



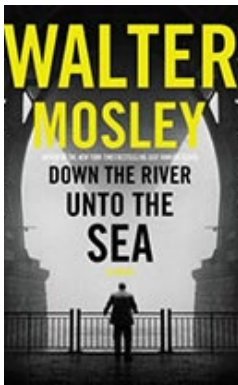
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EDGAR AWARDS 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE EDGAR WINNERS

MWA announced the 2019 Edgar Allan Poe Awards, at our 73rd Gala Banquet, held April 25, 2019, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York City. The winners are indicated in red below.



BEST NOVEL

- The Liar's Girl** by Catherine Ryan Howard (Blackstone Publishing)
- House Witness** by Mike Lawson (Grove Atlantic – Atlantic Monthly Press)
- A Gambler's Jury** by Victor Methos (Amazon Publishing – Thomas & Mercer)
- Down the River Unto the Sea** by Walter Mosley (Hachette Book Group - Mulholland)
- Only to Sleep** by Lawrence Osborne (Penguin Random House – Hogarth)
- A Treacherous Curse** by Deanna Raybourn (Penguin Random House – Berkley)

BEST FIRST NOVEL BY AN AMERICAN AUTHOR

- A Knife in the Fog** by Bradley Harper (Seventh Street Books)
- The Captives** by Debra Jo Immergut (HarperCollins Publishers - Ecco)
- The Last Equation of Isaac Severy** by Nova Jacobs (Simon & Schuster - Touchstone)
- Bearskin** by James A. McLaughlin (HarperCollins Publishers - Ecco)
- Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens (Penguin Random House – G.P. Putnam's Sons)



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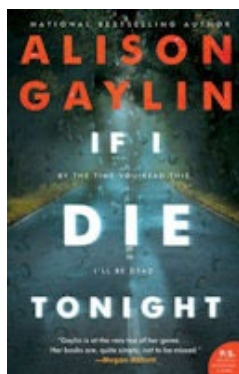


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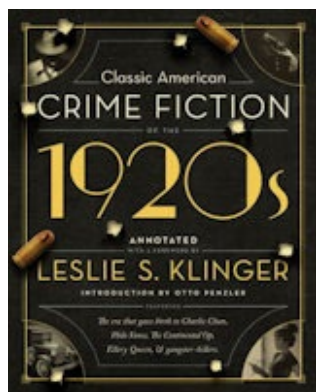
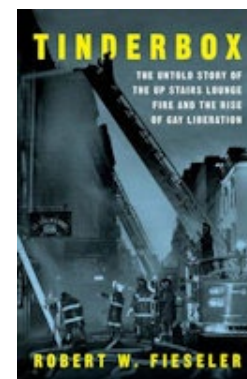


BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL

- If I Die Tonight** by Alison Gaylin (HarperCollins Publishers – William Morrow)
Hiroshima Boy by Naomi Hirahara (Prospect Park Books)
Under a Dark Sky by Lori Rader-Day (HarperCollins Publishers – William Morrow)
The Perfect Nanny by Leila Slimani (Penguin Random House – Penguin Books)
Under My Skin by Lisa Unger (Harlequin – Park Row Books)

BEST FACT CRIME

- Tinderbox: The Untold Story of the Up Stairs Lounge Fire and the Rise of Gay Liberation** by Robert W. Fieseler (W.W. Norton & Company - Liveright)
Sex Money Murder: A Story of Crack, Blood, and Betrayal by Jonathan Green (W.W. Norton & Company)
The Last Wild Men of Borneo: A True Story of Death and Treasure by Carl Hoffman (HarperCollins Publishers – William Morrow)
The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century by Kirk Wallace Johnson (Penguin Random House - Viking)
I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara (HarperCollins Publishers - Harper)
The Good Mothers: The True Story of the Women Who Took on the World's Most Powerful Mafia by Alex Perry (HarperCollins Publishers – William Morrow)



BEST CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL

- The Metaphysical Mysteries of G.K. Chesterton: A Critical Study of the Father Brown Stories and Other Detective Fiction** by Laird R. Blackwell (McFarland Publishing)
Dead Girls: Essays on Surviving an American Obsession by Alice Bolin (HarperCollins Publishers – William Morrow Paperbacks)
Classic American Crime Fiction of the 1920s by Leslie S. Klinger (Pegasus Books)
Mark X: Who Killed Huck Finn's Father? by Yasuhiro Takeuchi (Taylor & Francis - Routledge)
Agatha Christie: A Mysterious Life by Laura Thompson (Pegasus Books)

