

**If traditional mysteries  
are your cup of tea....**



# **Malice Domestic XX**

**April 25–27, 2008**

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel • Arlington, Virginia

*Join our honorees...*



**International  
Guest of Honor  
Lindsey Davis**



**Guest of Honor  
Charlaine Harris**



**Toastmaster  
Daniel Stashower**



**Lifetime  
Achievement  
Peter Lovesey**

*...plus lots of other mystery authors and fans!*

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We expect more than **175 authors**  
and **all the spirits of Malice past.**

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**[www.MaliceDomestic.org](http://www.MaliceDomestic.org)**

or contact [Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org](mailto:Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org)

Now taking credit cards for registration.

# Celebrate the classic mystery!

**M**alice Domestic is a convention of fans and authors who gather each spring in the Washington, DC, area to celebrate the traditional mystery—typified by the works of Agatha Christie (no excessive gore, gratuitous violence, or explicit sex, thank you very much). The genre is loosely “defined” as mysteries with a confined setting, characters who know one another, and, usually, an amateur sleuth.

## Come Dressed to Kill!

The highlight of our celebration is the Agatha Awards Banquet where we present the traditional Agatha teapot for the Best Novel, Best First Mystery Novel, Best Short Story, Best Nonfiction, and Best Children’s/YA Mystery Novel. The Agatha Awards have become an internationally recognized honor, so feel free to put on your best glitz, come dressed as your favorite sleuth, or wear something that harks back to the days of the first Golden Age of mysteries—whatever will contribute to your enjoyment of the proceedings. Agathas are fan-nominated and voted on by all of the registered attendees of the convention.

## Have Fun!

Have a rousing good time from Friday’s Opening Reception, Malice Theater of the Air, and Charity Auction to Sunday’s Closing Festivities and hilarious, stylish Beautiful/Creative Hat Contest. Chow down, attend panels, make friends, chat with your favorite authors, get your books signed, and visit the Dealers Room (you’ll be amazed at what’s there).

## Join in!

Malice is organized and put on by a group of dedicated volunteers—and you can be one of them. Get involved on site by monitoring panels or book signings, stuffing registration packets, handing out badges, or staffing the hospitality lounge. Malice Volunteers 101 on Friday will tell you all about it.



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*Duncan is in his grave;  
After life’s fitful fever he sleeps well;  
Treason has done his worst: nor steel, nor poison,  
Malice Domestic, foreign levy,  
nothing, can touch him further.*

— *Macbeth. Act III, Scene II*

## We can’t wait to see you!

During the 20 years Malice Domestic has honored the traditional mystery, we’ve brought mystery fans from around the world together with some of their favorite authors, introduced a whole host of new writers in the field, and helped foster a lot of friendships. Frankly, it’s those friendships built on shared interests that make Malice special. Although we are much more than “cozies” in terms of mysteries, we think our cozy ambience is what draws people back year after year after year.

**If you’ve never been to Malice**, make this your year to come. **If you haven’t been here in a while**, come back and see how much fun you’ve been missing.

## What’s in it for you?

- Opportunities to mingle with your favorite authors at our Opening Reception and Closing Festivities.
- A continental breakfast to meet the new authors.
- Malice’s informative newsletter, *The Usual Suspects*.
- The right to nominate your favorites for the prestigious Agatha Awards (register by 12/31/07).
- The right to vote for the Agatha Awards.
- Registration packet goodies (free books!).
- A souvenir program book for autographs.
- Three days of non-stop fun!

## Are you a writer in waiting?

Malice supports the continued growth of the traditional mystery through its Malice grants competition, which provides a monetary grant to an aspiring writer. Applications are due by December 15, 2007. Check the website for more information or, after September 15, 2007, write: Malice Domestic Ltd., P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007

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Please check your registration preference and fill out other appropriate sections. [Please **PRINT** or type.]

## Comprehensive Registration

Entitles you to:

- Convention activities, including Opening Reception, New Authors Breakfast, and Closing Festivities
- Voting for the Agatha Awards
- Souvenir Program Book
- A subscription to *The Usual Suspects*
- Saturday's Agatha Awards Banquet

**\$250** (until December 31, 2007)

Register by 12/31/07 and you can nominate titles for the Agatha Awards.

**\$275** (January 1–March 1, 2008)

### Banquet Meal Choice:

- Regular       Vegetarian

## Basic Registration

Entitles you to:

- Everything in the Comprehensive Registration **except** the Banquet.  
[Note: To add the Banquet until 3/1/08, the cost is \$75; on site \$85, if available.]

**\$200** (until December 31, 2007)

Register by 12/31/07 and you can nominate titles for the Agatha Awards.

