1988 – MD 1
Best Novel
The Widows Club, Dorothy Cannell
Something Wicked, Carolyn G. Hart
Mischief in Maggody, Joan Hess
Paying the Piper, Sharyn McCrumb
Dead Crazy, Nancy Pickard

Best First Mystery Novel
A Great Deliverance, Elizabeth George
The Killings at Badger’s Drift, Caroline Graham
The J. Alfred Prufrock Murders, Corinne Holt Sawyer
Goodbye Nanny Gray, Susannah Stacey
Dead Men Don't Give Seminars, Dorothy Sucher

Best Short Story
“More Final Than Divorce,” Robert Barnard
“Prodigal Grandson,” Elizabeth Byrd
“Father of the Bride,” P.M. Carlson
“Double Vision,” Mary Higgins Clark
“Dutiful Son,” Ralph McInerny

1989 – MD 2
Best Novel
The Sirens Sang of Murder, Sarah Caudwell
A Little Glass on Murder, Carolyn G. Hart
Corpus Christmas, Margaret Maron
Naked Once More, Elizabeth Peters
Philly Stakes, Gillian Roberts

Best First Novel
Working Murder, Eleanor Boylan
Grime and Punishment, Jill Churchill
A Question of Guilt, Frances Fyfield
The Mother Shadow, Melanie Johnson Howe
The Mark Twain Murders, Edith Skom

Best Short Story
"Live It Up, Bert," Patricia Derozier
“Amanda,” Ellie Grossman
“A Cozy for Christmas,” Charlotte Macleod
“Wee Dech and Doris,” Sharyn McCrumb
“Afraid All the Time,” Nancy Pickard

1990 – MD 3
Best Novel
Real Murders, Charlaine Harris
Deadly Valentine, Carolyn G. Hart
The Face of a Stranger, Anne Perry
The Potter’s Field, Ellis Peters
Burn Steer, Nancy Pickard

Best First Novel
Screaming Bones, Pat Burden
Catering to Nobody, Diane Mott Davidson
The Chartreuse Clue, William F. Love
The Body in the Belfry, Katherine Hall Page
Sea of Troubles, Janet L. Smith

Best Short Story
“The High Cost of Living,” Dorothy Cannell
“Too Much to Bare,” Joan Hess
“Proxime Accessit,” Reginald Hill
“A Family Affair,” Janet Neel
“The Wearing of Purple,” Anne Woodward

1991 – MD 4
Best Novel
Make No Bones, Aaron Elkins
The Christie Caper, Carolyn G. Hart
An Owl Too Many, Charlotte Macleod
The Last Camel Died at Noon, Elizabeth Peters
I.O.U., Nancy Pickard

Best First Novel
Carpool, Mary Cahill
Just Desserts, Mary Daheim
The Bulrush Murders, Rebecca Rothenberg
Zero at the Bone, Mary Willis Walker
Flowers for the Dead, Ann Williams

Best Short Story
“The Habit of Widowhood,” Robert Barnard
“The January Sales Stowaway,” Dorothy Cannell
“The Crime of Miss Oyster Brown,” Peter Lovesey
“Deborah's Judgment,” Margaret Maron
“Long Live the Queen,” Ruth Rendell

1992 – MD 5
Best Novel
Southern Ghost, Carolyn G. Hart
Bootlegger’s Daughter, Margaret Maron
The Hangman’s Beautiful Daughter, Sharyn McCrumb
Defend and Betray, Anne Perry
The Snake, the Crocodile and the Dog, Elizabeth Peters
Best First Novel
All the Great Pretenders, Deborah Adams
Thyme of Death, Susan Wittig Albert
Decked, Carol Higgins Clark
The Seneca Falls Inheritance, Miriam Grace Monfredo
Blanche on the Lam, Barbara Neely

Best Short Story
“The Jersey Lily,” P.M. Carlson
“Nice Gorilla,” Aaron & Charlotte Elkins
“Country Hospitality,” Jean Hager
“The Last to Know,” Joan Hess
“Happiness is a Dead Poet,” Sharyn McCrumb

1993 – MD 6
Best Novel
Old Scores, Aaron Elkins
Dead Man’s Island, Carolyn Hart
O Little Town of Maggody, Joan Hess
Fair Game, Rochelle Majer Krich
Southern Discomfort, Margaret Maron
To Live and Die in Dixie, Kathy Hogan Trocheck

Best First Novel
Track of the Cat, Nevada Barr
Goodnight, Irene, Jan Burke
A Share in Death, Deborah Crombie
Death Comes As Epiphany, Sharan Newman
Child of Silence, Abigail Padgett

Best Nonfiction
The Doctor, The Murder, The Mystery, Barbara D’ Amato
Maker & Craftsman: Dorothy L. Sayers, Alzina Stone Dale
The Poisonous Pen of Agatha Christie, Michael C. Gerald
The Fine Art of Murder, Ed Gorman et al., ed.
A Reader’s Guide to the American Novel of Detection, Marvin Lachman
The Doubleday Crime Club Compendium 1928-91, Ellen Nehr

Best Short Story
“A Romance in the Rockies,” K.K. Beck
“Sax and the Single Cat,” Carole Nelson Douglas
“Checkout,” Susan Dunlap
“Kim’s Game,” M.D. Lake
“. . . That Married Dear Old Dad,” Margaret Maron