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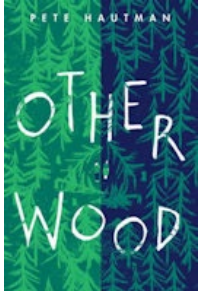
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BEST SHORT STORY

- “**Rabid – A Mike Bowditch Short Story**” by Paul Doiron (Minotaur Books)
 “**Paranoid Enough for Two**” – **The Honorable Traitors** by John Lutz (Kensington Publishing)
 “**Ancient and Modern**” – **Bloody Scotland** by Val McDermid (Pegasus Books)
 “**English 398: Fiction Workshop**” – **Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine** by Art Taylor (Dell Magazines)
 “**The Sleep Tight Motel**” – **Dark Corners Collection** by Lisa Unger (Amazon Publishing)

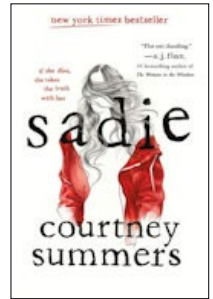
BEST JUVENILE



- Denis Ever After** by Tony Abbott (HarperCollins Children’s Books – Katherine Tegen Books)
Zap! by Martha Freeman (Simon & Schuster – Paula Wiseman Books)
Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective by A.B. Greenfield (Holiday House)
Winterhouse by Ben Guterson (Christy Ottaviano Books – Henry Holt BFYR)
Otherwood by Pete Hautman (Candlewick Press)
Charlie & Frog: A Mystery by Karen Kane (Disney Publishing Worldwide – Disney Hyperion)
Zora & Me: The Cursed Ground by T.R. Simon (Candlewick Press)

BEST YOUNG ADULT

- Contagion** by Erin Bowman (HarperCollins Children’s Books – HarperCollins)
Blink by Sasha Dawn (Lerner Publishing Group – Carolrhoda Lab)
After the Fire by Will Hill (Sourcebooks – Sourcebooks Fire)
A Room Away From the Wolves by Nova Ren Suma (Algonquin Young Readers)
Sadie by Courtney Summers (Wednesday Books)



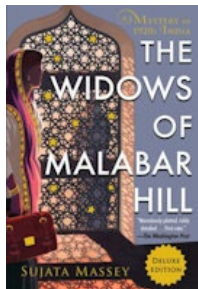
BEST TELEVISION EPISODE TELEPLAY

- “**The Box**” - **Brooklyn Nine-Nine**, Teleplay by Luke Del Tredici (NBC/Universal TV)
 “**Season 2, Episode 1**” – **Jack Irish**, Teleplay by Andrew Knight (Acorn TV)
 “**Episode 1**” – **Mystery Road**, Teleplay by Michael O’Brien (Acorn TV)
 “**My Aim is True**” – **Blue Bloods**, Teleplay by Kevin Wade (CBS Eye Productions)
 “**The One That Holds Everything**” – **The Romanoffs**, Teleplay by Matthew Weiner & Donald Joh (Amazon Prime Video)

ROBERT L. FISH MEMORIAL AWARD

- “**How Does He Die This Time?**” – **Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine** by Nancy Novick (Dell Magazines)

THE SIMON & SCHUSTER MARY HIGGINS CLARK AWARD



- A Death of No Importance** by Mariah Fredericks (Minotaur Books)
A Lady’s Guide to Etiquette and Murder by Dianne Freeman (Kensington Publishing)
Bone on Bone by Julia Keller (Minotaur Books)
The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey (Soho Press – Soho Crime)
A Borrowing of Bones by Paula Munier (Minotaur Books)

2019 EDGAR BANQUET PHOTOS



All Winners (left to right): Art Taylor, Linda Landrigan, Alison Gaylin, Robert W. Fieseler, Sujata Massey, Nancy Novick, Courtney Summer's editor, Martin Cruz Smith, Walter Mosley, Marilyn Stasio, James A. McLaughin, Donald Joh, Matthew Weiner, Meg Gardiner (MWA president), Pete Hautman



BEST NOVEL WINNER:

**ERICA OBEY,
WALTER MOSLEY (WINNER)**



BEST FIRST NOMINEES:

**BRADLEY HARPER,
DEBRA JO IMMERGUT,
JAMES A. MCLAUGHLIN (WINNER),
DELIA OWENS, NOVA JACOBS**

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BEST PBO NOMINEES:

