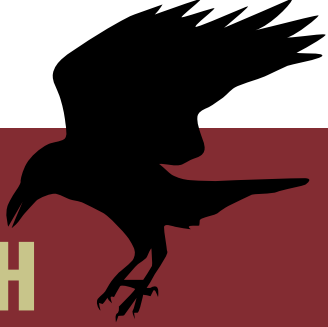




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THE MARCH OF CRIME

SoCalMWA's monthly newsletter.



Holiday Party

*SinC-LA/SoCal MWA Present
the Fourth Killer
Holiday Party!*

December 4, 2022
2-5pm
@The Woman's Club of Hollywood
1749 N La Brea Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90046.

Space is limited
RSVP by **December 1**

Potluck
Festive fun

For any questions please email at president@socalmwa.com

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Happy Holidays

BY TRAVIS RICHARDSON



I hope everybody had a happy and restful Thanksgiving. My daughter was recovering from a cold so ours was mostly low-key...besides an incident between our 15-pound Maltipoo and a German Shepherd. (He's okay).

Besides doing very little writing during NaNoWriMo, I also had the dubious distinction of having 10,000 unread emails in my personal inbox. I feel I started the year with 6-7,000 unread emails, some possibly from back in 2017, the last time I remember clearing everything out. Sometime in early October, the messages crept up to 9k, and with the US election campaigns asking for donations every hour it passed the 10k mark. I hope to get back down to a reasonable number like 8k again—perhaps clearing out my mailbox over the winter break could be a new holiday tradition.



And speaking of elections, we will have one for the board coming up shortly. **Fred Andersen** will be sending our Active members a ballot soon. So watch your email boxes so that it doesn't get lost with everything else or go to spam. Also, if you haven't signed up for the California Crime Writer's Conference, you'll want to do it before the prices increase in the new year. You can find more information [here](#).

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the holiday party with Sisters in Crime LA on December 4 for those who can make it.

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones!

Travis

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December Already?

BY HOLLY WEST



For about six months now, I've wanted to begin this column with "I can't believe it's <insert month here> already." I've resisted, until now. But I truly cannot believe how quickly this year went by.

Now that I'm older, I'm both energized and haunted by the passage of time. I find myself wanting to slow it down, while at the same time, I'm always ready for a new season. This strikes me as somewhat unhealthy because I'm never living in the present. In fact, I often write "Stay present" in my daily journal, reminding me that joy is found in what we have at this very moment. It's so easy to let time slip by without taking heed of the significance of each passing day.

With that said, I've decided that December will be a month of finishing the year strong while also planning for January. It feels right to start now, rather than wait for January 1 to begin some of the healthier habits I've been ignoring these last few months. I'm a person who loves the concept of fresh starts—they energize me—and after an exhausting Thanksgiving, I need the change (as well as fewer carbs).



Writing-wise, that means stepping back and doing a read-thru of the first act of my novel. It also means that except for jury duty this month, I won't be taking the work breaks I typically allow myself in December. It's full-steam ahead and I'm ready for it.

Whatever this season means for you, I wish you the happiest of holidays. I'll see you in 2023.

Holly

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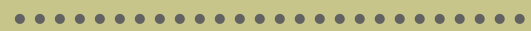
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CCWC 2023 Program Advertising

JUNE 10-11, 2023

Reaching readers is a cinch this year if you buy an ad in the official program of the California Crime Writers Conference coming up June 10 & 11 in Culver City. A joint event presented by SoCalMWA and Sisters in Crime Los Angeles, the CCWC is already proving to be a blockbuster. With two hundred attendees, keynote speakers Deborah Crombie and Rachel Howzell Hall, plus agents and publishers, your ad is an excellent opportunity to promote your books and business. For details, contact [Edward Arno](#) or [Judith Mathison](#). For payment use [PayPal](#).

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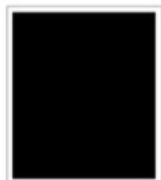
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The California Crime Writers Conference is a joint production of the Sisters in Crime/Los Angeles and SoCalMWA and has been presented every other year since 2009.

The 2023 conference will take place Saturday, June 10– Sunday, June 11.

GUESTS OF HONOR



Rachel Howzell Hall



Deborah Crombie

OVER THE TRANSOM



EDGAR & SHAMUS GO GOLDEN: TWELVE TALES OF MURDER, MYSTERY, AND MASTER DETECTION FROM THE GOLDEN AGE OF MYSTERY AND BEYOND, edited by **Gay Tolt Kinman** and Andrew McAleer, features stories written exclusively by Edgar Allan Poe and Shamus Award-winning authors. Available from Down & Out Books on December 5.



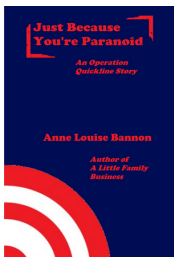
Tom Sawyer has written the text of the beautiful new book of his artwork from his first career, as an illustrator. The book was designed by Leif Peng and Ana Vlahovic, and includes examples of Tom's early work for Stan Lee, progressing from comic-books to national and international magazine and advertising illustration.



