

## **Bloodline:**

### **Family Matters.**

It's a family affair for these mysteries and thrillers.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Thursday 9:00 - 9:45am

David Heska Wanbli Weiden (M), Karen Dionne, Greg Herren, Edwin Hill, Nancy Johnson, Attica Locke

## **Coastal Cozies.**

Life's a beach and then you die. Get swept away with these coastal cozies.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Thursday 9:00 - 9:45am

Teresa Michael (M), Jennifer J. Chow, Sherry Harris, Julie Anne Lindsey/Bree Baker, Edith Maxwell/Maddie Day, Suzanne Trauth

## **Bouchercon 101.**

Bouchercon board members give new attendees a "101" on how to get the most out of your first Bouchercon

*Marquette 1, Second Floor*

Thursday 9:00 - 9:45am

Heather Graham, Connie Perry

## **Woof Da:**

### **Crime Fighting K9s.**

K9s take a bite out of crime in these mysteries.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Thursday 10:15 - 11:00am

Cary Griffith (M), Jeffrey B. Burton, Jen J. Dana (Sara Driscoll), Kathleen Donnelly, Margaret Mizushima, Neil S. Plakey

## **Gothic Fiction, North and South.**

How locale influences the character of gothic mysteries featuring murder and the macabre.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Thursday 10:15 - 11:00am

Molly Sarah Odintz (M), Jennifer Fawcett, Katrina Monroe, Faye Snowden, Wendy Webb, Mark Westmoreland

## **Odd Jobs:**

### **Writers Write What They Know.**

How the professional lives of writers influence their characters and stories.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Thursday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Alan Gordon AKA Allison Montclair (M), Donna Andrews, Julie Holmes, Linda O. Johnston/Lark O. Jensen, Annelise Ryan, Jeffrey M. Siger

## **Putting Pen to Paper:**

### **The Art of Drafting.**

Authors provide tips and tricks on how to take an idea to the page.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Thursday 9:00 - 9:45am

Christine DeSmet (M), Erin Hart, Mary Logue, Dan Moore, Bonnar Spring, Shawn Wilson

## **Covert, Secret:**

### **Agents of Investigation.**

Unwrapping the allure of mysteries featuring secret (and not-so-secret) agents.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Thursday 9:00 - 9:45am

Reece Hirsch (M), Daco Auffenorde, Alistair "Jerry" Kimble, Drew Murray, Susan D. Peters, Leanne Sparks

## **I'll Sleep When I'm Dead:**

### **Writing Action.**

Writers discuss how they amp up the action in their mysteries.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Thursday 10:15 - 11:00am

J.D. Allen (M), Colin Campbell, Marcia Clark, Matthew V. Clemens, R. Franklin James, Nick Petrie

## **All the Rage:**

### **Murder in Fashion.**

If looks could kill, these authors will. This panel investigates the intersection of fashion and murder.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Thursday 10:15 - 11:00am

Susanna Calkins (M), Elizabeth C. Bunce, Anna Lee Huber, Julie Anne Lindsey, Angela M. Sanders

## **Beyond the Veil:**

### **Paranormal Mystery.**

Stories that go bump in the night.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Thursday 11:30 - 12:15pm

S.J. Rozan (M), Heather Graham, Charlaire Harris, Toni "Leigh Perry" Kelner, Katrina Monroe, Wendy Webb

## **A Distant Mirror:**

### **Historical Mysteries Today.**

How writers use history to consider contemporary issues.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Thursday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Linda Joffe Hull (M), Colleen Cambridge, Marco Carocari, Boyd Morrison, Cynthia Swanson, Thomas Thorson

## **Burying the Lede:**

### **Mysteries with Journalists.**

Journalists don't just report on crime, sometimes they find themselves hip deep in the story.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Thursday 9:00 - 9:45am

Vera HC Chan (M), R.G. Belsky, Brenda Buchanan, Lawrence Light, K.L. Murphy, Rich Zahradnik

## **Flatliners:**

### **Medical Mysteries.**

The enduring appeal of medical mysteries.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Thursday 9:00 - 9:45am

Tammy Euliano (M), Elizabeth "Betsy" Aden, Claire Booth, Tom Combs, J.L. Delozier, Ted Flanagan

## **From Screen to Page:**

### **Screenwriters Talk Shop.**

How screenwriting can enrich crime fiction.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Thursday 10:15 - 11:00am