LORI RADER-DAY,
ALISON GAYLIN
(WINNER),
NAOMI HIRAHARA,
LISA UNGER

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BEST FACT CRIME NOMINEES:

ROBERT W.
FIESELER
(WINNER),
JONATHAN GREEN,
CARL HOFFMAN



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**BEST SHORT STORY NOMINEES: ART TAYLOR (WINNER),
PAUL DORION, LISA UNGER**



**BEST CRITICAL NOMINEES:
LAURA THOMPSON,
LAIRD BLACKWELL,
YASUHIRO TAKEUCHI**



**BEST YOUNG ADULT NOMINEES:
SASHA DAWN,
NOVA REN SUMA,
ERIN BOWMAN**

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BEST JUVENILE NOMINEES: BEN GUTERSON, TONY ABBOTT, KAREN KANE, PETE HAUTMAN (WINNER), MARTHA FREEMAN, A.B. GREENFIELD, T.R. SIMON



**BEST TV
NOMINEES:**

**MICHAEELEY
O'BRIEN,
KEVIN WADE,
DONALD JOH
(WINNER),
MATTHEW WEINER
(WINNER)**

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ROBERT L. FISH
AWARD WINNER:
NANCY NOVICK



MINOTAUR CONTEST
WINNER:
NEV MARCH



MARY HIGGINS CLARK
WINNER:
SUJATA MASSEY



RAVEN RECIPIENT: MARILYN STASIO,
WITH JEFFERY DEAVER



GRAND MASTER:
MARTIN CRUZ SMITH

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MEMORIAL NOMINEES:
LISA BLACK,
VICTORIA THOMPSON,
CAROLINE & CHARLES
TODD

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CHARLES TODD
SERVICE AWARD:
FRANKIE Y. BAILEY

ELLERY QUEEN AWARD:
LINDA LANDRIGAN,
BRENDAN DUBOIS



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BEST NOVEL NOMINEES: WALTER MOSLEY (WINNER), DEANNA RAYBOURN, CATHERINE RYAN HOWARD, VICTOR METHOS, MIKE LAWSON

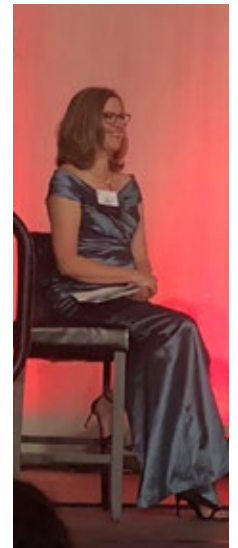


**2019 SPECIAL GUESTS:
NANCY NOVICK,
MARTIN CRUZ SMITH,
LINDA LANDRIGAN,
MARILYN STASIO**

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CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: BEST PBO WINNER ALISON GAYLIN; BEST PBO NOMINEES FLEXING THEIR MUSCLES; MWA PRESIDENT MEG GARDINER, FORMER MWA PRESIDENT JEFFERY DEAVER WITH MEG GARDINER.



BELOW: MEMBERS OF CRIME WRITERS OF COLOR GET TOGETHER FOR A PHOTO BEFORE THE BANQUET.

TOP ROW: CHRISTOPHER CHAMBERS, ALEXIA GORDON, SUJATA MASSEY.
 BOTTOM ROW: KELLYE GARRETT, WALTER MOSLEY, NAOMI HIRAHARA





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“TRUE! – NERVOUS – VERY, VERY NERVOUS
I AM AND HAD BEEN AND AM; BUT
WHY WILL YOU SAY I AM MAD?”

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Clockwise from upper right: Fancy some Poe quotes? Check out the **@EdgarAwards** on **Twitter**. Want to see video from the Edgar Award banquet? Search **YouTube** for **Mystery Writers of America**. At right, presenters Harley Jane Kozak & Chris Pavone present the Best First Novel award. How about watching Edgar nominees reading from their works? At right, Best Juvenile nominee Karen Kane reads while Jonathan W. McMillan signs. **Instagram:** **mysterywritersofamerica**. Directly below, Best Juvenile nominee Martha Freeman reads to a future reader, on **Twitter @EdgarAwards**. How about taking a peek at the calm before the storm? MWA office photo posted to **Twitter** by Executive Director Margery Flax. Also, check out nominees and winners who have posted their own photos online. At left, Best Fact Crime Winner Robert W. Fieseler shows where his Edgar lives at home, on his **Instagram** account.

