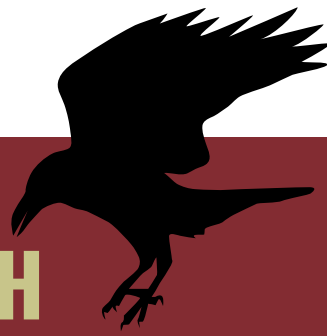


JULY 2022


THE MARCH OF CRIME

SoCalMWA's monthly newsletter.



Book Swap

JULY EVENT



BOOK SWAP

HOSTED BY SoCaLMWA
BOOKS, TACOS, & FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 31
12–5 p.m. at Nancy Cole Silverman's home
More Details to come!

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PRESIDENT'S RAP SHEET



Book Swap

BY TRAVIS RICHARDSON



We are officially through with half of 2022. Yikes. I'm writing from Nashville where we just ended a family reunion after postponing it for two years. It was great to see family that I had not seen in six-plus years. The bad news is that my parents came down with COVID a day after their flight and had to be sequestered in their room through the duration of the reunion. I would run food and other things to them, but it was sad they have not been able to do more. I'm also planning on staying with them in Tulsa for a few days (they will have been in Nashville for five days when they take the flight) before returning to LA. Fortunately, I brought several N-95s so I will try to be as safe as possible. (Two negative tests so far.)



It is good to remember that while things are better, the virus hasn't stopped. On July 31 we are having a Book Swap at board member **Nancy Cole Silverman's** house. There will be an official announcement in a few days. The event will happen outside and I will make sure to have hand sanitizer and masks available. The therapeutic benefits of being around people need to be carefully balanced with healthy choices.

Hoping everybody stays safe and enjoys the summer!

Travis

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CCWC Needs You!

BY HOLLY WEST



Are we in the dog days of summer yet? 'Cause I could really use a puppy in my life right now. I just looked it up and apparently, they start on July 3 and have nothing to do with puppies. That's probably for the best because my husband would divorce me if I brought another dog home.

This week, organizers of the California Crime Writers Conference, including myself, will be getting together via Zoom for the initial planning meeting of the 2023 conference. I've said it before, but this conference is near and dear to my heart, so I'm looking forward to getting started with next year's event.

If you have any extra time in your life and would like to help out, we need you! **Judith Mathison** has graciously stepped up to be the SoCalMWA co-chair, but a conference like this requires many hands to get it off the ground. Email Judith if you can help.



I hope you're keeping cool this summer!

Holly

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Volunteers Needed

CALIFORNIA CRIME WRITERS CONFERENCE

The next California Crime Writers Conference, a joint production of SoCalMWA and Sisters in Crime Los Angeles, will take place on Friday, June 9 through Sunday, June 11, 2023 in the Los Angeles (or possibly, Pasadena) area. **Judith Mathison** is co-chair for SoCalMWA and planning is underway. Many hands are needed to make this conference a success. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Judith at judithayn91@gmail.com. Thanks, and we can't wait to see you there!

Bouchercon Scholarships

MINNEAPOLIS 2022

Do you want to attend Bouchercon but can't afford it? They have scholarships available! Email admin@bouchercon2022.com and say why you want to attend Bouchercon and your current needs (this information will only be available to the event co-chairs).

Submission Calls

CRIME UNDER THE SUN

The deadline for submitting to CRIME UNDER THE SUN, an anthology by Partners in Crime (San Diego), has been extended to July 8 at midnight PT.

Partners in Crime: The San Diego Chapter of Sisters in Crime welcomes you to submit a short story to their second anthology titled CRIME UNDER THE SUN, edited by **Matt Coyle**, **Naomi Hirahara**, and **Tammy Kaehler**. The anthology will be published summer 2023.

Find submission guidelines [here](#). Email PICAnthology@gmail.com with questions.

Lilian Jackson Braun Cozy Mystery Award

Mystery Writers of America Announces the Establishment of Lilian Jackson Braun Cozy Mystery Award

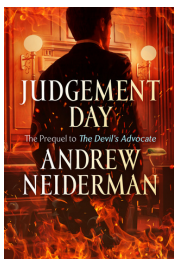
The annual award will be given for the best full-length, contemporary mystery published by an MWA-approved publisher. The award comes with a \$2000 prize as the result of a generous endowment to MWA by the late Lilian Jackson Braun, who died in 2011 at the age of 97.

[Rules for eligibility may be found here.](#)

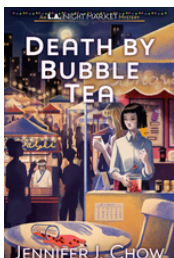




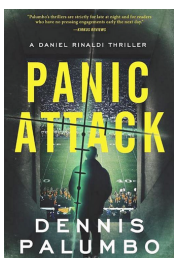
THE NAVIGATOR'S DAUGHTER by **Nancy Cole Silverman** was published on June 7 by Level Best Books. A daughter promises her dying father she will return to Hungary to search for his downed B24 and the people that rescued him. In April, Silverman's short story, "The Case of the Sourdough Starter," appeared in **MALICE DOMESTIC 16: MYSTERY MOST DIABOLICAL**.



Andrew Neiderman will publish two novels with Open Road Media on August 5: **JUDGEMENT DAY**, the prequel to **THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE**, which tells the story of how Satan took over the NYC law firm and then began to defend the guilty. A new thriller, **UNDERCOVER LOVERS**, about a CIA agent who falls for an international model who he discovers is a vampire.



DEATH BY BUBBLE TEA, the first book in **Jennifer J. Chow's** new L.A. Night Market Mystery series, releases on July 5. All of her book events can be found [here](#).



