magazine*. This year, we'll see TWO Junior Bender books, the multiple-star winning *KING MAYBE* this April, and a change of pace, a Christmas Junior, *FIELDS WHERE THEY LAY*.



Glen Erik Hamilton

Glen Erik Hamilton's debut *PAST CRIMES* was given starred reviews by *Publisher's Weekly* and *Library Journal*, and called "an exciting heir to the classic detective novel" by *Kirkus*. The second book in the Van Shaw series, *HARD COLD WINTER*, will be published in March by *William Morrow (US)* and *Faber & Faber (UK)*. A native of Seattle, Glen now lives in California but frequently returns to his hometown to soak up the rain. glenerikhamilton.com



Ian Hamilton

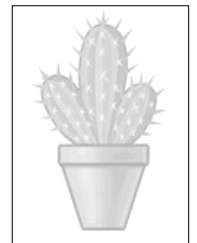
Ian Hamilton is the author of the acclaimed Ava Lee series,

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Marianne Harden

I'm addicted to writing fast-paced mysteries. I'm a California beach bum turned Washington State tree-hugger. I grew up on the beach, but then, I already said that. I rarely eat donuts. Occasionally eat frozen yogurt. But I always crave them. I'm a little ostentation, and I adore sparkly things. Quirky is who I am.



Robin (R.J.) Harlick

R.J. Harlick writes the popular wilderness-based Meg Harris mystery series set in the wilds of Quebec. With an underlying Native theme, each book explores not only the motives behind murder, but also issues facing Natives today and their traditional ways. The latest and seventh in the series, *A Cold White Fear*, is an action-packed thriller guaranteed to keep you reading until the wee hours of the morning. www.rjharlick.ca



Sherry Harris

Sherry Harris, a former director of marketing for a financial planning company, started bargain hunting in second grade at her best friend's yard sale. Sherry uses her love of garage sales, her life as a military spouse, and her time living in Massachusetts as inspiration for the Sarah Winston Garage Sale series. *Tagged for Death* the first in the series was nominated for an Agatha Award for Best First Novel.





C. C. Harrison

Award winning mystery writer C. C. Harrison is the author of “Picture of Lies” and “Sage Cane’s House of Grace and Favor,” a Colorado Humanities Book Award finalist. Her upcoming book is titled “Coyote Canyon Ladies Ukulele Club (Men Welcome),” the first in a series. She lives in Arizona.



Mette Ivie Harrison

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Heather Haven

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L. C. Hayden

Award winning author, L. C. Hayden has penned two mystery series: the Harry Bronson and the Aimee Brent series. Secrets of the Tunnels is her first standalone and her latest release. Her books often hit the Kindle Best Seller List, as well as other best seller lists. She is also the author of an inspirational series about miracles and angels. Hayden is a popular speaker who presents workshops at major cruise lines during the days at sea. tinyurl.com/LChayden



Sara J. Henry

Sara J. Henry is the author of two award-winning suspense novels, LEARNING TO SWIM and A COLD AND LONELY PLACE, and co-author of books on health, sports, fitness, and nutrition. She has written for magazines, edited magazines and newspapers, taught a correspondence writing course, and has a masters in journalism from Carleton University in Ottawa. She has edited many books, fiction and nonfiction, on a variety of topics and in various genres.



Nancy Herriman

Nancy Herriman retired from an engineering career to take up the pen. She hasn’t looked back. Her work has won the RWA Daphne du Maurier award, and the first book in her ‘A Mystery of Old San Francisco’ series, No Comfort for the Lost (NAL), was chosen as Library Journal’s August Pick of the Month. When not writing, she enjoys singing, gabbing about writing, and eating dark chocolate. Find out more at www.nancyherriman.com.

Eloise Hill

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Randy Hill

Hill needed three universities, two wives and eleven years to earn a BS in Psychology. An MS in Human Resources came later. His work history spans jobs in construction, sales, human resources, an adjunct professorship and everything you can think of in between, including 14 years as a standup comic. He currently lives in Eugene, Oregon, where he indulges his passions of fly fishing and writing.



Charlotte Hinger

Charlotte Hinger is a multiple-award winning novelist and Kansas historian who writes the Lottie Albright Series published by Poisoned Pen Press. Kirkus Reviews selected her third book, *Hidden Heritage*, as one of the best mysteries of 2013, and included it on its best fiction books list. The first book, *Deadly Descent*, won the AZ Publisher's Award for Best Mystery/Suspense. Her short story, "Any Old Mother," was selected for the MWA anthology, *Blood on Their Hands*.



Cheryl Hollon

Cheryl Hollon writes full-time after an engineering career designing and installing military flight simulators in England, Wales, Australia, Singapore, Taiwan, and India. Living her dream, she combines a love of writing with a passion for creating glass art in the small glass studio behind her house in St. Petersburg, Florida



Chris Holm

Chris Holm's award-winning short fiction has appeared in a number of magazines and anthologies, including *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*, *Thuglit*, and *THE BEST AMERICAN MYSTERY STORIES 2011*. His *Collector* trilogy, which blends fantasy with old-fashioned crime pulp, wound up on over forty Year's Best lists. His latest novel, the hitman thriller *THE KILLING KIND*, was a *New York Times* Editors' Choice, a *Boston Globe* Best Book of 2015, and *Strand Magazine's* #1 Book of 2015.



Julianne Holmes/J.A. Hennrikus

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Lesa Holstine

Lesa Holstine has been writing her award-winning blog, Lesa's Book Critiques, for over eleven years. She is a contributing book reviewer for Library Journal, Mystery Readers Journal, and ReadertoReader.com. Lesa is the author of the "Mystery Fiction" chapter in *Genreflecting* (7th ed.) She has been a library administrator/manager for over 35 years.



Jeanette Hubbard

Jeanette Hubbard writes humorous suspense with a touch of social satire and romance. Her first novel, "Secrets, Lies and Champagne Highs" was published in June 2015. Her second book, "Chasing Nathan," comes out June 2016.



Gregg Hurwitz

Gregg Hurwitz is the New York Times bestselling author of 14 thrillers, most recently, *Don't Look Back*. His novels have been shortlisted for numerous literary awards, graced top ten lists, and have been translated into 22 languages.



Matthew Iden

Matthew Iden writes crime fiction, fantasy, science fiction, and contemporary literary fiction with a psychological twist. He is best known for the Marty Singer Mysteries detective series featuring retired DC Homicide cop Marty Singer—published by Thomas & Mercer—as well as the standalone, motorcycle caper *Stealing Sweetwater* and the Kindle Worlds novel *The B-Team*, set in the John Rain universe. Get in touch at www.matthew-iden.com, @CrimeRighter, and www.facebook.com/matthew.iden.