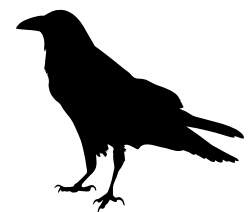
COURTING DRAGONS, the first book in **Jeri Westerson's** new King's Fool Mysteries, releases on January 3. The series features Will Somers, Henry VIII's real court jester, as a reluctant sleuth. Launch events for COURTING DRAGONS are [here](#).



Lee Goldberg's latest novel, a standalone thriller called MALIBU BURNING, will be released in June 2023 by Thomas & Mercer.



Anne Louise Bannon's ninth book in the Operation Quickline series, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE PARANOID, will launch on December 23. Like the old poster said, it doesn't mean they're not out to get you. Sid and Lisa are headed for the shock of their lives—assuming family doesn't make them crazy, their business lets them, and the person gunning for them doesn't succeed.



APPEARANCES & EVENTS



You'd Be a Fool to Miss This Party...



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The King's Fool
Mysteries

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You're Invited! Book Launch Parties

Mead* & Merriment, Giveaways, Reading and Presentation

LOS ANGELES
Friday, Jan 6, 7 pm Vroman's Bookstore
695 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA


ORANGE COUNTY
Saturday, Jan 7, 2 pm Book Carnival
348 S Tustin St., Orange, CA

INLAND EMPIRE
Saturday, Jan 14, Noon-4 pm Barnes & Noble
40570 Winchester Rd., Temecula, CA

ONLINE YOUTUBE LAUNCH
Saturday, Jan 21, 2 pm Pacific
Go to <https://youtu.be/0CMuntNuks>


BEACH CITIES
Wed., Jan 25, 6:30 pm El Segundo Library Book Club
111 W Mariposa Ave., El Segundo, CA

COURTING DRAGONS: A King's Fool Mystery #1
by Jeri Westerson


 JeriWesterson.com
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4 CRIME WRITERS TELL YOU HOW IT'S DONE



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3 PM**



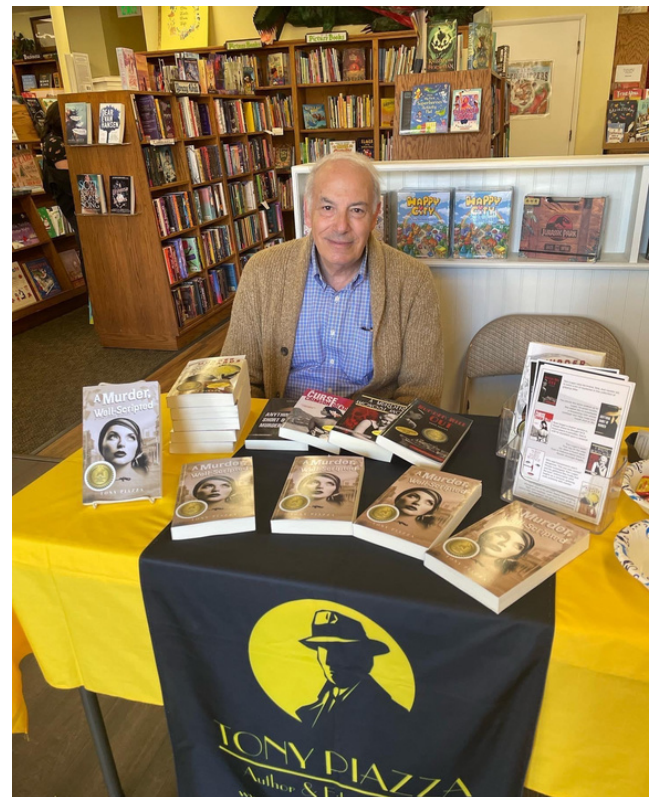
**THE BOOK JEWEL
6259 W 87TH ST
WESTCHESTER**

SoCalMWA Out & About

Around sixty-five people attended **Sheila Lowe's** Halloween launch party for her latest book, **THE LAST DOOR**, on the patio at Orozco's de Ventura. Since the book is a ghost story, Sheila dressed up as a ghost, but guests waffled between accusing her of being a bride or an angel (she is neither). Amy Herron had previously won a character name and appears in the book as a realtor. She came to the party with an Open House sign and business cards for "Last Door Realty." Watch the one-minute video [here](#).



Barbara Pronin and **Gloria Mattione** appear at **Mystery Ink**.



Tony Piazza signs **A MURDER, WELL SCRIPTED** at the Book Loft in Solvang, CA. It's already won an International Book Review Award!



December 4: SoCalMWA & SinCLA Holiday Party, Los Angeles

If you know of an event that belongs on the Crime Calendar, email themarchofcrime@gmail.com with the info.

THE LAST WORD



"For Maggie Crozat, there was nowhere lovelier than Pelican, Louisiana, during the holidays."

A CAJUN CHRISTMAS KILLING
by Ellen Byron