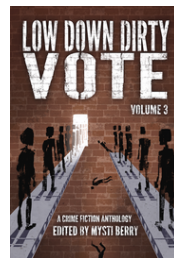
Dennis Palumbo, author and licensed psychotherapist, will serve as Consulting Producer on the upcoming Hulu suspense series **THE PATIENT**, from the creative team behind the critically-acclaimed show **THE AMERICANS**. The new limited series premieres on August 30 and deals with a therapist (played by Steve Carell) who's held hostage by a serial killer desperate to be cured of his homicidal urges.



A HINT OF MISCHIEF, the third book in **Daryl Wood Gerber's** Fairy Garden mysteries set in Carmel-by-the-Sea, was published in June.



Maggie MacKeever's **FAIR LADY, MASKED**, a Gay Nineties mystery, will be released on July 1 from Vintage Ink Press. An actress in her time plays many parts. This is Delia's last. New York, 1890. Is not one what they seem?



Sarah M. Chen ("Rivera Red"), **Stephen Buehler** ("Green is Good") and **Travis Richardson** ("Power at All Costs") all have stories in **LOW DOWN DIRTY VOTE VOL. III**. Proceeds from the collection go to Democracy Docket to help fight for fair elections.

Mark Bruce's story, "Minerva James and the River God" has been accepted to appear in an upcoming issue of *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*. This will be Minerva's third appearance in AHMM since 2019. Another Minerva Story, "Minerva James and the Goddess of the Dance," will be included in an upcoming anthology from Dandelion Revolution Press. Since her first appearance in AHMM in 2019, ten Minerva stories have been published in magazines and anthologies.





LAST REDEMPTION, the 8th Rick Cahill crime novel by **Matt Coyle**, has been nominated for the Shamus Award for Best Private Eye Hardcover.



The impossible crime-mystery "No Footprints" by **Peter DiChellis** appears in the COLP: FEET anthology (Gypsum Sound Tales, June 2022).

Gay Toltl Kinman's latest short story releases from her *The Shooter* series, in which a shooting at LAX has affected the lives of several women: "The Suitcase"—Trudy's suitcase was tampered with, which connects her to the shooter's actions; "The Bullet"—Simone and her sister are injured when the shooter sprays the area with bullets; and "The Gun"—Liana, a shooting victim now has a new face and wants a new life. All stories are available on Kindle.



APPEARANCES & EVENTS



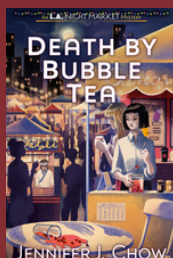
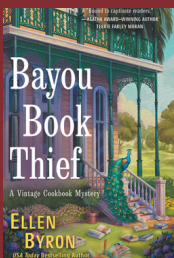
Daryl Wood Gerber will appear in-person at Mystery Ink on July 25 at 1 p.m. with **Ellen Byron** and online with Jennifer Chow at Mysterious Galaxy on July 9 at 7 p.m.



On July 10, **Sheila Lowe** and **Anne Bannon** will be featured at a wine tasting/book signing in Ventura, and on July 14, Sheila will address the Ventura County Professional Women's Network about her road from handwriting expert to suspense author. Details: sheilalowebooks.com.

Additionally, GP Gottlieb interviewed Sheila for her [New Books Network](#) podcast.

Ellen Byron, Jennifer J. Chow, and Nancy Cole Silverman will be joining forces for a virtual event at Mysterious Galaxy on Thursday, July 7 at 5 p.m. PT to discuss their new releases: **BAYOU BOOK THIEF** (Ellen), **DEATH BY BUBBLE TEA** (Jen), and **THE NAVIGATOR'S DAUGHTER** (Nancy). Buy the books and register for the event [here](#).



California Chapters of Sisters in Crime
2022 Sizzling Summer Speaker Series



Brian Freeman **Nick Petrie**
with Maddie Margarita **Chris Hauty**

Sunday, July 24th 4:00 pm PDT

The second panel of California Sister's in Crime Sizzling Summer Speaker Series presented by the Orange County, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Nor Cal chapters of Sisters in Crime happens Sunday, July 24 at 4 p.m. PT. Hosted by the Orange County Chapter, this blockbuster panel features Brian Freeman, Chris Hauty, and Nick Petrie. **Maddie Margarita** will moderate a discussion about their books, writing propulsive suspense, and how streaming and digital media has influenced their writing. All events are free and open to the public. [Pre-register here](#).



SoCalMWA Out & About



Lee Goldberg and Matt Witten at Thrillerfest



Gregg Hurwitz and Lee Goldberg at Thrillerfest



L-R: Lee Goldberg, S.A. Cosby, Nick Petrie at Thrillerfest



Ellen Byron and Nancy Cole Silverman at Book Carnival

CRIME CALENDER



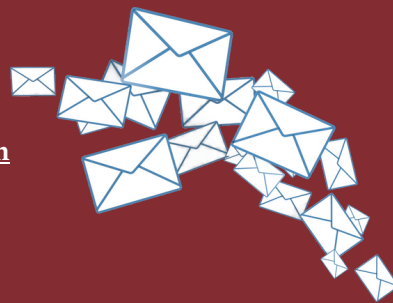
More dates will be added as info becomes available.

JULY 31: Book Swap, Los Angeles, CA

SEPTEMBER 8–11: Bouchercon, Minneapolis, MN

OCTOBER 1: Gumbo Party, Los Angeles, CA

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



THE LAST WORD



"The news landed like a drone strike, exploding everything Jessica Mack knew about her life. And like the aftermath of an explosion, the air was charged with sudden silence."

THE LAST DOOR by Sheila Lowe