Paty Jager

Award-winning author Paty Jager and her husband raise alfalfa hay in rural eastern Oregon. All Paty's work has Western or Native American elements in them along with hints of humor and engaging characters. Her Shandra Higheagle Mystery series, set in a fictional ski resort in Idaho, is full of quirky characters, twists, turns, and a bit of mysticism.



Darrell James

Darrell James is the author of the Award Winning and multi-nominated Del Shannon series of mystery/thrillers that include: *NAZARETH CHILD*, winner of the 2012 Left Coast Crime Eureka Award for Best First Novel; *SONORA CROSSING*, and *PURGATORY KEY*, nominated for both the Anthony and Shamus Awards. His more than thirty short stories have appeared in numerous anthologies. Watch for his latest collection, as well as book four in the Del Shannon series this year. www.darrelljames.com

R. Franklin James

R. Franklin James followed a career of political advocacy with writing mysteries. In 2013, her first book in the Hollis Morgan Mystery Series: The Fallen Angels Book Club, was published by Camel Press. Followed by Sticks & Stones in 2014, her third book, The Return of the Fallen Angels Book Club was released in 2015. Book four, The Trade List, will be released in June 2016. James resides in Northern California.



R. C. Johansen

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Linda O. Johnston

Linda O. Johnston, who lives in the L.A. area, has published 41 romance and mystery novels. She currently writes two mystery series for Midnight Ink: The Superstition Mysteries about a pet boutique manager in the hometown of superstitions, and the Barkery & Biscuits Mysteries, about a barkery and bakery owner...and both solve murders!



Lene Kaaberbøl

Lene Kaaberbøl and Agnete Friis are the Danish duo behind the Nina Borg series. Friis is a journalist by training, while Kaaberbøl has been a professional writer since the age of 15, with more than two million books sold worldwide. Their first collaboration, The Boy in the Suitcase, was a New York Times bestseller, and has been translated into more than 30 languages.



Tammy Kaehler

Tammy Kaehler got hooked on the racing world by the contrast between its top-dollar, high-drama competition and friendly, family atmosphere. Mystery fans and racing insiders alike have praised her award-winning Kate Reilly Racing Mystery Series (Dead Man's Switch, Braking Points, Avoidable Contact), and Tammy takes readers back behind the wheel in her fourth entry, Red Flags. She works as a writer in Los Angeles, where she lives with her husband and many cars. www.tammykaehler.com



Leslie Karst

Leslie Karst is the author of the culinary cozy, DYING FOR A TASTE, the first of the Sally Solari Mystery series (coming April 2016, from Crooked Lane Books). A former research and appellate attorney, Leslie now spends her days cooking, gardening, cycling, singing alto in the local community chorus, and of course writing. She and her wife, Robin, and their Jack Russell mix, Ziggy, split their time between Santa Cruz, California and Hilo, Hawai'i.





Andrew E. Kaufman

Andrew E. Kaufman is a broadcast journalist-turned-author, living in Southern California along with his two Labrador retrievers who think they own the place. He decided that writing about reality wasn't nearly as fun as making stuff up, and so began his career as a #1 international bestselling author of psychological thrillers. Andrew also contributes to the Chicken Soup for the Soul books, where he's chronicled his battle against cancer and the struggles that followed. www.andrewekaufman.com



Rosemarie Keenan (Renee Patrick)

Rosemarie Keenan, with her husband Vince Keenan, writes as Renee Patrick. Their debut novel, the classic Hollywood mystery, *Design for Dying*, will be published by Forge books in April 2016. Rosemarie's poetry has been featured at The Five-Two, Poems on Crime website and in Silver Birch Press's anthology *Noir Erasure Poetry*.



Vince Keenan (Renee Patrick)

Vince Keenan is a screenwriter, cocktail columnist, video game designer, and editor of *Noir City*, the magazine of the Film Noir Foundation. He's also half of classic Hollywood mystery writer Renee Patrick, the other half being his wife Rosemarie Keenan. Their debut novel *Design for Dying*, featuring Edith Head, will be published by Forge Books in April 2016.



Dharma Kelleher

Dharma Kelleher writes gritty tales about outlaws, renegades, and misfits. Over the years, she has worked as a radio news director, a goldsmith, a caregiver, and a web developer. Her hobbies include riding her motorcycle, picking locks, and getting inked. Learn more about her and her writing at dharmakelleher.com.



April Kelly

Emmy-nominated TV comedy writer April Kelly's literary debut *WINGED* won First Place, General Fiction, in Kindle's 2014 International Book Competition, and *MURDER: TAKE THREE*, from the mystery series she co-authors with former federal prosecutor Marsha Lyons, was a Shamus Award finalist. Kirkus Reviews calls *VALENTINE'S DAY* (her newest PI novel) "...first rate escapist reading." More at flightriskbooks.com. Contact: sneezingelf@gmail.com.



Arthur Kerns

Art Kerns had a career with the FBI in counterintelligence and counterterrorism. His award-winning fiction appears in a number of anthologies. He completed a mystery based on the unsolved 1929 murder of an FBI agent in Phoenix. His book reviews appear in the Washington Independent Review of Books. In March 2013, Diversion Books released his debut thriller, *The Riviera Contract*, followed by *The African Contract*. *The Yemen Contract* will be released in June 2016. www.arthurkerns.com

Robert D Kidera

Award-winning author Robert D Kidera's debut novel "Red Gold" earned the Tony Hillerman Award as Best Fiction of 2015 at the New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. It was also named as Best Mystery of 2015 and the best eBook of the year. "Red Gold" is the first volume in the Gabe McKenna Mystery Series from Suspense Books. A sequel, "Get Lost", will be available on March 8, 2016. "Cut.Print.Kill.", a third Gabe McKenna mystery, is targeted for release in 2017.



Jennifer Kincheloe

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Laurie R. King is the New York Times bestselling author of 24 novels and other works, including the Mary Russell-Sherlock Holmes stories. She has won or been nominated for an alphabet of prizes from Agatha to Wolfe, been chosen as guest of honor at several crime conventions, and is probably the only writer to have both an Edgar and an honorary doctorate in theology.



Ellen Kirschman

I've been a police psychologist for thirty years. After writing non-fiction I began writing mysteries. The Right Wrong Thing was a finalist in the 2015 USA Best Book Awards and chosen as one of the best books of 2015 by BookReporter.com. My protagonist, psychologist Dr. Dot Meyerhoff, is a spunky fifty year-old who takes orders from no one, not even her chief, and persists in solving crimes when she should be counseling cops.