Matt Witten (M), Stephen G. Eoannou, Jordan Harper, Jule Selbo, John Shepphird, Danna Wilberg

## **Reviewers/Industry Roundtable.**

Reviewers and industry insiders recommend a diverse mix of up-and-coming writers and books.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Thursday 10:15 - 11:00am

Michael Christopher Bumsted (M), Robin Agnew, P.J. Coldren, Dru Ann Love, Sara Reyes, Tom Wickersham

## **Bring the Readers to You:**

### **Self/Indie-Published Authors.**

Successful self-published/indie published authors discuss how to attract readers and offer tips for self-promotion.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Thursday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Lori L. Lake (M), D.M. (Dawn) Barr, John Gaspar, Judy M. Kerr, John Baird Rogers

## **Ties That Bind.**

Stories that delve into deadly relationships.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Thursday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Jamie Mason (M), Mary Burton, Gwen Florio, James Hankins, Marcy McCreary, Peter Swanson

## **The Firm: Legal Thrillers.**

With an attention to detail, attorneys make great protagonists, villains, and everything in between. Here's a look at some of the best legal thrillers today.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Thursday 1:45 - 2:30pm  
Allen Eskens (M), Marcia Clark, Robyn Gigl, Amy Impellizzeri, Angie Kim, Sujata Massey

## **Groovy Kind of Death: Murders Set in the 60s/70s.**

The official definition of a historical mystery is something that happened over 50 years ago. We did the math and were shocked to find out that includes the 60s and 70s. Here's your new historical era.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Thursday 1:45 - 2:30pm  
Michael Bracken (M), Lou Berney, Wanda M. Morris, Richie Narvaez, Marcie Rendon, Gabriel Valjan

## **GUEST OF HONOR INTERVIEW**

### **William Kent Krueger**

interviewed by Mindy Mejia  
*Grand EFG, Third Floor*  
Thursday 3:00 - 3:45pm

## **Knives in the Kitchen.**

Writing domestic suspense  
*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Thursday 3:00 - 3:45pm  
Carter Wilson (M), Kim Taylor Blakemore, Christa Faust, M.E. Hilliard, Tara Laskowski, Kate Moretti

## **GUEST OF HONOR INTERVIEW**

### **Jo Nesbø**

interviewed by Jeffery Deaver  
*Grand EFG, Third Floor*  
Thursday 4:15 - 5:00pm

## **Multi-Tasking is Murder: Juggling Multiple Series.**

How authors create and balance multiple series at the same time.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Thursday 4:15 - 5:00pm  
Chris Aldrich (M), Laura Childs/Gerry Schmitt, Julie Hennrikus, Anna Lee Huber, Sujata Massey, Michael Sears (Michael Stanley)

## **Ask-the-Expert: Pick Your Poison(s).**

Belladonna, good 'ol fashioned arsenic ... Luci Zahray is the expert on poisons to use in crime fiction

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Thursday 1:45 - 2:30pm  
Luci Zahray

## **Cozies With an Edge.**

These authors live on the edge with their contemporary cozies.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Thursday 1:45 - 2:30pm  
Cathy Wiley (M), Daisy Bateman, Mindy Carlson, Colin Conway, Leslie J. Hall, Cheryl L. Hollon

## **Packing A Punch: Writing Violence.**

Authors advise on best practices for using violence to make an impact in your story.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Thursday 3:00 - 3:45pm  
Peter Rozovsky (M), Matt Burgess, Peter Farris, John Good, Kristin Hayworth, Nolan Knight

## **The Key to Murder: Mysteries with a Musical Theme.**

How writers use their past experiences in bands, as critics, or fans, to serve a story.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Thursday 3:00 - 3:45pm  
Denise M. Jendusa (M), Dick Cass, Jim Fusilli, Cheryl A. Head, Clea Simon, Holly West

## **Short Cuts to Great Dialogue.**

Short story writers share tips to make your dialogue sparkle.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Thursday 4:15 - 5:00pm  
Sharon Lynn (M), Lori L. Lake, M. A. Monnin, Mary Stojak, Joseph S. Walker, Mo Walsh

## **Beyond Hannibal: Psychopaths and Serial Killers.**

Readers' appetites for serial killers weren't whetted with Thomas Harris' Hannibal Lecter and his fava beans (and that nice Chianti). These authors carry on the tradition with their stories of psychopaths and serial killers.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Thursday 4:15 - 5:00pm  
Leanne Sparks (M), Vera Kurian, Joanna Schaffhausen, Cathi Stoler, Marie Sutro, Carl Vonderau