1994 – MD 7
Best Novel
Scandal in Fair Haven, Carolyn G. Hart
The Beekeeper’s Apprentice, Laurie R. King
Angel of Death, Rochelle Majer Krich
She Walks These Hills, Sharyn McCrumb
Night Train to Memphis, Elizabeth Peters

Best First Novel
Do Unto Others, Jeff Abbott
One for the Money, Janet Evanovich
Fool’s Puzzle, Earlene Fowler
Writers of the Purple Sage, Barbara Burnett Smith
Until Death, Polly Whitney

Best Nonfiction
Encyclopedia Mysteriosa, William L. DeAndrea
Crime Fiction II, Allen J. Hubin
Great Women Mystery Writers, Kathleen Gregory Klein, ed.
Had She But Known: Mary Roberts Rinehart, Charlotte Macleod
By a Woman’s Hand, Jean Swanson & Dean James

Best Short Story
“Cast Your Fate to the Wind,” Deborah Adams
“The Gentleman in the Lake,” Robert Barnard
“The Family Jewels,” Dorothy Cannell
“Soon to Be a Minor Motion Picture,” Barbara D’Amato
‘The Dying Light,” Taylor McCafferty

1995 – MD 8
Best Novel
Miracles in Maggody, Joan Hess
If I’d Killed Him When I Met Him, Sharyn McCrumb
The Wandering Arm, Sharan Newman
Twilight, Nancy Pickard
Escapade, Walter Satterthwalt

Best First Novel
The Body in the Transept, Jeanne M. Dams
A Far and Deadly Cry, Teri Holbrook
Horse of a Different Killer, Jody Jaffe
Death in Bloodhound Red, Virginia Lanier
Murder in Scorpio, Martha C. Lawrence

Best Nonfiction
Mystery Readers Walking Guide-Chicago, Alzina Stone Dale
John Dickson Carr: The Man Who Explained Miracles, Douglas Greene
Ngaio Marsh: The Woman and Her Work, B.J. Rahn, ed.
The Armchair Detective Book of Lists, 2nd edition, Kate Stine, ed.
The Cadfael Companion, 2nd edition, Robin Whiteman
**Best Short Story**
“Rule of Law,” K.K. Beck
“Cupid’s Arrow,” Dorothy Cannell
“A Contest Fit for a Queen,” Susan Dunlap
“The Murder Garno,” Jean Hager
“The Dog Who Remembered Too Much,” Elizabeth Daniels Squire

**1996 – MD 9**

**Best Novel**
*Kansas Troubles*, Earlene Fowler
*Grass Widow*, Teri Holbrook
*Hearts and Bones*, Margaret Lawrence
*Up Jumps the Devil*, Margaret Maron
*Strong as Death*, Sharan Newman

**Best First Novel**
*Biggie and the Poisoned Politician*, Nancy Bell
*Murder on a Girl’s Night Out*, Anne George
*Somebody Else’s Child*, Terris McMahan Grimes
*Death in Little Tokyo*, Dale Furutani
*Riding for a Fall*, Lillian Roberts

**Best Nonfiction**
*Detecting Women 2*, Willetta Heising
*Mystery: A Celebration*, Ron Miller
*By a Woman’s Hand, Second Edition*, Jean Swanson & Dean James

**Best Short Story**
“The Bun Also Rises,” Jill Churchill
“The Death of Erik the Redneck,” Toni L. P. Kelner
“A Parrot is Forever,” Peter Lovesey
"Bugged," by Eve K. Sandstrom
“Accidents Will Happen,” Carolyn Wheat

**1997 – MD 10**

**Best Novel**
*Hocus*, Jan Burke
*Dreaming of the Bones*, Deborah Crombie
*Goose in the Pond*, Earlene Fowler
*Seeing a Large Cat*, Elizabeth Peters
*The Devil in Music*, Kate Ross

**Best First Novel**
*Quieter than Sleep*, Joanne Dobson
*The Salaryman’s Wife*, Sujata Massey
The Butter Did It, Phyllis Richman
Dead Body Language, Penny Warner
Death Brims Over, Barbara Jaye Wilson

**Best Nonfiction**
Detecting Men (Pocket Guide), Willeta Heising
Crimes of the Scene, Nina King & Robin Winks
Guilty Parties, Ian Ousby

**Best Short Story**
"Heavenly Bodies," by Simon Brett
"Tea for Two,“ M.D. Lake
"Come to Tea,” Janet Laurence
"The Corbett Correspondence,” Edward Marston & Peter Lovesey
"The Two Ladies of Rose Cottage,” Peter Robinson

**1998 – MD 11** – from Wikipedia

**Best Novel**
Liar, Jan Burke
Dove in the Window, Earlene Fowler
Blind Bloodhound Justice, Virginia Lanier
Butchers Hill, Laura Lippman
Home Fires, Margaret Maron
The Ape Who Guards the Balance, Elizabeth Peters

**Best First Novel**
Sympathy for the Devil, Jerrilyn Farmer
Tiger’s Palette, Jacqueline Fiedler
Dying to Get Published, Judy Fitzwater
The Doctor Digs a Grave, Robin Hathaway
Fax Me a Bagel, Sharon Kahn

**Best Nonfiction**
Speaking of Murder, Edward Gorman and Martin H. Greenberg
Deadly Women, Jan Grape, Dean James and Ellen Nehr
Silk Stalkings II, Victoria Nichols and Susan Thompson
Killer Books, Jean Swanson and Dean James