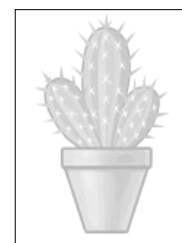
Kristen Kittscher

Kristen Kittscher is the author of The Wig in the Window and The Tiara on the Terrace, the bestselling first two books in HarperCollins Children's Books' Young & Yang mystery series for kids ages 8 and up. The 2014 James Thurber House Children's Writer-in-Residence and a former middle school English teacher, Kristen lives with her husband in Pasadena. To learn more, visit kristenkittscher.com or follow her on Facebook and Twitter (@kkittscher).



Jay Klages

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William Kent Krueger

He calls himself Kent, and he writes the New York Times bestselling Cork O'Connor mystery series, set in the north woods of Minnesota. His work has received a number of awards, including the Edgar Award, Anthony Award, Barry Award, Macavity Award, Dilys Award, Minnesota Book Award, Loft-McKnight Fiction Award, and Friends of American Writers Prize. He makes his home in St. Paul and does all his writing in a couple of wonderfully funky coffee shops there.



Ken Kuhlken

Ken Kuhlken's novels were chosen as Private Eye Writers of America/St. Martin's Best First novel, PEN Ernest Hemingway Award finalist, Shamus Best Novel finalist, and San Diego Book Awards Best Mystery. His Tom Hickney's California historical crime series chronicles the 20th century. Many of his short stories, honored with a National Endowment for the Arts literature fellowship, are gathered in *Cars: California Stories*. Ken, his daughter Zoe, and their chickens live near San Diego.



Michael Kurland

The recipient of two Edgar scrolls and an American Book Award nomination, Michael Kurland writes fantasy, sf, and mysteries with equal hubris. His Alexander Brass mysteries, set in 1935 New York, are currently out from Titan Books. His works have been translated into Chinese, Czech, Danish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, and some alphabet full of little pothooks and curlicues. You can reach him at: michaelkurland.com.



Deborah Lacy

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Rita Lakin

Rita Lakin was a pioneer, a female script writer in the early 1960s when Hollywood Television was exclusively male. She rose from secretary to freelancer, to staff writer, to producer, and show-runner, meeting famous show biz legends along the way. This is her memoir, *The Only Woman in the Room*. She is also known for her seven comedy mystery novels, the *Getting Old is Murder* series. She won Left Coast Crime LEFTY AWARD for most humorous mystery in 2009.



Bette Golden Lamb

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S.W. Lauden

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Jeffrey Layton

Jeffrey Layton is the author of *THE GOOD SPY*, an espionage-based thriller set in the Pacific Northwest. *THE GOOD SPY* is scheduled for release by Pinnacle Books on February 23, 2016. Jeff is currently writing *THE FOREVER SPY*, a sequel to *THE GOOD SPY* to be published in 2017. Jeff is a professional engineer who uses his knowledge of diving, offshore engineering and underwater warfare in the novels he writes. Please visit him at www.jeffreylayton.com.



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Clark Lohr has written two border noir novels, *Devil's Kitchen* and *The Devil on Eighty-five*. Clark and Timothy W. Moore recently published *Mirandized Nation*, a true crime thriller about the hunt for Ernest Miranda, the rapist and robber whose arrest resulted in the famed Miranda Decision. Clark comes from a Montana farm and ranch background. He has degrees from the University of Arizona. A trained photographer, Clark lives and writes in Tucson, Arizona.



Jess Lourey

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Sheila Lowe

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Janet Elizabeth Lynn

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Kendel Lynn

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Janey Mack

Janey Mack grew up always wanting to be a cop but her dad wouldn't let her, so she did the next best thing—she created Maisie McGrane, who gets to do everything Janey can't. Janey lives with her husband and children in Scottsdale, Arizona, within driving distance of her parents and brothers. Kensington released *TIME'S UP* and *CHOKED UP* in 2015, with *SHOOT 'EM UP* to follow in September 2016. Please visit her at janeymack.com.



Mary Jane Maffini (Victoria Abbott)

That shadowy figure known as Victoria Abbott is a happy collaboration between the artist, photographer and short story author, Victoria Maffini, and her mother, Mary Jane Maffini, award-winning author of three mystery series and two dozen short stories. Their contemporary and humorous bookcollector mysteries *The Christie Curse*, *The Sayers Swindle*, *The Wolfe Widow* and *The Marsh Madness* draw on authors of the golden age of detection. Watch for *The Hammett Hex* Sept 2016. www.victoria-abbott.com



Eileen Magill

Eileen recently retired from public service where she was responsible for the safety of electric utility workers. She saved lives at work...all the while plotting how to kill them in her stories. Her warped sense of humor and adventurous spirit kept her somewhat sane while living in a haunted house. Eileen's favorite conversation starter: Where would you hide the body? (This may explain why she's still single.) *House of Homicide* is her first novel.



Annette Mahon

Annette Mahon lives in Arizona with her husband and 2 spoiled Australian Shepherds. A former librarian, Annette likes to think that she's moved from tending the library shelves to filling them. Annette writes the *St. Rose Quilting Bee* mystery series where a group of quilters in Scottsdale, Arizona, solve mysteries over the quilt frame, and sweet romances with Hawaiian settings. She is a member of MWA, SinC, RWA and NINC. www.annettemahon.com; facebook.com/author.annettemahon



Jeff Markowitz

Jeff Markowitz is the author of the award-winning, darkly comic mystery, *Death and White Diamonds*. He has also written three amateur sleuth mysteries in the *Cassie O'Malley* series. When he's not writing, Jeff keeps busy as the Executive Director of a nonprofit agency providing services to adults with autism. Jeff is a proud member of the International Thriller Writers and Mystery Writers of America. He currently serves on the Regional Board of Directors for the New York Chapter of MWA.





Matt Martz

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Francine Mathews/Stephanie Barron

Stephanie Barron, who also writes as Francine Mathews, writes the critically acclaimed Jane Austen Mysteries. The thirteenth book in the series, JANE AND THE WATERLOO MAP, is out this month. A former CIA intelligence analyst, Mathews is the author of TOO BAD TO DIE, which features Ian Fleming in WWII; it was a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice. www.stephaniebarron.com/www.francinemathews.com



Merle McCann

MERLE McCANN, known for her National literature award-winning Longjohners Mystery Series for middle readers, has many short stories in print featuring Arizona, Mississippi, and Washington locations. McCann's work won best in all categories and genres in the Dixie Kane Memorial as well as Arizona Authors Association annual National literature contest. Her newly released adult thriller, The Permanent Solution, is now enjoying excellent reviews. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona.



Dane McCaslin

Dane McCaslin is a cozy mystery author. She's been an avid reader of mysteries since first discovering Agatha Christie as a child, and she does her best to channel the Dame of Cozies. When she's not reading or writing, she's inventing new ways to kill off the villain in her books.



