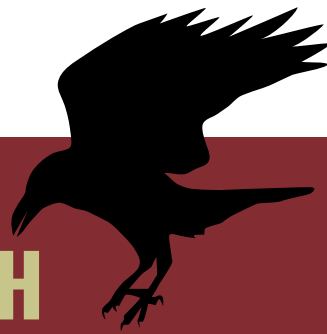


MAY 2022

# THE MARCH OF CRIME

SoCalMWA's monthly newsletter.



## The Origins of Sherlock Holmes

PRESENTED BY LESLIE S. KLINGER



Sunday, May 22, 2022  
12 p.m. (Doors open at 11:30)

Tam O' Shanter  
2980 Los Feliz Blvd  
Los Angeles

Join SoCalMWA at the Tam for our first in-person event in more than two years!

**Leslie S. Klinger**, editor of the Edgar Award-winning NEW ANNOTATED SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE COMPLETE SHORT STORIES, will explore the history of crime fiction before 1887, when the first Sherlock Holmes story appeared, and consider what likely inspired Arthur Conan Doyle to write the stories.

After the presentation, there will be a Sherlock Holmes mini escape room, written and presented by **Laura Brennan** with prizes for the winning table.

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You have the option of paying in advance (preferred) or at the door (you must still reserve your spot in advance).

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[and to reserve your spot](#)

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# PRESIDENT'S RAP SHEET



## April Wrap-Up

BY TRAVIS RICHARDSON



April was another busy month for SoCalMWA. Starting at the Left Coast Crime Conference in Albuquerque where our very own **Naomi Hirahara** won for best historical mystery. Then we had several authors signing at our booth at the *LA Times* Festival of Books and some members speaking on panels. We also had a talk with UCLA psychologist Dr. Andrea Letamendi about character development, and finally, the 76th annual Edgars happened in NYC at the end of the month. I don't know the winners as of this writing, but best of luck/congrats! Naomi, **Kwei Quartey**, and **Rob Osler**!



In May we will be doing something we have not done in years. Drum roll, please...An in-person meeting! For everybody who loves Sherlock Holmes, **Jennifer Younger** has put together a wonderful event with **Les Klinger** and **Laura Brennan** at the Tam O'Shanter. You can enjoy prime rib while learning more about Conan Doyle, Holmes, Watson, Moriarty, Mycroft, and so much more. Also, there is a rumor that there may be prizes involved at the end of the event.

We're looking forward to seeing you in May.

Travis

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## I Got Nothin'

BY HOLLY WEST



About twice a year, I sit down to write my Editor's Corner column and I can't think of anything to say. This is one of those times.

How about a bullet list of random writing-related things?

- I returned from Left Coast Crime in Albuquerque both COVID-free and full of creative energy to finish my WIP.
- I streamed the Edgar® Awards live last night and, while it wasn't the same as being there, I was happy they did it. And I was so happy when **Naomi Hirahara** won the Mary Higgins Clark award for *CLARK AND DIVISION*. My friends and I have decided it's the next book for our sporadic book club.
- I truly wish I would've made an effort to go to Los Angeles for the *LA Times* Festival of Books. It looked like it was a wonderful event and I hope all of you who had booth slots sold loads of books.
- I signed up to do NaNoWriMo in April and utterly failed. I plan to do it again in July but part of me wonders if I only have one 50k-word-month per year in me.



I'll leave you with this picture **Travis Richardson** took of me in Albuquerque when I put a MURDER-A-GO-GO'S sticker on a giant wall of stickers. Have a great month!

Holly

## The March of Crime

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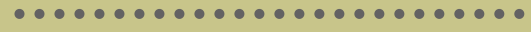
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## 2022 Edgar® Award Winners

### BEST NOVEL

FIVE DECEMBERS by James Kestrel (Hard Case Crime)

### BEST FIRST NOVEL BY AN AMERICAN AUTHOR

DEER SEASON by Erin Flanagan (University of Nebraska Press)

### BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL

BOBBY MARCH WILL LIVE FOREVER by Alan Parks (Europa Editions—World Noir)

### BEST FACT CRIME

LAST CALL: A TRUE STORY OF LOVE, LUST, AND MURDER IN QUEER NEW YORK by Elon Green (Celadon Books)

### BEST CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL

THE TWELVE LIVES OF ALFRED HITCHCOCK: AN ANATOMY OF THE MASTER OF SUSPENSE by Edward White (W.W. Norton & Company)

### BEST SHORT STORY

"The Road to Hana," *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine* by R.T. Lawton (Dell Magazines)