**Best Short Story**
"Of Course You Know That Chocolate Is a Vegetable,” Barbara D’Amato

**1999 – MD 12** – from Wikipedia

**Best Novel**
Mariner’s Compass, Earlene Fowler
Immaculate Reception, Jerrilyn Farmer
Death on the River Walk, Carolyn Hart
In Big Trouble, Laura Lippman
The Flower Master, Sujata Massey

**Best First Novel**
*Murder with Peacocks*, Donna Andrews
*Circles of Confusion*, April Henry
*Revenge of the Gypsy Queen*, Kris Neri
*By Blood Possessed*, Elena Santangelo
*Sing It to Her Bones*, Marcia Talley

**Best Nonfiction**
*The Deadly Directory*, Kate Derie
*A Taste of Murder: Diabolically Delicious Recipes from Contemporary Mystery Writers*, Jo Grossman and Robert Weibezahl
*Detecting Women III*, Willetta L. Heising
*The Oxford Companion to Crime and Mystery Writing*, Rosemary Herbert
*Teller of Tales: The Life of Arthur Conan Doyle*, Daniel Stashower

**Best Short Story**
"Out of Africa," Nancy Pickard

**2000 – MD 13**

**Best Novel**
*Guns and Roses*, Taffy Cannon
*Killer Wedding*, Jerrilyn Farmer
*Storm Track*, Margaret Maron
*The Floating Girl*, Sujata Massey
*He Shall Thunder in the Sky*, Elizabeth Peters

**Best First Novel**
*Death Dances to a Reggae Beat*, Kate Grilley
*Three Dirty Women and the Garden of Death*, Julie Wray Herman
*Death of an Amiable Child*, Irene Marcuse
*Death on a Silver Tray*, Rosemary Stevens
*Murder of a Small Town Honey*, Denise Swanson

**Best Short Story**
“Nothing to Lose,” Robert Barnard
“The Seal of the Confessional” Rhys Bowen
“The Man in the Civil Suit,” Jan Burke
“Amish Butter,” Jacqueline Fiedler
“Miss Parker & the Cutter-Sanborn Tables,” Gay Toltl Kinman
“Widow's Peak,” Rochelle Krich

**Best Nonfiction**
*The Complete Christie*, Matthew Bunson
*Women of Mystery*, Martha Dubose
*100 Favorite Mysteries of the Century*, Jim Huang, ed.
*The American Regional Mystery*, Marvin Lachman
They Wrote the Book, Helen Windrath

2001 – MD 14
Best Novel
Murphy’s Law, Rhys Bowen
Arkansas Traveler, Earlene Fowler
Dead Until Dark, Charlaine Harris
Shadows of Sin, Rochelle Krich
The Bride’s Kimono, Sujata Massey

Best First Novel
Innkeeping With Murder, Tim Myers
Mute Witness, Charles O’Brien
A Witness Above, Andy Straka
Bubbles Unbound, Sarah Strohmeyer
An Affinity for Murder, Anne White

Best Short Story
“Bitter Waters,” Rochelle Krich
“Virgo in Sapphires,” Margaret Maron
“The Peculiar Events on Riverside Drive,” Maan Meyers
“The Would-Be Widower,” Katherine Hall Page
“Juggernaut,” Nancy Springer

Best Nonfiction
The History of Mystery: Art Fiction Series, Max Allan Collins
Writing the Mystery: A Start to Finish Guide for Both Novice and Professional, G. Miki Hayden
Seldom Disappointed: A Memoir, Tony Hillerman
Who Was That Lady? Craig Rice: The Queen of Screwball Mystery, Jeffrey Marks
Food, Drink, and the Female Sleuth, The Sisters Wells

Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel
The Viking Claw, Michael Dahl
Death on Sacred Ground, Harriet K. Feder
The Mystery of the Octagon House, Gay Toltl Kinman
Ring Out Wild Bells: A Matty Trescott Novel, Carroll Thomas
The Mystery of the Haunted Caves (Troop 13 Mystery), Penny Warner

2002 – MD 15
Best Novel
You’ve Got Murder, Donna Andrews
Death of Riley, Rhys Bowen
Blues in the Night, Rochelle Krich
The Body in the Bonfire, Katherine Hall Page
The Golden One, Elizabeth Peters

Best First Novel
Not All Tarts Are Apple, Pip Granger
Six Strokes Under, Roberta Isleib
Beat Until Stiff, Claire M. Johnson
How to Murder a Millionaire, Nancy Martin
In the Bleak Midwinter, Julia Spencer-Fleming
Shadows at the Fair, Lea Wait

Best Short Story
“Dognapped,” Robert Barnard
“Devotion,” Jan Burke
“What He Needed,” Laura Lippman
“The Dog That Didn’t Bark,” Margaret Maron
“Too Many Cooks,” Marcia Talley

Best Nonfiction
The Mammoth Encyclopedia of Modern Crime Fiction, Mike Ashley, ed.
Mystery Women: An Encyclopedia of Leading Women Characters in Mystery Fiction, Colleen Barnett
Kitchen Privileges: A Memoir, Mary Higgins Clark
Writing Mysteries: A Handbook by the Mystery Writers of America, Sue Grafton, ed.; Jan Burke and Barry Zeman, co-ed.
They Died in Vain: Overlooked, Underappreciated, and Forgotten Mystery Novels, Jim Huang, ed.

Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel
Whistler in the Dark, Kathleen Ernst
Red Card, Daniel J. Hale & Matthew LaBrot
Hoot, Carl Hiaasen
The Secret of the Red Flame, K. M. Kimball
The Maltese Kitten, Linda Stewart

2003 – MD 16
Best Novel
Crouching Buzzard, Leaping Loon, Donna Andrews
Mumbo Gumbo, Jerrilyn Farmer
Letter from Home, Carolyn Hart
Dream House, Rochelle Krich
Last Lessons of Summer, Margaret Maron
Shop till You Drop, Elaine Viets

Best First Novel
Dealing in Murder, Elaine Flinn
Haunted Ground, Erin Hart
Take the Bait, S. W. Hubbard
Alpine for You, Maddy Hunter
Murder Off Mike, Joyce Krieg
O’ Artful Death, Sarah Stewart Taylor
Maisie Dobbs, Jacqueline Winspear

Beat Nonfiction
Mystery Women: An Encyclopedia of Leading Women Characters in Mystery Fiction, vol. 3 (parts I & 2), Colleen A. Barnett
Atomic Renaissance: Women Mystery Writers of the 1940s and 1950s, Jeffrey Marks
Dick Francis Companion, Jean Swanson and Dean James

**Best Short Story**
“Doppleganger,” Rhys Bowen
“No Man’s Land,” Elizabeth Foxwell
“Safety First,” Marcia Talley
“Red Meat,” Elaine Viets
“Sex and Bingo,” Elaine Viets

**Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel**
Gangsters at the Grand Atlantic, Sarah Masters Buckey
Danger, Dynamite!, Anne Capeci
Ghost Light on Graveyard Shoal, Elizabeth McDavid Jones
The 7th Knot, Kathleen Karr
The Secret of the Equestrian Park, Gay Toltl Kinman

**2004 – MD 17**

**Best Novel**
We’ll Always Have Parrots, Donna Andrews
By a Spider's Thread, Laura Lippman
High Country Fall, Margaret Maron
The Pearl Diver, Sujata Massey
Birds of a Feather, Jacqueline Winspear

**Best First Novel**
Till the Cows Come Home, Judy Clemens
Arson and Old Lace, Patricia Harwin
I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason, Susan Kandel
Dating Dead Men, Harley Jane Kozak
The Clovis Incident: A Mystery, Pari Noskin Taichert

**Best Nonfiction**
Private Eye-Lashes: Radio’s Lady Detectives, Jack French
The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Short Stories, Leslie Klinger, edited with notes

**Best Short Story**
“The Butler Didn't Do It,” Maria Y. Lima
“The Two Marys,” Katherine Hall Page
“Wedding Knife,” Elaine Viets, Coordinating Editor: Donna Andrews

**Best Children's/Young Adult Novel**
Chasing Vermeer, Blue Balliett
Betrayal at Cross Creek, Kathleen Ernst
Green Streak: A Zeke Armstrong Mystery, Daniel J. Hale and Matthew LaBrot

2005 – MD 18
Best Novel
Owls Well That Ends Well, Donna Andrews
Pardonable Lies, Jacqueline Winspear
Rituals of the Season, Margaret Maron
The Belen Hitch, Pari Noskin Taichert
The Body in the Snowdrift, Katherine Hall Page
Trouble in Spades, Heather Webber

Best First Novel
Better Off Wed, Laura Durham
Blood Relations, Lisa Tillman
Jury of One, Laura Bradford
Knit One, Kill Two, Maggie Sefton
Witch Way to Murder, Shirley Damsgaard

Best Nonfiction
Behind the Mystery—Top Mystery Writers, Stuart Kaminsky
Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and the Women Who Created Her, Melanie Rehak
The Heirs of Anthony Boucher, Marvin Lachman

Best Short Story
“Driven to Distraction,” Marcia Talley
“House Rules,” Libby Fischer Hellmann
“Mother Love,” Harriette Sackler
“Murder at Sleuthfest,” Barb Goffman
“Rear View Murder,” Carla Coupe

Best Children's/Young Adult Novel
Danger at the Zoo, Kathleen Ernst
Down the Rabbit Hole, Peter Abrahams
Flush, Carl Hiaasen
The Coastwatcher, Elise Weston
The Curse of Ravenscourt, Sarah Masters Buckey

2006 Agatha – MD 19
Best First Novel
Consigned to Death, Jane Cleland
The Chef Who Died Sautéing, Honora Finkelstein and Susan Smily
Feint of Art, Hailey Lind
Murder on The Rocks, Karen MacInerney
The Heat of The Moon, Sandra Parshall

Best Novel
The Saddlemaker's Wife, Earlene Fowler
Why Casey Had to Die, L.C. Hayden
The Virgin of Small Plains, Nancy Pickard
All Mortal Flesh, Julia Spencer-Fleming
Messenger of Truth, Jacqueline Winspear

Best Nonfiction
Mystery Muses, Jim Huang and Austin Lugar
Don't Murder Your Mystery, Chris Roerden
The Beautiful Cigar Girl, Daniel Stashower

Best Short Story
“The Old Couple,” Robert Barnard
“Provenance,” Robert Barnard
“Yankee Swap,” Maurissa Guibord
“Disturbance in the Field,” Roberta Isleib
“Sleeping with the Plush,” Toni L.P. Kelner

Best Children's/Young Adult Novel
Behind the Curtain: An Echo Falls Mystery, Peter Abrahams
Room One A Mystery or Two, Andrew Clements
Sherlock Holmes and The Baker Street Irregulars: The Fall of The Amazing Zalindas, Tracy Mack and Michael Citrin
Pea Soup Poisonings, Nancy Means Wright