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Kathy McIntosh

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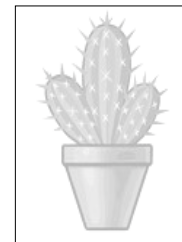
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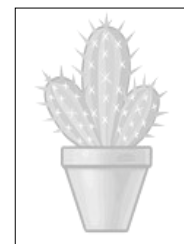
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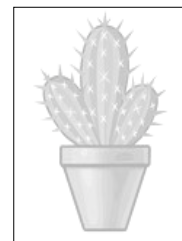
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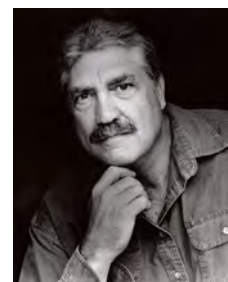
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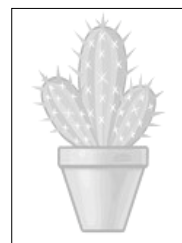
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L.J. Sellers

L.J. Sellers writes the bestselling Detective Jackson Mysteries—a four-time Readers Favorite Award winner—as well as the Agent Dallas series and provocative standalone thrillers. She resides in Eugene, Oregon, where many of her 17 novels are set and is an award-winning journalist. When not plotting murders, L.J. enjoys standup comedy, cycling, and social networking. She's also been known to jump out of airplanes.



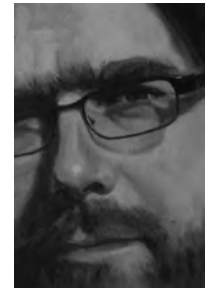
Terry Shames

Terry Shames writes the best-selling Samuel Craddock series, set in small-town Texas. A Killing at Cotton Hill won the Macavity for Best First Mystery, 2013. The Last Death of Jack Harbin was a Macavity finalist for Best Mystery, 2014. Mystery People named Shames one of the top five Texas mystery writers of 2015. Her fifth Craddock mystery, The Necessary Murder of Nonie Blake, launches January 12, 2016. It is a Top Pick for January in RT Bookreviews. www.terryshames.com



Johnny Shaw

Johnny Shaw is the Anthony Award-winning author of the novels DOVE SEASON, BIG MARIA, PLASTER CITY, and his most recent FLOODGATE. He has also won the Spotted Owl Award twice. His short stories have appeared in Thuglit, Plots With Guns, Shotgun Honey, Crime Factory, Blood & Tacos, and numerous anthologies.



Susan C Shea

Shea has published three mysteries in the Dani O'Rourke series (now with Reputation Books) and will launch a new series in 2017 with Minotaur. She is on the national SinC board and is past president of the Norcal chapter and a member of MWA. Her second Dani book is also on Audible.com. Her agent is Kimberley Cameron.



Connie Shelton

Connie Shelton is the author of more than 25 novels, three non-fiction books and two children's books. An avid mystery reader all her life, she says it was inevitable that this would be the genre she would write. She is the creator of the Novel In A Weekend writing course and was a contributor to Chicken Soup for the Writer's Soul. She and her husband and two dogs reside in northern New Mexico.



Paige Shelton

Paige Shelton is the New York Times bestselling author of the Farmers' Market, Country Cooking School, Dangerous Type, and Scottish Bookshop mysteries. She's lived in many places but currently resides in Arizona. Visit her at paigeshelton.com.





John Shepphird

John is a Shamus Award winning author and writer/director of TV movies. Look for THE SHILL and its sequel KILL THE SHILL from Down & Out Books. Tales of deception, depravity, and murder—the third book in this twist-filled trilogy BEWARE THE SHILL will be available soon. John's been a finalist for both the Anthony Award and the Freddie Award for Writing Excellence sponsored by the Florida Chapter of the MWA.



Lida Sideris

Like her heroine, Lida Sideris worked as an entertainment attorney for a film studio. Unlike her heroine, she wasn't blackmailed into investigating the suspicious death of a co-worker. Lida resides in the northern tip of Southern California with her family, their rescue shepherds, and a flock of uppity chickens. She was the recipient of the Helen McCloy/Mystery Writers of America scholarship for her first novel, Murder and Other Unnatural Disasters.



Jeffrey M. Siger

Jeff lives on the Greek island of Mykonos where he writes the internationally acclaimed Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis series—nominated a couple of years back as LCC's Best Mystery in a Foreign Setting—but his real passion is going on book tour with Tim Hallinan where he can abuse him in person on a daily basis. Jeff also enjoys serving as Adjunct Professor of English at Washington & Jefferson College teaching mystery writing, and as Chair of the Bouchercon National Board. www.jeffreysiger.com



Nancy Cole Silverman

Nancy Cole Silverman credits her 25 years in radio for helping her to develop an ear for storytelling. In 2001, Silverman retired from news and copywriting to write fiction. Her new mystery series, The Carol Childs' Mysteries (Henery Press), is loosely based on her experiences. Debuting in December 2014, was Shadow of Doubt. Beyond a Doubt, followed in July 2015 and coming soon, May 2016, is the third in the series, Without a Doubt.



Clea Simon

Clea Simon is the Boston Globe-bestselling author of 19 traditional/cozy mysteries in the Theda Krakow, Dulcie Schwartz, and Pru Marlowe pet noir series, most recently Code Grey (Severn House) and When Bunnies Go Bad (Poisoned Pen). In March, Severn House launches her Blackie and Care series with The Ninth Life. A former journalist, Clea lives in Massachusetts. Although her books are getting darker, they still always include a cat. She's not sure why. www.CleaSimon.com



Carole Sojka

Carole Sojka grew up in New York, spent two years in Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, and returned to Southern California where she worked for many years as a law office administrator. She is the author of A REASON TO KILL and its sequel, SO MANY REASONS TO DIE. Both novels are set on Florida's Treasure Coast. www.casojka.com

Susan Spann

Susan Spann writes the Shinobi Mysteries, featuring ninja detective Hiro Hattori and Portuguese Jesuit Father Mateo. Her debut, *CLAWS OF THE CAT* (Minotaur, 2013), was Library Journal's Mystery Debut of the Month and a Silver Falchion finalist for Best First Novel. Her third novel, *FLASK OF THE DRUNKEN MASTER*, released in July. She is the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers' 2015 Writer of the Year, and when not writing or practicing law, she raises seahorses. www.SusanSpann.com.



