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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BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL

If I Die Tonight by Alison Gaylin (HarperCollins Publishers – William Morrow)
Hiroshima Boy by Naomi Hirahara (Prospect Park Books)
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 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)

BEST CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL

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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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

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

“Season 2, Episode 1” – Jack Irish, Teleplay by Andrew Knight (Acorn TV)
“Episode 1” – Mystery Road, Teleplay by Michaela 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)

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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. McLaughlin, 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 IMMERCUT,
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
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:

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

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
STOLEN FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

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
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.