2007 – MD 20
Best Novel
The Penguin Who Knew Too Much, Donna Andrews
Her Royal Spyness, Rhys Bowen
Hard Row, Margaret Maron
A Fatal Grace, Louise Penny
Murder with Reservations, Elaine Viets

Best First Novel
A Beautiful Blue Death, Charles Finch
A Real Basket Case, Beth Groundwater
Silent in the Grave, Deanna Raybourn
Prime Time, Hank Phillippi Ryan

Best Nonfiction
Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters, Jon Lellenberg, Daniel Stashower, and Charles Foley
The Official Nancy Drew Handbook, Penny Warner

Best Short Story
“A Rat's Tale,” Donna Andrews
“Please Watch Your Step,” Rhys Bowen
“Casino Gamble,” Nan Higginson
“Death Will Clean Your Closet,” Elizabeth Zelvin
Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel
A Light in the Cellar, Sarah Masters Buckey
Bravo Zulu, Samantha!, Kathleen Benner Duble
Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl, John Feinstein
The Falconer’s Knot, Mary Hoffman
Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos, R.L. LaFevers

2008 – MD 21
Best Novel
Six Geese A-Slaying, Donna Andrews
A Royal Pain, Rhys Bowen
The Cruelest Month, Louise Penny
Buckingham Palace Gardens, Anne Perry
I Shall Not Want, Julia Spencer-Fleming

Best First Novel
Through a Glass, Deadly, Sarah Atwell
The Diva Runs Out of Thyme, Krista Davis
Pushing Up Daisies, Rosemary Harris
Death of a Cozy Writer, G.M. Malliet
Paper, Scissors, Death, Joanna Campbell Slan

Best Nonfiction
African American Mystery Writers: A Historical & Thematic Study, Frankie Y. Bailey
How to Write Killer Historical Mysteries, Kathy Lynn Emerson
Anthony Boucher: A Biobibliography, Jeff Marks
Edgar Allan Poe: An Illustrated Companion to His Tell-Tale Stories, Harry Lee Poe
The Suspicions of Mr. Whitcher, or The Murder at Road Hill House, Kate Summerscale

Best Short Story
“The Night Things Changed,” Dana Cameron
“Killing Time,” Jane Cleland
“Dangerous Crossing,” Carla Coupe
“Skull and Cross-Examinations,” Toni L.P. Kelner
“A Nice Old Guy,” Nancy Pickard

Best Children/Young Adult Novel
Into the Dark, Peter Abrahams
A Thief in the Theater (A Kit Mystery), Sarah Masters Buckey
The Crossroads, Chris Grabenstein
The Great Circus Train Robbery, Nancy Means Wright

2009 – MD 22
Best Novel
Swan for the Money, Donna Andrews
Bookplate Special, Lorna Barrett
Royal Flush, Rhys Bowen
The Brutal Telling, Louise Penny
Air Time, Hank Phillippi Ryan

**Best First Novel**
For Better for Murder, Lisa Bork
The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie, Alan Bradley
Posed for Murder, Meredith Cole
The Cold Light of Mourning, Elizabeth Duncan
In the Shadow of Gotham, Stefanie Pintoff

**Best Nonfiction**
Duchess of Death, Richard Hack
Talking About Detective Fiction, P.D. James
Blood on the Stage, 1925 – 1950, Amnon Kabatchnik
Dame Agatha’s Shorts, Elena Santangelo
The Talented Miss Highsmith, Joan Schenkar

**Best Short Story**
“Femme Sole,” Dana Cameron
“Handbaskets, Drawers, and a Killer Cold,” Kaye George
“The Worst Noel,” Barb Goffman
“On the House,” Hank Phillippi Ryan
“Death Will Trim Your Tree,” Elizabeth Zelvin

**Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel**
The Morgue and Me, John C. Ford
The Hanging Hill, Chris Grabenstein
The Case of the Poisoned Pig, Lewis B. Montgomery
The Other Side of Blue, Valerie O. Patterson
The Case of the Cryptic Crinoline, Nancy Springer

**2010 – MD 23**

**Best Novel**
Stork Raving Mad, Donna Andrews
Bury Your Dead, Louise Penny
The Scent of Rain & Lightning, Nancy Pickard
Drive Time, Hank Phillippi Ryan
Truly, Madly, Heather Webber

**Best First Novel**
The Long Quiche Goodbye, Avery Aames
Murder at the PTA, Laura Alden
Maid of Murder, Amanda Flower
Full Mortality, Sasscer Hill
Diamonds for the Dead, Alan Orloff

**Best Nonfiction**
The Poisoner’s Handbook, Deborah Blum
Agatha Christie’s Secret Notebooks, John Curran
Sherlock Holmes for Dummies, Steven Doyle & David A. Crowder
Charlie Chan: The Untold Story of the Honorable Detective and His Rendezvous with American History, Yunte Huang
Have Faith in Your Kitchen, Katherine Hall Page

Best Short Story
“Swing Shift,” Dana Cameron
“Size Matters,” Sheila Connolly
“Volunteer of the Year,” Barb Goffman
“So Much in Common,” Mary Jane Maffini
“The Green Cross,” Elizabeth Zelvin

Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel
Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer, John Grisham
Theodosia and the Eyes of Horus, R.L. LaFevers
The Agency: Spy in the House, Y. S. Lee
Virals, Kathy Reichs
The Other Side of Dark, Sarah Smith

2011 – MD 24
Best Novel
The Real Macaw, Donna Andrews
The Diva Haunts the House, Krista Davis
Wicked Autumn, G.M. Malliet
Three Day Town, Margaret Maron
A Trick of the Light, Louise Penny

Best First Novel
Dire Threads, Janet Bolin
Choke, Kaye George
Learning to Swim, Sara J. Henry
Who Do, Voodoo?, Rochelle Staab
Tempest in the Tea Leaves, Kari Lee Townsend

Best Nonfiction
Books, Crooks and Counselors, Leslie Budewitz
Agatha Christie: Murder in the Making, John Curran
On Conan Doyle, Michael Dirda
Wilkie Collins, Vera Caspary & the Evolution of the Casebook Novel, A. B. Emrys
The Sookie Stackhouse Companion, Charlaine Harris

Best Short Story
“Disarming,” Dana Cameron
“Dead Eye Gravy,” Krista Davis
“Palace by the Lake,” Daryl Wood Gerber
“Truth and Consequences,” Barb Goffman
“The Itinerary,” Roberta Isleib

**Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel**
*Shelter*, Harlan Coben  
*The Black Heart Crypt*, Chris Grabenstein  
*Icefall*, Matthew J. Kirby  
*The Wizard of Dark Street*, Shawn Thomas Odyssey  
*The Code Busters Club 1*, Penny Warner

**Best Historical**
*Naughty in Nice*, Rhys Bowen  
*Murder Your Darlings*, J.J. Murphy  
*Mercury’s Rise*, Ann Parker  
*Troubled Bones*, Jeri Westerson  
*A Lesson in Secrets*, Jacqueline Winspear

**2012 – MD 25**

**Best Novel**
*The Diva Digs Up the Dirt*, Krista Davis  
*A Fatal Winter*, G.M. Malliet  
*The Buzzard Table*, Margaret Maron  
*The Beautiful Mystery*, Louise Penny  
*The Other Woman*, Hank Phillippi Ryan

**Best Historical Novel**
*The Twelve Clues of Christmas*, Rhys Bowen  
*Dandy Gilver and an Unsuitable Day for Murder*, Catriona McPherson  
*Murder on Fifth Avenue*, Victoria Thompson  
*An Unmarked Grave*, Charles Todd  
*Elegy for Eddie*, Jacqueline Winspear

**Best First Novel**
*Lowcountry Boil*, Susan M. Boyer  
*Iced Chiffon*, Duffy Brown  
*A Scrapbook of Secrets*, Mollie Cox Bryan  
*A Killer Read*, Erika Chase  
*Faithful Unto Death*, Stephanie Jaye Evans

**Best Nonfiction**
*Books to Die For*, John Connolly/Declan Burke  
*Blood Relations*, Joseph Goodrich, ed.  
*More Forensics and Fiction*, D.P. Lyle  
*Double Cross*, Ben Macintyre  
*The Grand Tour*, Mathew Prichard, ed.

**Best Short Story**
“Mischief in Mesopotamia,” Dana Cameron  
“Kept in the Dark,” Sheila Connolly
“The Lord is My Shamus,” Barb Goffman
“Thea’s First Husband,” B.K. Stevens
“When Duty Calls,” Art Taylor

**Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel**
*Seconds Away*, Harlan Coben
*The Edge of Nowhere*, Elizabeth George
*Liar & Spy*, Rebecca Stead
*Code Busters 2: The Haunted Lighthouse*, Penny Warner
*Code Name Verity*, Elizabeth Wein

**2013 – MD 26**

**Best Contemporary Novel**
*Pagan Spring*, G.M. Malliet
*How the Light Gets In*, Louise Penny
*Clammed Up*, Barbara Ross
*The Wrong Girl*, Hank Phillippi Ryan
*Through the Evil Days*, Julia Spencer-Fleming

**Best Historical Novel**
*Heirs and Graces*, Rhys Bowen
*Death in the Time of Ice*, Kaye George
*A Friendly Game of Murder*, J.J. Murphy
*Murder in Chelsea*, Victoria Thompson
*A Question of Honor*, Charles Todd

**Best First Novel**
*Death Al Dente*, Leslie Budewitz
*You Cannoli Die Once*, Shelley Costa
*Board Stiff*, Kendel Lynn
*Kneading to Die*, Liz Mugavero
*Front Page Fatality*, LynDee Walker

**Best Nonfiction**
*Georgette Heyer*, Jennifer Kloester
*Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes*, Maria Konnikova
*Not Everyone’s Cup of Tea: An Interesting & Entertaining History of Malice Domestic’s First 25 Years*, Verena Rose & Rita Owen, eds.
*The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln Before the Civil War*, Daniel Stashower

**Best Short Story**
“Evil Little Girl,” Barb Goffman
“Nightmare,” Barb Goffman
“The Hindi Houdini,” Gigi Pandian
“Bread Baby,” Barbara Ross
“The Care and Feeding of House Plants,” Art Taylor

**Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel**
The Testing, Joelle Charbonneau
Traitor in the Shipyard: A Caroline Mystery, Kathleen Ernst
Andi Unexpected, Amanda Flower
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library, Chris Grabenstein
Code Busters Club: Mystery of the Pirate’s Treasure, Penny Warner