### BEST JUVENILE

CONCEALED by Christina Diaz Gonzalez (Scholastic—Scholastic Press)

### BEST YOUNG ADULT

FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER by Angeline Boulley (Macmillan Children's Publishing—Henry Holt and Company BFYR)

### BEST TELEVISION EPISODE TELEPLAY

"Boots on the Ground"—*Narcos: Mexico*, Written by Iturri Sosa (Netflix)

### THE G.P. PUTNAM'S SONS SUE GRAFTON MEMORIAL AWARD

RUNNER by Tracy Clark (Kensington Books)

## Special Awards

### GRAND MASTER

Laurie R. King

### ELLERY QUEEN AWARD

Juliet Grames—Soho Press

### RAVEN AWARD

Lesa Holstine—Lesas's Book Critiques; *Library Journal* Reviewer

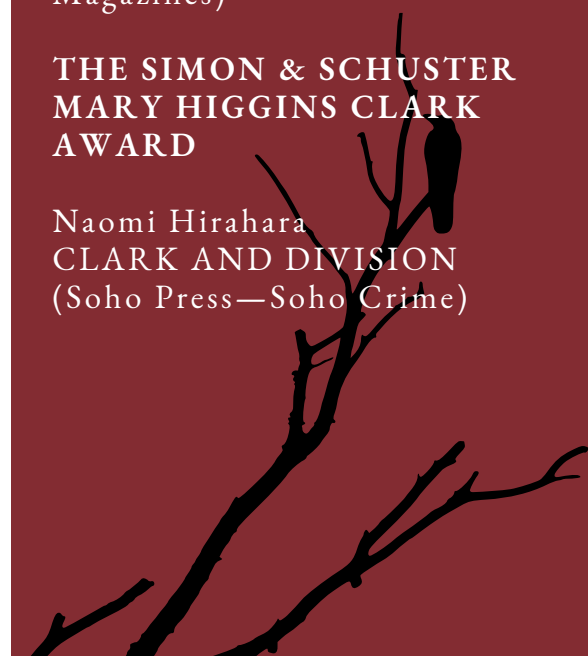
## Congratulations to SoCalMWA Members:

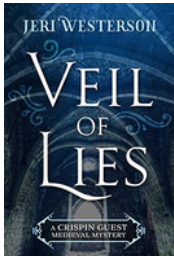
### ROBERT L. FISH MEMORIAL AWARD

Rob Osler  
*"Analogue," Ellery Queen  
Mystery Magazine* (Dell  
Magazines)

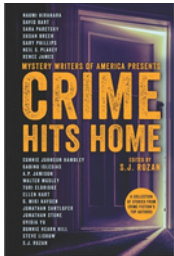
### THE SIMON & SCHUSTER MARY HIGGINS CLARK AWARD

Naomi Hirahara  
CLARK AND DIVISION  
(Soho Press—Soho Crime)

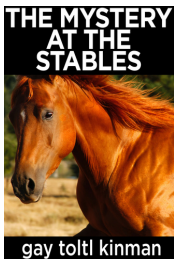




The new audiobook of **Jeri Westerson's** VEIL OF LIES was released on April 26 and she's giving away promo codes. [Email her](#) to get yours. Also, the King's Fool mysteries featuring Henry VIII's real court jester, Will Somers, has been picked up by Severn House. The first, COURTING DRAGONS, will release January 2023.



**Gary Phillips** is pleased to have a short story, "Flip Top," in the MWA CRIME HITS HOME anthology, edited by SJ Rozan. The neighborhood kid who made good returns to town for a favorite aunt's funeral. An innocent occurrence at the repeat just might reveal a secret he thought was buried for good—and he'll take extraordinary steps to keep it that way. In hardback and audio.



**Gay Tolt Kinman's** latest book, THE MYSTERY AT THE STABLES, is the first in the middle reader series featuring three 11-year-olds in the summer before they go into the sixth grade. They live in a community near a Southern California racetrack, and when a valuable racehorse is missing, the kids must solve the mystery. On Kindle and in trade paperback.



DANCE AMONG THE FLAMES by Tori Eldridge releases on May 24.



**Fonda St. Paul's** fourth novel, SAMUEL, just dropped on Amazon. A serial killer wreaking havoc on the streets of New York City, hiding in plain sight, is driving Detectives Dan Cerrico and Jack Klinger out of their minds.



SERPENT'S DOOM, **Connie di Marco's** fourth book in the Zodiac Mysteries, releases on April 26. Astrologer Julia Bonatti's effort to help a child client whose mother is missing make her the target of a smuggling cabal.