**\$225** (January 1–March 1, 2008)

**\$240** (On Site)

## Agatha Awards Banquet Tickets

To add banquet tickets to your basic registration or obtain banquet only tickets, please contact the registrar at 301-730-1675 or [Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org](mailto:Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org).

## Can't Attend? Be a Friend...

Receive the souvenir Program Book of Malice Domestic XIX, *The Usual Suspects* newsletter, and a special Malice memento. Register by 12/31/07 to nominate titles for Agatha Awards. To be a Friend, contact the registrar at [Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org](mailto:Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org) or 301-730-1675 or visit the web site [www.MaliceDomestic.org](http://www.MaliceDomestic.org) to obtain the Friend's form. [\$50 U.S., Canada, Mexico; \$60 all others – sent air mail].

## PRE-CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2008.

Registrations not postmarked by the registration deadline will be treated as on-site basic registrations. Some banquet tickets may be available for \$85.

**Name** (as it should appear on badge) \_\_\_\_\_

**[Authors note:** Use the name under which you write. Also, fill out the back even if you have filled it out in the past. This is **NOT** saved year to year.]

**AKA** \_\_\_\_\_

[Only for authors who write under more than one name.]

**Is this your first Malice?**     Yes       No

**Company** (if needed for badge use) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Nine-digit ZIP/Postal Code, Country**

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail** (for periodic updates) \_\_\_\_\_

**I am a**     Fan                       Mystery Author     Agent               Editor  
 Publisher               Reviewer               Bookseller       Librarian

Our meeting sites are physically accessible. If you need an accessible room, please contact the hotel directly. If you have other access needs, please contact [Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org](mailto:Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org) or call 301-730-1675.

**Payment:** Please make your check payable to Malice Domestic, or if you want to use your Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card, go to Malice's website at [www.malicedomestic.org](http://www.malicedomestic.org) to obtain a credit card form and send your payment along with this registration form to: Malice Domestic Registration, P.O. Box 8007, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8007. You should receive a confirmation letter within six weeks.

**Multiple Registrations:** A separate form is required for each person registering (photocopy this form as needed).

**Cancellation:** All cancellations subject to non-refundable \$50 fee. No refunds after 3/1/08. Cancellations must be in writing or via e-mail ([Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org](mailto:Registrar@MaliceDomestic.org)). Registrants who cancel become Friends.

**Hotel Reservations:** After 5/1/07, please make your reservations directly with the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel by calling 1-800-228-9290 or 703-920-3230. Identify yourself as a Malice Domestic registrant to obtain special convention rates of \$154 single/double, \$154 triple, \$154 quad, plus tax. Reservations must be made by 3/26/08 to obtain discounted group rate.

# Mystery Author Information Section

[Must be filled out for you to be designated as a published author—please PRINT clearly]

This information is used for preliminary planning of the program and panel assignments. To be designated as an author at Malice Domestic XX, you must already have published mysteries by April 25, 2008.

Name under which you write \_\_\_\_\_

Any other name under which you write \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

★ Will your **first** mystery be published between Malice Domestic XIX and XX?  Yes  No

Do you wish to be on a panel?  Yes  No Do you want a signing time?  Yes  No

**[Please note: While we try to accommodate every author with a signing time, convention logistics may make it impossible to assign every author to a panel. If you plan to attend the entire conference and the more we know about your interests, your protagonist/books, and any special expertise, the more likely you are to get a panel assignment you like.]**

What have you published?  novels  novels and short stories  short stories only  
 children's/young adult mysteries  non-fiction

★ **Title, publisher and date of publication of last two books** (for short stories list anthology/magazine):

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**POTENTIAL PANEL TOPICS** (Check as many as apply and use a star to indicate preferred topics.)

General categories:	Your sleuth(s)/books:	Thumbnail sketch of protagonist(s):
<input type="checkbox"/> humor	<input type="checkbox"/> history (period?) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> animals/pets	<input type="checkbox"/> locales (where?) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> food	<input type="checkbox"/> occupations _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> academia	<input type="checkbox"/> hobbies _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> supernatural	<input type="checkbox"/> unique/key features _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> ecclesiastic		

**Elements of mysteries where you feel you have expertise/experiences to share:**  characters  dialogue

plot  setting  mood/style  multiple viewpoints  locked room  stand-alones

multiple series  fan input/criticism  research/accuracy  children/young adults

publishing process/promotion  other \_\_\_\_\_

**Your special areas of expertise:**  police force/private investigative experience  media (which?)

biography (who?)  related occupation/scientific field (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Panel suggestions not covered above: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Note:** Please tell us now if there are times/days you cannot be on a panel for health, religious, or travel reasons:

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