Rochelle Staab

Rochelle Staab blends her fascination for mystery and the supernatural in the bestselling *Mind for Murder* Mystery series. The witty whodunits partner Los Angeles psychologist Liz Cooper with religious philosophy professor Nick Garfield to investigate murders shadowed by an occult twist. The series' debut, *WHO DO, VOODOO?* earned Agatha, Anthony, and Eureka! Best First Mystery nominations, followed by Left Coast Crime Watson Award-winning *BRUJA BROUHAHA*, and *HEX ON THE EX*. www.rochellestaab.com



Dana Stabenow

I was raised on a fish tender in the Gulf of Alaska, and I knew there had to be a warmer, drier job out there somewhere.



Josh Stallings

Josh Stallings is the massively dyslexic award winning writer of the Moses McGuire novels, Anthony Award nominated memoir "All The Wild Children," and "Young Americans." A '70's glam-rock disco heist novel that writers, reviewers and readers are falling for. "Tremendous, tough, funny, totally convincing." - Tim Hallinan. "This book rocks." - Johnny Shaw. "Like an Elmore Leonard master caper." - Terry Shames. "Young Americans has rushed into my top ten list for 2015." - My Bookish Ways



Kelli Stanley

Kelli Stanley is the Macavity Award-winning creator of the Miranda Corbie series (*CITY OF DRAGONS*, *CITY OF SECRETS*, *CITY OF GHOSTS*), noirs set in 1940 San Francisco and featuring "one of crime's most arresting heroines" (Library Journal). She's won the Bruce Alexander and Golden Nugget Awards, and is a Los Angeles Times Book Prize finalist. Critics have compared her work to her icons Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler. *CITY OF SHARKS* is her next novel.



Judith Starkston

Judith Starkston writes historical fiction/mysteries set in Troy and the Hittite Empire. Her debut, *Hand of Fire*, set within the Trojan War, combines history and legend in the untold story of Achilles' captive Briseis. *Hand of Fire* was a semi-finalist in the M.M. Bennett's Award for Historical Fiction. Starkston's upcoming mystery features the Hittite Queen Puduhepa. Ms. Starkston is a classicist (B.A. UC, Santa Cruz, M.A. Cornell). She and her husband live in Arizona.





Triss Stein

Triss Stein is a small-town girl from New York farm country who has spent most of her adult life in New York the city. This gives her the useful double vision of a stranger and a resident for writing mysteries about Brooklyn neighborhoods in her ever-fascinating, ever-changing, ever-challenging adopted home. In the new book, *Brooklyn Secrets*, Erica find herself immersed in the old and new stories of tough Brownsville, and the choices its young people make.



Chevy Stevens

Chevy Stevens grew up on a ranch on Vancouver Island and still lives on the island with her husband and daughter. When she's not working on her new book, she's camping and canoeing with her family in the local mountains. Her debut novel, *STILL MISSING* was a New York Times Bestseller and won the International Thriller Writers Award for Best First Novel.



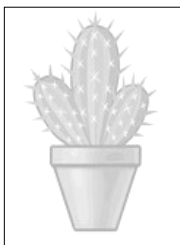
Jim Stevens

Jim Stevens was born in the East, grew up in the West, schooled in the Northwest and spent twenty-three winters in the Midwest. Jim has been writing novels for the past four years. His Richard Sherlock Whodunit series has ranked him in the top 10% of Amazon authors. He is also the author of *WHUPPED*, a reverse romantic comedy from many different points of view. His latest novel, *Hell No, We Won't Go A Novel of Peace, Love, War, and Football* is his first writing of a 'serious' nature.



Mark Stevens

Mark Stevens writes the Allison Coil Mystery Series—*Antler Dust* (2007), *Buried by the Roan* (2011), *Trapline* (2014) and *Lake of Fire* (2015). *Trapline* won the 2015 Colorado Book Award for best mystery. He is the chapter president for Rocky Mountain Mystery Writers of America. He's also a member of Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers and Western Writers of America.



Jay Stringer

Jay Stringer was born in 1980, and is not dead yet. He publishes crime novels, and people publish them. He's English by birth and Scottish by rumour, and did not compete in the Helsinki Olympics of 1952.



Lucinda Surber

Lucinda Surber is half of *Stop, You're Killing Me!*, an Anthony award-winning web resource for lovers of mystery, crime, thriller, spy, and suspense books, along with husband Stan Ulrich. Their first mystery convention was Bouchercon 2007 in Alaska, and they've enjoyed exploring new places and meeting fellow mystery enthusiasts at Bouchercon and LCC ever since. A former teacher, Lucinda created *Bookworm for Kids*, a resource for anyone interested in encouraging children to love reading.

Phoef Sutton

New York Times bestseller author Phoef Sutton is a screenwriter and novelist who was born in Washington D.C. He won two Emmys and a Golden Globe for the TV series Cheers. He also wrote for Boston Legal, the cult hit Terriers. His novels include Fifteen Minutes to Live, Crush, The Dead Man: Midnight Special and The Dead Man: Reborn, and Wicked Charms, which he co-authored with Janet Evanovich. His book Crush is on Kirkus list of Best Mysteries and Thrillers of 2015. He lives in South Pasadena.



Maria Grazia Swan

Best selling author Maria Grazia Swan was born in Italy, but this rolling stone has gathered no moss. She lived in Belgium, France, Germany, California and is currently at home in Phoenix, Arizona. Maria won her first literary award at the age of fourteen. She loves travel, opera, books, hiking, and intelligent movies. Her idea of a perfect evening? Stimulating conversation, Northern Italian food and perfectly chilled Prosecco. www.mariagraziaswan.com



Bill Syken

Bill Syken worked for eight years as a staff reporter and editor at Sports Illustrated, and continues to work with SI on special projects. At an NFL practice he conceived the idea for his 2015 debut novel HANGMAN'S GAME, which was called "the very best sports-themed mystery in years" (Booklist). Syken is now at work on its sequel, HANGMAN'S BENDER. He resides in Philadelphia, Pa.



Margaret Tessler

Margaret Tessler lives in Albuquerque with her husband and their cat. The stories in her mystery series often include cats, although—alas—they never solve anything. Instead, solutions are left to protagonist Sharon Salazar. Five books in the series have been finalists in the New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. One, Deadly Triangles, is now available as an audio book. Margaret belongs to Sisters in Crime and is currently secretary for the Albuquerque chapter, Croak and Dagger.



Jim Thane

James L. Thane was born and raised in northwestern Montana and has worked as a janitor, a dry cleaner, an auto parts salesman, a sawyer, an ambulance driver and a college professor. His first novel was NO PLACE TO DIE, published by Dorchester in August 2010. The main protagonist is a Phoenix homicide detective named Sean Richardson. The second Sean Richardson book, UNTIL DEATH, was published by Thomas & Mercer in 2013.



Ingrid Thoft

Born in Boston, Ingrid Thoft is the author of LOYALTY, IDENTITY, and BRUTALITY, featuring Boston private investigator Fina Ludlow. Called "sizzling" by Entertainment Weekly, the novels are being developed into a TV series by ABC Studios. LOYALTY was nominated for a Shamus Award for best P.I. novel and received the Spotted Owl Award for best debut mystery by a Pacific Northwest writer. The fourth book in the series will be published in January 2017.





Brian Thornton

Brian Thornton is the author of nine books, including “The Book of Bastards” and “The Book of Ancient Bastards,” in addition to serving as collection editor for the BSTSLLR-published anthology “West Coast Crime Wave.” His short fiction has appeared in such venues as Alfred Hitchcock’s Mystery Magazine and the Akashic Books anthology “Seattle Noir.”



Tim Tigner

A veteran of military intelligence in the Special Forces, and a former biotech CEO, Tim writes fast-paced thrillers involving devious devices, international intrigue, and the deadly mistake of messing with the wrong guy. After publishing *Betrayal*, *Flash*, and 2015’s *Coercion* as stand-alones, Tim is launching a series in 2016 with *Pushing Brilliance*. You’re invited to get hooked by downloading *Chasing Ivan*, a novella debuting series character Kyle Achilles, for free at timtigner.com.



Keith Tittle

Keith Tittle—twice a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Writers Association contest for short fiction—is the author of *Drawn Back*, a speculative fiction mystery set in 1929 Portland, Oregon. His most-recently completed novel, *A Matter of Justice*, marks his first entry in a new contemporary mystery/suspense series. For more information, check out his website at www.keithtittle.com.



Charles Todd (Caroline)

Caroline Todd is the bestselling author of the Inspector Ian Rutledge series (*NO SHRED OF EVIDENCE*, Morrow, Feb 16, 2016) and the Bess Crawford Series (*THE SHATTERED TREE*, Morrow, Summer 2016), both set during and after the Great War, as well as two stand alones and numerous short stories, including *TALES* (Morrow, 2015).



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Maggie Topkis

Maggie Topkis sold her first book at the age of 12, and has been in the business, one way or another, ever since. She was one of the founding owners of *Partners & Crime*, an award-winning mystery bookshop in NYC, and she launched *Felony & Mayhem Press* in 2005. She feels very strongly that life is too short to read bad books.

Nupur Tustin

A former journalist and communication specialist, Nupur Tustin now composes music and orchestrates murder in Haydn's Austria. For more details and links to her original compositions, visit <http://ntustin.com>.



Diane Vallere

After a career in retail, Diane Vallere traded fashion accessories for accessories to murder. A DISGUISE TO DIE FOR is the first in her new Costume Shop Mystery Series. Diane also writes the Madison Night, Style & Error, and Lefty-Nominated Material Witness Mysteries. She is also the Vice President of Sisters in Crime. She started her own detective agency at age ten and has maintained a passion for shoes, clues, and clothes ever since.



Pendelton C. Wallace

Penn Wallace is the author of #1 bestselling political satire, Christmas Inc. His first book, Blue Water & Me is a memoir about fishing with his commercial fisherman father. The Ted Higuera Series, about a young Latino security analyst, really jump-started Penn's career and he has recently added the Catrina Flaherty Mysteries to his list. Penn resides in San Diego and teaches classes on Indie Publishing, eMarketing and other writing topics.



Betty Webb

BETTY WEBB is the author of the dark Lena Jones mystery series (DESERT WIVES, DESERT RAGE, etc.) and the humorous Gunn Zoo mysteries (THE PUFFIN OF DEATH, etc.). As a journalist, Betty interviewed U.S. presidents, astronauts who walked on the moon, Nobel Prize-winners, and polygamy runaways. Currently a columnist and reviewer for Mystery Scene Magazine, she is also a member of the National Federation of Press Women, Mystery Writers of America, and Sisters in Crime.



Tracy Weber

Tracy Weber is the author of the Downward Dog Mysteries series featuring yoga teacher Kate Davidson and her feisty German shepherd, Bella. Her first book, Murder Strikes a Pose won the Maxwell Award for Fiction and was a 2015 Agatha award nominee for Best First Novel. The third book in her series, Karma's a Killer, was released January, 2016 by Midnight Ink. Visit her at TracyWeberAuthor.com.



Holly West

Holly West is the author of the Mistress of Fortune series, set in 17th century London and featuring Isabel Wilde, a mistress to King Charles II who secretly makes her living as a fortuneteller. Her debut, MISTRESS OF FORTUNE, was nominated for the Rosebud Award for Best First Novel. Her short fiction has appeared in NEEDLE Magazine, Shotgun Honey, and several crime fiction anthologies. Find her online at <http://hollywest.com>.





Nancy G. West

While Nancy wrote award-winning suspense about a Shakespeare student, another character captivated her and insisted that Nancy write about her. Aggie Mundeen's story, *Fit to Be Dead*, was Lefty finalist (Best Humorous) and is Chanticleer Mystery & Mayhem Finalist with *Dang Near Dead*. In *Smart, But Dead*, Aggie returns to college—a deadly humorous event. “A tight mystery, irrepressible heroine, and superb writing: the perfect combination of brains and heart.” James W. Ziskin www.nancygwest.com



Jeri Westerson

Los Angeles native and award-winning author Jeri Westerson writes the critically acclaimed Crispin Guest Medieval Mysteries, historical novels, paranormal novels, and LGBT mysteries. To date, her medieval mysteries have garnered twelve industry award nominations, from the Agatha to the Shamus. Jeri is former president of the SoCal chapter of Mystery Writers of America and frequently guest lectures on medieval history at local colleges and museums. See her website JeriWesterson.com.



Mark Wheaton

Mark Wheaton is the author of “Fields of Wrath,” the first in a new series from Thomas & Mercer about a priest who solves crime in Los Angeles’s immigrant communities. The second in the series, “City of Strangers,” comes out in September of 2016. Wheaton is also a screenwriter (“Friday the 13th,” “The Messengers,” forthcoming “Voice from the Stone”) and a comic book writer (Dark Horse’s “The Cleaners”).



Tina Whittle

Tina Whittle’s Tai Randolph/Trey Seaver series—featuring intrepid gunshop owner Tai and her corporate security agent partner Trey—has garnered starred reviews in Kirkus, Publisher’s Weekly, Booklist, and Library Journal. The fifth book in this Atlanta-based series, *Reckoning and Ruin*, will be released in April 2016 from Poisoned Pen Press. A nominee for Georgia Author of the Year, Tina enjoys golf, sushi, and reading tarot cards.



Sarah Williams

Author of *How to Write Crime Fiction* and forthcoming mystery novel *Small Deaths*, to be published Fall 2017—when it’s published you’ll see why that date...