2014 – MD 27
Best Contemporary Novel
The Good, The Bad and The Emus, Donna Andrews
A Demon Summer, G.M. Malliet
Designated Daughters, Margaret Maron
The Long Way Home, Louise Penny
Truth Be Told, Hank Phillippi Ryan

Best Historical Novel
Queen of Hearts, Rhys Bowen
Wouldn’t It Be Deadly, D.E. Ireland
Murder in Murray Hill, Victoria Thompson
Hunting Shadows, Charles Todd
An Unwilling Accomplice, Charles Todd

Best First Novel
Circle of Influence, Annette Dashofy
Tagged for Death, Sherry Harris
Well Read, Then Dead, Terrie Farley Moran
Finding Sky, Susan O’Brien
Murder Strikes a Pose, Tracy Weber

Best Nonfiction
The Poisoner: The Life and Crimes of Victorian England’s Most Notorious Doctor, Stephan Bates
Death Dealer: How Cops and Cadaver Dogs Brought a Killer to Justice, Kate Flora
400 Things Cops Know: Street Smart Lessons from a Veteran Patrolman, Adam Plantinga
Writers of Passage - Adventures on the Writer’s Journey, Hank Phillippi Ryan, ed.
The Art of the English Murder, Lucy Worsley

Best Short Story
“The Blessing Witch,” Kathy Lynn Emerson
“The Shadow Knows,” Barb Goffman
“Just Desserts for Johnny,” Edith Maxwell
“The Odds are Against Us,” Art Taylor
“Premonition,” Art Taylor

Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel
Found, Harlan Coben
Andi Under Pressure, Amanda Flower
Greenglass House, Kate Milford
Uncertain Glory, Lea Wait
The Code Busters Club: The Mummy’s Curse, Penny Warner
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Best Contemporary Novel
Bridges Burned, Annette Dashofy
Long Upon the Land, Margaret Maron
The Child Garden, Catriona McPherson
Nature of the Beast, Louise Penny
What You See, Hank Phillippi Ryan

Best Historical Novel
Malice at the Palace, Rhys Bowen
The Masque of a Murderer, Susanna Calkins
Dreaming Spies, Laurie R. King
Mrs. Roosevelt’s Confidante, Susan Elia MacNeal
Murder on Amsterdam Avenue, Victoria Thompson

Best First Novel
Death of a Dishonorable Gentleman, Tessa Arlen
Macdeath, Cindy Brown
Plantation Shudders, Ellen Byron
Just Killing Time, Julianne Holmes
On the Road with Del and Louise, Art Taylor

Best Nonfiction
The Great Detective: The Amazing Rise and Immortal Life of Sherlock Holmes, Zack Dundas
The Golden Age of Murder: The Mystery of the Writers Who Invented the Modern Detective Story, Martin Edwards
A is for Arsenic: The Poisons of Agatha Christie, Kathryn Harkup
Unsolved Murders and Disappearances in Northeast Ohio, Jane Ann Turzillo
The Mystery Writers of America Cookbook: Wickedly Good Meals and Desserts to Die For, Kate White, ed.

Best Short Story
“A Year Without Santa Claus?,” Barb Goffman
“A Questionable Death,” Edith Maxwell
“A Killing at the Beausoleil,” Terrie Farley Moran
“Suffer the Poor,” Harriette Sackler
“A Joy Forever,” B.K. Stevens

Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel
Pieces and Players, Blue Balliett
Need, Joelle Charbonneau
Andi Unstoppable, Amanda Flower
Woof, Spencer Quinn
Fighting Chance: A Martial Arts Mystery, B.K. Stevens
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Best Contemporary Novel
Body on the Bayou, Ellen Byron
Quiet Neighbors, Catriona McPherson
A Great Reckoning, Louise Penny
Fogged Inn, Barbara Ross
Say No More, Hank Phillippi Ryan

Best Historical Novel
Whispers Beyond the Veil, Jessica Estevao
Get Me to the Grave on Time, D.E. Ireland
Delivering the Truth, Edith Maxwell
The Reek of Red Herrings, Catriona McPherson
Murder in Morningside Heights, Victoria Thompson

Best First Novel
Terror in Taffeta, Marla Cooper
Murder in G Major, Alexia Gordon
The Semester of Our Discontent, Cynthia Kuhn
Decanting a Murder, Nadine Nettmann
Design for Dying, Renee Patrick

Best Nonfiction
Mastering Suspense, Structure, and Plot: How to Write Gripping Stories that Keep Readers on the Edge of Their Seats, Jane K. Cleland
A Good Man with a Dog: A Game Warden’s 25 Years in the Maine Woods, Roger Guay with Kate Clark
Sara Paretsky: A Companion to the Mystery Fiction, Margaret Kinsman

Best Short Story
“The Best-Laid Plans,” Barb Goffman
“The Mayor and the Midwife,” Edith Maxwell
“The Last Blue Glass,” B.K. Stevens
“Parallel Play,” Art Taylor

Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel
Trapped: A Mei-hua Adventure, P. A. DeVoe
Spy Ski School, Stuart Gibbs
Tag, You’re Dead, J C Lane
The Mystery of Hollow Places, Rebecca Podos
The Secret of the Puzzle Box: The Code Busters Club, Penny Warner

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Best Contemporary Novel
Death Overdue, Allison Brook
A Cajun Christmas Killing, Ellen Byron
No Way Home, Annette Dashofy
Take Out, Margaret Maron
Glass Houses, Louise Penny