## **Historical Plots: Making the Old New Again.**

How historical mystery writers weave plots that keep us guessing and enrich our understanding of the past.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Thursday 1:45 - 2:30pm  
Jonathan F. Putnam (M), Susanna Calkins, Dana Cameron, Erica Ruth Neubauer, Lori Rader-Day

## **Spies Like Us: Espionage Thrillers.**

Characters crisscross the globe and double-cross each other. Espionage is the name of the game in this panel.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Thursday 1:45 - 2:30pm  
A.C. Frieden (M), Gray Basnight, Simon Gervais, David Krugler, S. Lee Manning, Bill Rapp

## **Beyond Reacher: Explosive Thrillers.**

If you're a fan of the "kick butt and take names later" protagonist, then these authors are for you.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Thursday 3:00 - 3:45pm  
Mark Greaney (M), J.D. Allen, James Byrne, Colin Campbell, David Putnam, Michael Sears

## **Where You Least Expect It: Rural Noir.**

Crimes can happen where you least expect it. These writers capitalize on the surprise factor of when crime hits close to home.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Thursday 3:00 - 3:45pm  
Bobby Mathews (M), Shannon Baker, Erin Flanagan, Kelly J. Ford, Dean L. Hovey, Heather Levy

## **Sleuths, Young and Old.**

Age ain't nothing but a number as these sleuths can attest.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Thursday 4:15 - 5:00pm  
Oline H. Cogdill (M), Donna Andrews, Barbara Barrett, Valerie (V. M.) Burns, Mia P. Manansala, Marcia Talley

## **Stealing the Spotlight: Sidekicks and Secondary Characters.**

Stories that feature secondary characters who steal readers' hearts and the spotlight.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Thursday 4:15 - 5:00pm  
Michael Wiley (M), Jocelyn Cole w/a Juneau Black, Judith Travis Copek, Georgina Cross, Sharon Nagel w/a Juneau Black, Jonathan F. Putnam

## New Author Reception

Gallery, First Floor

Thursday 5:30 - 7:00pm

## Opening Ceremonies

Grand ABCD, Third Floor

Thursday 7:30 - 9:00pm

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### On the Silver Screen.

Authors discuss novels that have enjoyed success on the big screen.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Friday 9:00 - 9:45am

Kate Malmon (M), Jeffery Deaver, Karen Dionne, Dennis Lehane, Jo Nesbø

### Get Lost In the Plot:

#### Short Stories.

When you've lost the plot, these experts will help you get your short story back on track.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Friday 9:00 - 9:45am

Amber Royer (M), Mary Dutta, Ted Fitzgerald, Barb Goffman, Raquel V. Reyes, Mark Thielman

### Anthony Award Nominees.

Best Anthology

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Friday 9:00 - 9:45am

Holly West (M), S.A. Cosby, Hank Phillippi Ryan, Mark Westmoreland

### Mouth-Watering Mysteries.

Come and get a taste of cozies featuring food.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Friday 9:00 - 9:45am

Janet Rudolph (M), Catherine Bruns, Jennifer J. Chow, Amanda Flower, Mia P. Manansala, Barbara Ross

### Blood Runs Cold:

#### Mystery and Horror.

Writers discuss the stories that will keep you up at night.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Friday 9:00 - 9:45am

Molly Sarah Odintz (M), Sean Doolittle, Jennifer Fawcett, John C. Foster, Jessica Laine, Jacob Moon

### Tools of the Trade:

#### Researching Historical Mysteries.

From microfiche to the Internet and/or personal interviews, authors discuss the sources and methods they use to research their historical mysteries.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Friday 9:00 - 9:45am

Gary R. Bush (M), Betty Brandt Passick, Anne Da Vigo, Genevieve Essig, Jess Montgomery, Carol Pouliot

### Bouchercon 101.

Bouchercon board members give new attendees a "101" on how to get the most out of your first Bouchercon

*Marquette 1, Second Floor*

Friday 9:00 - 9:45am

Heather Graham, Connie Perry

### TRUE NORTH:

#### A VINCE FLYNN TRIBUTE.

Kyle Mills interviewed by Ryan Steck

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Friday 10:15 - 11:00am

Join us for a life celebration of hometown hero and mystery great, Vince Flynn.

### Kill Your Darlings:

#### What Editors Want You to Know.

The first cut is the deepest. Editors offer tips on how to improve your stories.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Friday 10:15 - 11:00am

Clair Lamb (M), Joe Brosnan, Luisa Cruz Smith, Juliet Grames, Paul Oliver, Gretchen Stelter

### Anthony Award Nominees.

Best Paperback/E-Book/Audiobook

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Friday 10:15 - 11:00am

Vera HC Chan (M), Tori Eldridge, Cheryl A.

Head, Greg Herren, Tara Laskowski, Jess Lourey

### Larger Than Life:

#### Incorporating Historical Figures and Events into Mysteries.

Authors make historical figures and events come to life in a way that's fresh and exciting.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Friday 10:15 - 11:00am

R.J. Koreto (M), Lou Berney, John Billheimer, Elon Green, Shaun Harris, Forest Issac Jones

### Hey There, Fellow Kids:

#### Young Adult Panel.

Move over Trixie, Nancy, Bess, and Ned, there are new protagonists in town. (Hint: And they are cooler than most of us were when we were young adults.)

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Friday 10:15 - 11:00am

Kelly Garrett / Emmeline Duncan (M), Michelle Falkoff, Kimberly Giarratano, Lee Matthew Goldberg, Keir Graff, Alan Orloff

## Wartime and Crime:

### Military Stories.

Military influences in mysteries.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Friday 10:15 - 11:00am

J.B. Stevens (M), Eric P. Bishop, Dennis Coslett, Barry Fulton, Connor Sullivan, Stacy Woodson

## Anthony Award Nominees.

Best Short Story

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Friday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Michael A. Mallory (M), E.A. Aymar, Valerie (V. M.) Burns, Tracy Clark, S.A. Cosby, Richie Narvaez, Gabriel Valjan

## Super Duper Supernatural Cozies.

Double, double toil and trouble ... these supernatural mysteries are delightfully magical.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Friday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Monette Michaels (M), Toni "Leigh Perry" Kellner, Shawn McGuire, Gretchen Rue, Angela M. Sanders, Clea Simon

## Anthony Award Nominees.

Best Novel

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Friday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Kate Malmon (M), Tracy Clark, S.A. Cosby, Alison Gaylin, Naomi Hirahara

## The Mystery of Multiple Points of View and Multiple Timelines.

How writers use dual perspectives/multiple narrators and alternating timelines to tell their stories.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Friday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Stan Trollip (Michael Stanley) (M), Marty Ambrose, William Boyle, Julie Carrick Dalton, Mary R. Davidsaver, B.A. Shapiro

## Stop the Press!

### What Publishers Want You to Know.

What publishers want you to know about successful mysteries.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Friday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Brian Cliff (M), Jessica Case, Stephen Erickson, Bronwen Hruska, Matt Martz, Robert Pepin

## TOASTMASTERS INTERVIEW

### Jess Lourey and Lori Rader-Day

interviewed by Catriona McPherson

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Friday 11:30 - 12:15pm

## Pickled Red Herrings:

### The Art of Misdirection.

Buckle up, buttercup. These writers supply more twists and turns than a roller coaster.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Friday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Caro Ramsay (M), Alison Gaylin, Heather Graham, Edwin Hill, James L'Etoile, Wendy Corsi Staub

## As Seen On TV:

### TV Adaptations.

Authors discuss books brought to life on the small screen.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Friday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Hank Phillippi Ryan (M), Jonathan Ames, Kathleen Barber, R. Franklin James, Craig Johnson, Attica Locke

## Dark Waters:

### What Lies Beneath.

Deep waters provide ample opportunities to hide bodies and make you rethink your favorite vacation destinations.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Friday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Helen Nelson (M), Meredith Hambrock, Catherine McKenzie, Linda Norlander, Karen Odden

## Bouchercon Anthology Signing.

Join our contributing authors as they sign our short story anthology for Bouchercon 2022 - Land of 10,000 Thrills. Proceeds to benefit the Women's Prison Book Project.

*Bookroom, Second Floor*

Friday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Too many authors to list!

