

Awards

2019 EDGAR AWARDS

Presented by the Mystery Writers of America, the Edgar Awards are widely acknowledged as the most prestigious awards in the genre. The winners will be announced on April 25 in New York City, after we go to press.

Best Novel Nominees

THE LIAR'S GIRL

By Catherine Ryan Howard

When she was in college, Alison Smith's boyfriend, 19-year-old Will Hurley, confessed to drowning her friend in Dublin's Grand Canal and killing four other female students. A decade later, Alison, now living in the Netherlands, returns to Dublin, where Will, who has been in a psychiatric hospital, claims to have key information about the murders that he will reveal only to her. Was he the real Canal Killer?



HOUSE WITNESS

A Joe DeMarco Thriller

By Mike Lawson
The 12th in the series (after 2016's *House Revenge*) sees Joe DeMarco, a fixer for corrupt politician John Mahoney, the

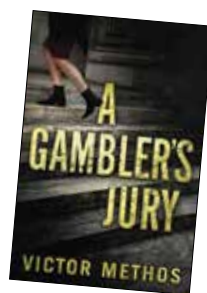


minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, involved in ensuring that a rich man's son goes to jail for the murder of Mahoney's illegitimate son. But, with someone—a fellow fixer?—perhaps tampering with the five eyewitnesses, DeMarco has his work cut out for him.

A GAMBLER'S JURY

By Victor Methos

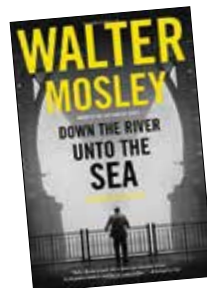
Attorney Dani Rollins takes the case of a black, mentally challenged teenager, Teddy Thorne, who is accused of selling drugs. She plans to settle the case, until the prosecutors push for an adult felony conviction. Dani soon starts to suspect that racial motives may be in play and that her client is perhaps the victim in a much larger scheme. Meanwhile, she must address her own painful, personal issues.



DOWN THE RIVER UNTO THE SEA

By Walter Mosley

Former NYPD Detective Joe King Oliver operates the King Detective Service from a walkup in Brooklyn Heights. A highly regarded investigator, Oliver was framed for sexual assault 13 years ago and did a stint on Rikers Island.



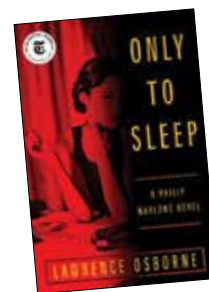
Though the charges were eventually dropped, his career and marriage ended. Back in the real world, Oliver receives a letter from his alleged rape victim—a former prostitute, now a housewife—implicating some dirty NYPD cops in his arrest. (★★★★ May/June 2018)

ONLY TO SLEEP

A Philip Marlowe Novel

By Lawrence Sanders

In 1988, Marlowe is living south of the border, in Baja California, with his middle-aged maid and a stray dog. But does a man a decade into retirement carry a silver-tipped cane that conceals a blade? The old gumshoe is beckoned back into service when a couple of insurance guys ask him to look into the drowning of a debt-laden American developer. And the master is soon back on the job. (★★★★ Nov/Dec 2018)

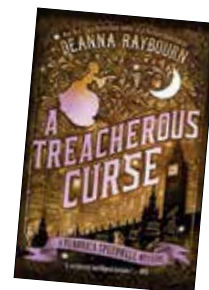


A TREACHEROUS CURSE

A Veronica Speedwell Mystery

By Deanna Raybourn

The third mystery featuring Edwardian sleuths Veronica Speedwell and her colleague, Revelstoke "Stoker" Templeton-Vane, takes place in 1888. A photographer on



an archaeological dig in Egypt secretly leaves the dig, just as a valuable jewel from a princess's cursed tomb disappears. Is a lingering curse still at work? When the photographer then vanishes without a trace, Veronica determines to find the truth.

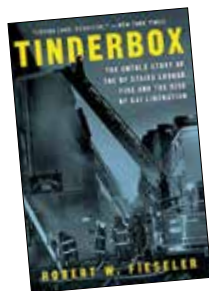
Best Fact Crime Nominees

TINDERBOX

The Untold Story of the Up Stairs Lounge Fire and the Rise of Gay Liberation

By Robert W. Fieseler

In 1973, a man poured lighter fluid on the steps leading to the Up Stairs Lounge, a gay bar that doubled as a church in New Orleans; 32 people died. Fieseler explores not only this tragedy but also the wider social and civil rights context of homosexuality in the latter half of the 20th century: with homosexuality illegal, gay men were forced to live in fear and in hiding. Fieseler also portrays how the media and police authorities “erased” the event from American history.



SEX MONEY MURDER

A Story of Crack, Blood, and Betrayal

By Jonathan Green

Green explores the Bronx as a place of drugs and gang-related violence from the 1980s through the 1990s. After a brief respite, crime—and a crack epidemic—returned to the Bronx in the present day. Two New York City police, and two Bronx-based criminals with links to the notorious gang known as Sex



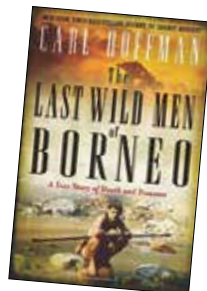
Money Murder, are central to this narrative of gang life and a very dangerous underworld.

THE LAST WILD MEN OF BORNEO

A True Story of Death and Treasure

By Carl Hoffman

In 1984, Swiss drifter Bruno Manser, who commanded a cultlike presence in the outside world, entered the Borneo jungle, lived with a peaceful indigenous tribe for years, and then disappeared after leading a revolt against commercial logging. American art collector Michael Palmieri changed the culture of the “wild people” of Borneo by introducing market practices to them. Hoffman chronicles the adventures of these two men, who spent time with Borneo’s indigenous people and influenced their fates differently.



THE FEATHER THIEF

Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century

By Kirk Wallace Johnson

When Johnson heard the story of flautist Edwin Rist, who broke into the Museum of Natural History in Tring, near London, in 2009, to steal rare tropical bird skins, he enters a world of ornithological plundering. As Johnson tries to make sense of Rist’s obsession and crime, he spins multiple tales: naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace’s gathering of rare birds; the 19th-century history of women’s exotic hats; and a complicated story of greed, deception, sabotage, and more.



I'LL BE GONE IN THE DARK

One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer

By Michelle McNamara

On April 24, 2018, Joseph James DeAngelo, 72, an ex-cop known as the Golden State Killer (and East Area Rapist or Original Night Stalker), was arrested. McNamara—who passed away before DeAngelo was apprehended—worked, indefatigably, to uncover the identity of the killer, who had terrorized California during the 1970s and 1980s. She details the horrors of each crime, while chronicling the dissolution of the investigation, the effects on the communities he struck, and her own obsessive investigation. (★★★★ July/Aug 2018)



THE GOOD MOTHERS

The True Story of the Women Who Took on the World's Most Powerful Mafia

By Alex Perry

Italy’s Calabrian Mafia, the ’Ndrangheta, controls 70 percent of the cocaine supply in Europe and operates its illegal arms business, money laundering, and more all over the world. Lea Garofalo married into one of the Mafia’s secretive, oppressively sexist, violent, and nearly impenetrable families—and nearly impenetrable families—and informed against the Mafia. In 2009, she disappeared. Prosecutor Alessandra Cerreti convinced other Mafia wives to testify against their families, break the code of silence, save other women—and risk their lives to do so. ■