**Best Historical Novel**
- *In Farleigh Field*, Rhys Bowen
- *Murder in an English Village*, Jessica Ellicott
- *Called to Justice*, Edith Maxwell
- *The Paris Spy*, Susan Elia MacNeal
- *Dangerous to Know*, Renee Patrick

**Best First Novel**
- *Adrift*, Micki Browning
- *The Plot is Murder*, V. M. Burns
- *Hollywood Homicide*, Kellye Garrett
- *Daughters of Bad Men*, Laura Oles
- *Protocol*, Kathleen Valenti

**Best Nonfiction**
- *From Holmes to Sherlock: The Story of the Men and Women Who Created an Icon*, Mattias Boström
- *American Fire: Love, Arson and Life in a Vanishing Land*, Monica Hesse
- *Rewrite Your Life: Discover Your Truth Through the Healing Power of Fiction*, Jess Lourey

**Best Short Story**
- “Double Deck the Halls,” Gretchen Archer
- “Whose Wine Is It Anyway,” Barb Goffman
- “The Night They Burned Miss Dixie’s Place,” Debra Goldstein
- “The Library Ghost of Tanglewood Inn,” Gigi Pandian
- “A Necessary Ingredient,” Art Taylor

**Best Children’s/Young Adult Novel**
- *City of Angels*, Kristi Belcamino
- *Sydney Mackenzie Knocks ‘Em Dead*, Cindy Callaghan
- *The World’s Greatest Detective*, Caroline Carlson
- *Audacity Jones Steals the Show*, Kirby Larson
- *The Harlem Charade*, Natasha Tarpley

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**Best Contemporary Novel**
- **Mardi Gras Murder** by Ellen Byron
- *Beyond the Truth* by Bruce Robert Coffin
- *Cry Wolf* by Annette Dashofy
- *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny
- *Trust Me* by Hank Phillippi Ryan

**Best Historical Novel**
- *Four Funerals and Maybe a Wedding* by Rhys Bowen
- *The Gold Pawn* by LA Chandlar (Kensington)
**The Widows of Malabar Hill** by Sujata Massey
**Turning the Tide** by Edith Maxwell
**Murder on Union Square** by Victoria Thompson

**Best First Novel**
**(tie) A Ladies Guide to Etiquette and Murder** by Dianne Freeman
**Little Comfort** by Edwin Hill
**What Doesn’t Kill You** by Aimee Hix
**Deadly Solution** by Keenan Powell
**(tie) Curses Boiled Again** by Shari Randall

**Best Short Story**
**(tie) "All God's Sparrows"** by Leslie Budewitz
"A Postcard for the Dead" by Susanna Calkins in *Florida Happens*
"Bug Appetit" by Barb Goffman
**(tie) "The Case of the Vanishing Professor"** by Tara Laskowski
"English 398: Fiction Workshop" by Art Taylor

**Best Young Adult Mystery**
**(tie) Potion Problems (Just Add Magic)** by Cindy Callaghan
**Winterhouse** by Ben Guterson
**A Side of Sabotage** by C.M. Surrisi

**Best Nonfiction**
**(tie) Mastering Plot Twists** by Jane Cleland
**Writing the Cozy Mystery** by Nancy J Cohen
**Conan Doyle for the Defense** by Margalit Fox
**Agatha Christie: A Mysterious Life** by Laura Thompson
**Wicked Women of Ohio** by Jane Ann Turzillo

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**Best Contemporary Novel**
**Fatal Cajun Festival** by Ellen Byron
**(tie) The Long Call** by Ann Cleeves
**Fair Game** by Annette Dashofy
**The Missing Ones** by Edwin Hill
**A Better Man** by Louise Penny
**The Murder List** by Hank Phillippi Ryan

**Best First Mystery Novel**
**A Dream of Death** by Connie Berry
**(tie) One Night Gone** by Tara Laskowski
**Murder Once Removed** by S. C. Perkins
**When It’s Time for Leaving** by Ang Pompano
**Staging for Murder** by Grace Topping
**Best Historical Mystery**
Love and Death Among the Cheetahs by Rhys Bowen
Murder Knocks Twice by Susanna Calkins
The Pearl Dagger by L. A. Chandlar
**Charity's Burden by Edith Maxwell
The Naming Game by Gabriel Valjan

**Best Nonfiction**
Frederic Dannay, Ellery Queen’s Mystery Magazine and the Art of the Detective Short Story by Laird R. Blackwell
Blonde Rattlesnake: Burmah Adams, Tom White, and the 1933 Crime Spree that Terrified Los Angeles by Julia Bricklin
Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud and the Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep
**The Mutual Admiration Society: How Dorothy L. Sayers and her Oxford Circle Remade the World for Women by Mo Moulton
The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper by Hallie Rubenhold

**Best Children/Young Adult**
Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers by Shauna Holyoak
Two Can Keep a Secret by Karen MacManus
**The Last Crystal by Frances Schoonmaker
Top Marks for Murder by Robin Stevens
Jada Sly, Artist and Spy by Sherri Winston

**Best Short Story**
"Grist for the Mill" by Kaye George in A Murder of Crows
"Alex's Choice" by Barb Goffman in Crime Travel
"The Blue Ribbon" by Cynthia Kuhn in Malice Domestic 14: Mystery Most Edible
**"The Last Word" by Shawn Reilly Simmons, Malice Domestic 14: Mystery Most Edible
"Better Days" by Art Taylor in Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine