

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 McInerney

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
Bum 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 Mysterosa, 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 Satterthwait

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 Garbo," 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

Amateur Detectives: A Writer's Guide to How Private Citizens Solve Criminal Cases, Elaine Raco Chase & Anne Wingate

Detecting Women 2, Willetta Heising

Mystery: A Celebration, Ron Miller

The Letters of Dorothy L. Sayers: The Making of a Detective Novelist, Barbara Reynolds, ed.

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

Mystery Reader's Walking Guide to Washington D.C., Alzina Stone Dale
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

Best Nonfiction

Mystery Women: An Encyclopedia of Leading Women Characters in Mystery Fiction, vol. 3 (parts 1 & 2), Colleen A. Barnett

Second Helping of Murder: More Diabolically Delicious Recipes from Contemporary Mystery Writers, Jo Grossman and Robert Weibezahl, ed.

Atomic Renaissance: Women Mystery Writers of the 1940s and 1950s, Jeffrey Marks

Amelia Peabody's Egypt: A Compendium, Elizabeth Peters and Kristen Whitbread, ed.

Dick Francis Companion, Jean Swanson and Dean James

Best Short Story

"Doppelganger," 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 Buckley

Danger, Dynamite!, Anne Capeci

Ghost Light on Graveyard Shoal, Elizabeth McDavid Jones

The 7th Knot, Kathleen Karr

The Secret of the Equestrian Park, Gay Tolti 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
The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes: The Novels, Leslie S. Klinger, ed.

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 Duple
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 Cruellest 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. Witcher, 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

Writes 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

2016 – MD 29

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

"Double Jinx: A Bellissimo Casino Crime Caper Story," Gretchen Archer
"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

2017 – MD 30

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
The Story of Classic Crime in 100 Books, Martin Edwards
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
Manderley Forever: A Biography of Daphne du Maurier, Tatiana de Rosnay

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

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

Best Nonfiction

**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
**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 Philippi Ryan

Best First Mystery Novel

A Dream of Death by Connie Berry
**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. Chandler
**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

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Best Contemporary Novel

Gift of the Magpie by Donna Andrews (Minotaur)
Murder in the Bayou Boneyard by Ellen Byron (Crooked Lane Books)
From Beer to Eternity by Sherry Harris (Kensington)
**All the Devils are Here by Louise Penny (Minotaur)
The Lucky One by Lori Rader-Day (William Morrow)

Best Historical Novel

**The Last Mrs. Summers by Rhys Bowen (Berkeley)
The Fate of a Flapper by Susanna Calkins (Griffin)
A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Murder by Dianne Freeman (Kensington)
Taken Too Soon by Edith Maxwell (Beyond the Page Publishing)

The Turning Tide by Catriona McPherson (Quercus)

Best First Novel

A Spell for Trouble by Esme Addison (Crooked Lane Books)

Winter Witness by Tina deBellegarde (Level Best Books)

Derailed by Mary Keliikoa (Epicenter Press, Inc.)

**Murder at the Mena House by Erica Ruth Neubauer (Kensington)

Murder Most Sweet by Laura Jensen Walker (Crooked Lane Books)

Best Short Story

**"Dear Emily Etiquette" by Barb Goffman (Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine Sep/Oct)

"The Red Herrings at Killington Inn" by Shawn Reilly Simmons Masthead: Best New England Crime Stories (Level Best Books)

"The Boy Detective & The Summer of '74" by Art Taylor (Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine Jan/Feb)

"Elysian Fields" by Gabriel Valjan California Schemin': The 2020 Bouchercon Anthology (Wildside Press)

"The 25 Year Engagement" by James Ziskin In League with Sherlock Holmes: Stories Inspired by the Sherlock Holmes Canon (Pegasus Crime)

Best Non-Fiction

Sometimes You Have to Lie: The Life and Times of Louise Fitzhugh, Renegade Author of Harriet the Spy by Leslie Brody (Seal Press)

American Sherlock: Murder, Forensics, and the Birth of American CSI by Kate Winkler Dawson (G. P. Putnam)

Howdunit: A Masterclass in Crime Writing by Members of the Detection Club by Martin Edwards (Collins Crime Club)

**Phantom Lady: Hollywood Producer Joan Harrison, the Forgotten Woman Behind Hitchcock by Christina Lane (Chicago Review Press)

H. R. F. Keating: A Life of Crime by Sheila Mitchell (Level Best Books)

Best Children's/YA Mystery

Midnight at the Barclay Hotel by Fleur Bradley (Viking Books for Young Readers)

Premeditated Myrtle by Elizabeth C. Bunce (Algonquin Young Readers)

Saltwater Secrets by Cindy Callaghan (Aladdin)

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks (Katherine Tegen Books)

**Holly Hernandez and the Death of Disco by Richard Narvaez (Piñata Books)