**Michael Craft** launches his new series of Dante & Jazz mysteries with DESERT GETAWAY, a May 2 release from Brash Books. In spite of their rocky past, a gay white ex-actor and a straight Black female ex-cop team up to solve murders in Palm Springs.

**Marco Carocari's** short story, "All in the Planning," appears in MALICE DOMESTIC 16: MYSTERY MOST DIABOLICAL (April 22).

**Betty Webb** has signed a two-book deal with Poisoned Pen Press/Sourcebooks for LOST IN PARIS (April 2023) and FOUND IN PARIS (April 2024), two mysteries set during the Jazz Age in post WWI France. Betty's earlier books include the Lena Jones Desert series and the cozy Gunn Zoo mysteries.



# APPEARANCES & EVENTS



**NOIR AT THE BAR**

**LIVE IN PERSON**  
**GARY PHILLIPS**  
**TOD GOLDBERG**  
**ROB OSLER**  
**MATT COYLE**  
**TRAVIS RICHARDSON**

PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS  
 HOSTED BY ERIC BEETNER

MAY 22ND  
 7:00 PM

MASKS & PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED.  
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Barbara Pronin, center, spoke to a good crowd and signed books at Book Carnival in Orange, CA, in late March. The event precedes her appearance there in November on publication of her newest mystery, *THE MINER'S CANARY*.



Jeri Westerson was interviewed on the "Innovative Mindset" podcast on April 18. Listen here.

On the Innovative Mindset Podcast

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**DANCE AMONG THE FLAMES**  
**Tori Eldridge on Tour**

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|---------|---|-------------|
| MAY 12  | STOKERCON<br>(early-sale pre-launch)                                | DENVER      |
| MAY 25  | THE POISONED PEN, 7pm PST<br>(in-store hybrid)                      | SCOTTSDALE  |
| MAY 28  | MYSTERIOUS GALAXY, 2pm PST<br>(in-store hybrid w/ Jonathan Maberry) | SAN DIEGO   |
| MAY 31  | BOOK SOUP, 6pm PST<br>(virtual w/ Cynthia Pelayo)                   | LOS ANGELES |
| JUNE 1  | THRILLERFEST<br>(in-person)   | NEW YORK    |
| JUNE 6  | FLYLEAF BOOKS, 5pm EST<br>(in-person)                               | CHAPEL HILL |
| JUNE 11 | DARK DELICACIES, 3pm PST<br>(in-person signing)                     | BURBANK     |
| JUNE 14 | MURDER BY THE BOOK, 6:30pm CST<br>(virtual event w/ Alma Katsu)     | HOUSTON     |
| JUNE 17 | FACE IN A BOOK, 6pm PST<br>(in-store w/ Terry Shepherd)             | SACRAMENTO  |

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## Left Coast Crime—Albuquerque, NM



L-R: John Copenhaver, David Heska Wanbli Weiden, James D.F. Hannah, **Holly West**, Curtis Ippolito, **Marco Carocari**



**Josh Stallings**



**Naomi Hirahara**



**Matt Witten and Bill Fitzhugh**



L-R: **Rob Ossler**, **Catriona McPherson**, **Kristopher Zgorski**, **Leslie Budewitz**



**Travis Richardson**



**Karen Odden and S.J. Rozan**



**Shannon Baker**



L-R: **David Putnam**, **Matt Witten**, **Matt Coyle**

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## LA Times Festival of Books



L-R: Alison Gaylin, S.A. Cosby, Megan Abbott, Rachel Howzell Hall, Tod Goldberg



Gary Phillips and James Queally



L-R: August Norman, Kwei Quartey, William B. McCormick



William Zeilinger and Gay Tolt Kinman



Rachel Howzell Hall and Naomi Hirahara



# CRIME CALENDER



More dates will be added as info becomes available.

MAY 22: SoCalMWA Tam Luncheon, Los Angeles, CA

MAY 22: Noir at the Bar, Los Angeles, CA

MAY 31–JUNE 4: Thrillerfest, New York, NY

SEPTEMBER 8–11: Bouchercon, Minneapolis, MN

If you know of an event that belongs on the Crime Calendar, email [themarchofcrime@gmail.com](mailto:themarchofcrime@gmail.com) with the info.



## THE LAST WORD



"Francesco DiMaso steered his old, blue Ford LTD down 5th Avenue in the waning evening light, woefully unaware he was about to have his ticket punched in less than seven minutes—six, if traffic was good."

BLACKOUT by Marco Carocari