Anne A. Wilson

Anne A. Wilson was born and raised in Phoenix, AZ. She graduated from the United States Naval Academy and served nine years active duty as a navy helicopter pilot, which included deployment to the Persian Gulf. The Naval Helicopter Association named Anne and her crew Helicopter Aircrew of the Year, an award given for search and rescue. *HOVER* is her debut novel. www.anneawilson.com

Marty Wingate

Marty Wingate writes the cozy Potting Shed books (The Garden Plot, The Red Book of Primrose House, Between a Rock and a Hard Place, The Skeleton Garden) about a middle-aged gardener transplanted from Texas to England, and Birds of a Feather (The Rhyme of the Magpie, Empty Nest), following the tourist manager in a Suffolk village. Marty leads yearly tours, spending free moments deep in research for her mysteries. Or in pubs.



Kenneth Wishnia

Kenneth Wishnia's novels have been nominated for the Edgar, Anthony, and Macavity Awards, and made "best of the year" lists at Booklist, Library Journal, the Washington Post and the Jewish Press. His latest, The Fifth Servant, won a literary award in Italy. So he's got to get translated into Italian to win an award? Sheesh! You better get Jewish Noir or he'll sic the vast Jewish conspiracy to control international finance and media on you.



Simon Wood

Simon Wood is a California transplant from England. He's an ex-competitive racecar driver, a licensed pilot & an occasional PI. He shares his world with his American wife, Julie, and way too many rescue animals. He's the Anthony Award winning author of a dozen books. His titles include PAYING THE PIPER & TERMINATED. His latest thriller is THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY. Curious people can learn more at www.simonwood.net



Sandy Wright

Sandy Wright loves to take ordinary characters and thrust them into extraordinary situations. In her debut novel, Song of the Ancients, a Midwestern woman moves west for a fresh start. Instead, she becomes the prey in an ancient war to open an underworld portal buried in Sedona, Arizona's magical red rocks. Readers interested in the dark side of our supernatural world will enjoy of this paranormal suspense series, written by a real-life Wiccan high priestess.



Melissa Yi

Melissa Yi could slice your throat and sew it back up again. Legally. Because she's an emergency doctor. Stockholm Syndrome, her latest and bestselling Hope Sze medical thriller, lasers in on a hostage-taking on a Montreal obstetrics ward: two doctors. One killer. One woman in labour. Her short fiction, which has appeared in Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine and Jewish Noir, has also been shortlisted for the Derringer Award. www.melissayuaninnes.com



Will Zeilinger

Will Zeilinger co-authored Slivers of Glass, with his wife Janet Elizabeth Lynn. Their latest joint effort, Strange Markings debuted in December. Will's solo novels include: The Final Checkpoint, Something's Cooking at Dove Acres and The Naked Groom. He is included in an upcoming anthology, Murder U.S.A. His short story Under the House, is featured in the U.K. anthology, Haunted Tales: Stories from Beyond the Grave.





James Ziskin

James Ziskin is the author of the Ellie Stone mysteries, *STYX & STONE*, *NO STONE UNTURNED* (2015 Anthony nominee, Best Paperback Original), *STONE COLD DEAD*, and *HEART OF STONE* (June 2016). James lives in the Hollywood Hills with his wife, Lakshmi, and cats, Bobbie and Tinker.

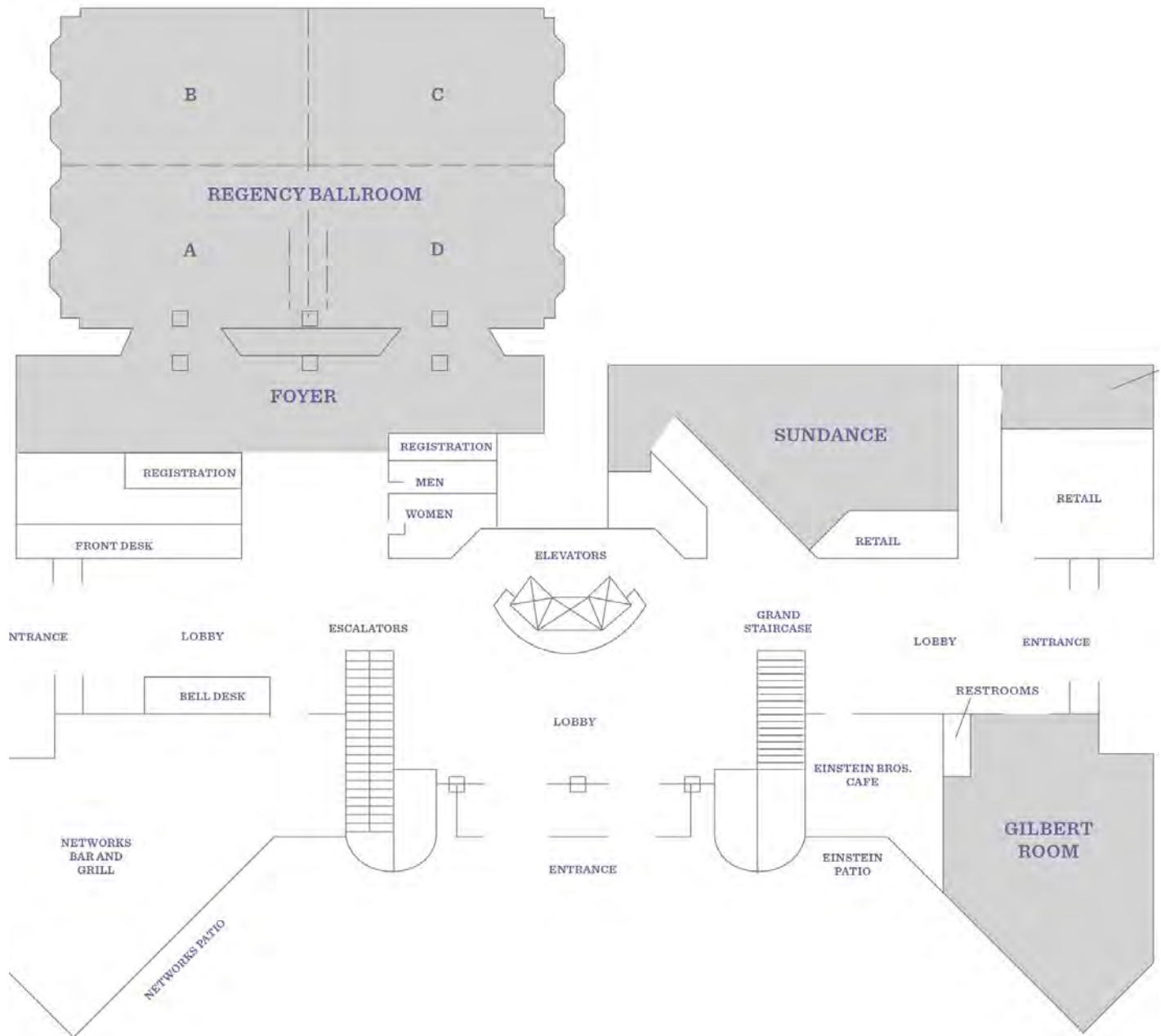


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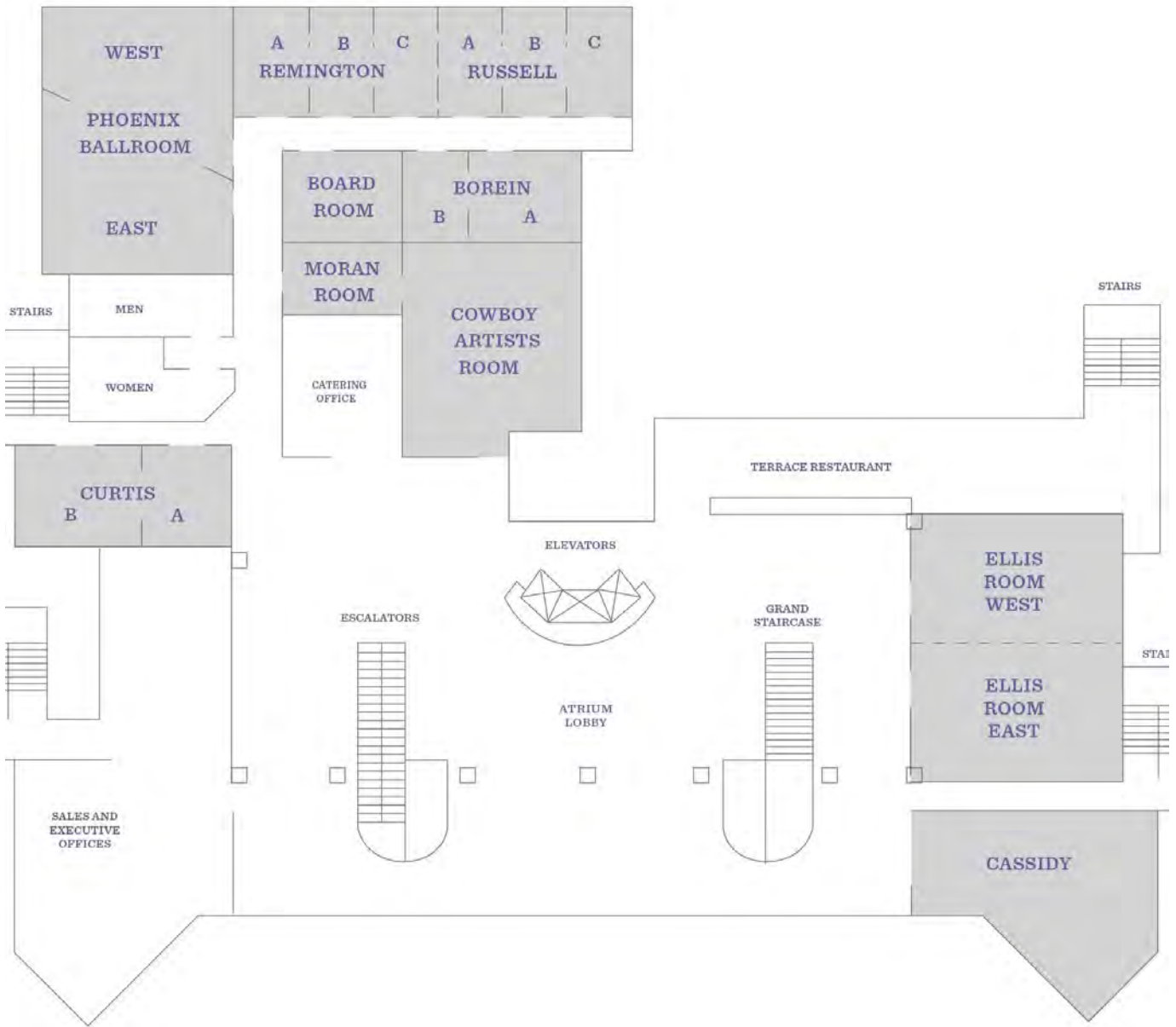
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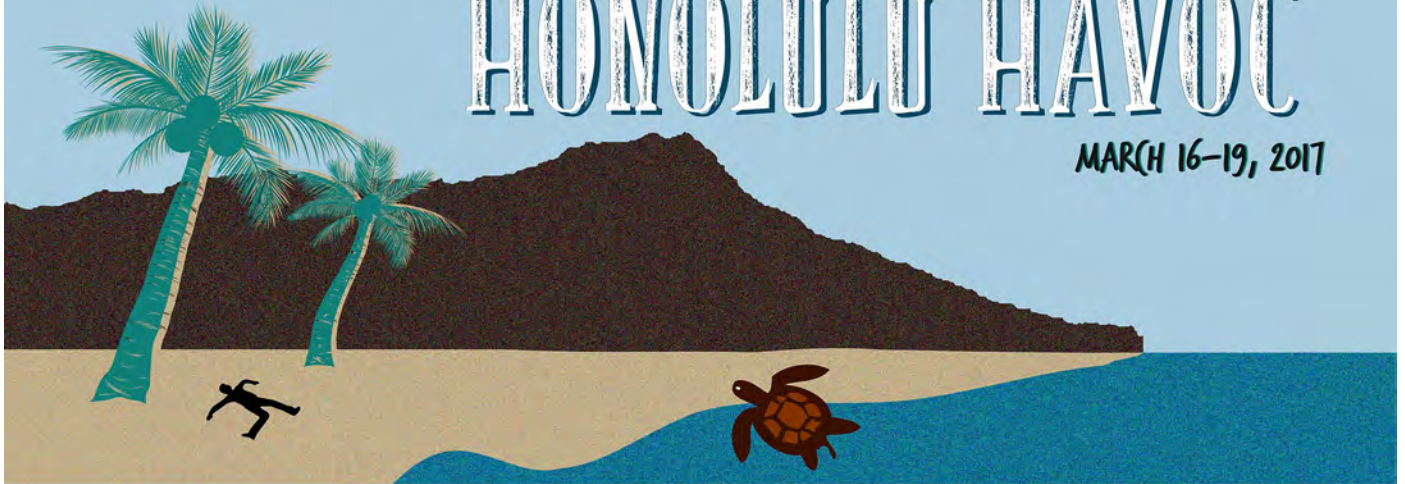
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