## Anthony Award Nominees .

Best First Novel

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Friday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Heather E. Ash (M), Yasmin Angoe, Heather Levy, Mia P. Manansala, Wanda M. Morris

## DIY Art Crime:

### Using Artistic Licence to Build a Mystery.

These authors build masterful art-inspired mysteries and show us how to make art crime jump off the page.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Friday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Jennifer Collins Moore (M), Rob Jung, Carol Orange, Triss Stein, Lane Stone, Nina Wachsmann

## Wide Open Spaces:

### Outdoor Thrillers.

Venture outdoors with these thrillers and mysteries.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Friday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Mark Stevens (M), Erin Flanagan, William Kent Krueger, Nick Petrie, C. Matthew Smith, David Heska Wanbli Weiden

## Hot Tips from Agents.

These agents will talk trends and discuss the ins and outs of trying to land an agent for representation

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Friday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Alice Spellburg (M), Dianna Collier, Dan Conaway, Michelle Richter, Victoria Skurnick

## Out West Mysteries.

Writers discuss how western elements enhance their mysteries.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Friday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Shannon Baker (M), Lori Armstrong, James L'Etoile, Taylor Moore, Ann Parker, J.D. Rhoades

## GUEST OF HONOR INTERVIEW

### Attica Locke

interviewed by Kellye Garrett

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Friday 3:00 - 3:45pm

## Safe Room:

### Locked Room Mysteries.

There are crimes that seem impossible to unravel, but these authors make it look effortless while entertaining readers.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Friday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Patricia Kovel (M), Sean Doolittle, Carol Goodman, R.J. Jacobs, G.M. Malliet, Tessa Wegert

## Coffee, Tea, or Cozy?.

Authors discuss cozies that involve some of our favorite drinks (including a stop in wine country!).

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Friday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Cheryl L. Hollon (M), Kelly Garrett / Emmeline Duncan, G.P. Gottlieb, Sherry Harris, Nancy J. Parra/Nancy Coco, Raquel V. Reyes

## Mixing Genres.

MIX it up! Panelists will discuss mixing literary with mystery, suspense, and crime.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Friday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Danielle Trussoni (M), Jessie Chandler, Nancy Johnson, Angie Kim, Jean Kwok, Chris Pavone

## Holding Out for a Hero: Criminal Protagonists.

Dark deeds sometimes mask a heart of gold. These authors talk about their complicated protagonists.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Friday 4:15 - 5:00pm

David Magayna (M), Wesley Browne, Mary Dixie Carter, Kelly J. Ford, Amy Gentry, Linda L. Richards

## Objection!

### Getting The Law Right.

Attorneys note the do's and don'ts of writing characters in legal thrillers.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Friday 3:00 - 3:45pm

J.D. Trafford (M), Joel Barrows, Brian Lutterman, James B. Manning, Robert Rotstein, Stephen M. Terrell

## Moonlighting:

### The PI Tradition.

The new wave of modern private eyes and how they reflect the world we live in.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Friday 4:15 - 5:00pm

J. M. Redmann (M), Anthony Bidulka, Brenda Buchanan, Reed Farrel Coleman, Cheryl A. Head, Delia C. Pitts

## Stranger Than Fiction: Non-Fiction Reads.

Non-fiction entertains as well as informs the readers. These authors discuss why their works are rooted in fact instead of fiction.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Friday 4:15 - 5:00pm

David Dominé (M), Jan Brogan, David Bushman, Hilary Fitzgerald Campbell, Kate Miles, Jane Ann Turzillo

## GUEST OF HONOR INTERVIEW

### Alexander McCall Smith

interviewed by Lori Rader-Day

*Grand ABCD, Third Floor*

Friday 4:15 - 5:00pm

## Anthony Award Nominees.

Best Childrens/Young Adult

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Friday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Michelle Falkoff (M), Elizabeth C. Bunce, Greg Herren, Alan Orloff

## Rolling in the Deep:

### Mysteries of Suspense.

Suspense authors explain the layers that create depth within their mysteries.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Friday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Elena Taylor (M), Susan Alice Bickford, Susan Calder, Danith McPherson, Tracey S. Phillips, Sarah Stewart Taylor

## Crime Writers of Color Reception

*Gallery, First Floor*

Friday 7:00 - 8:00pm

## Noir at the Bar *Gallery, First Floor* Friday 8:30 - 10:00pm

## Speed Dating Breakfast

*Grand D, Third Floor*

Saturday 7:00 - 9:00am

## Humor in Mystery Writing.

Laughter is the best medicine - unless it kills you. These authors run the gamut from caper characters to gallows humor and talk about why humor is an essential ingredient in their stories.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Saturday 9:00 - 9:45am

Jessie Chandler (M), Matthew Goldman, Charlene Harris, Craig Johnson, Catriona McPherson, Rob Osler

## Small and Indie Press.

Some of the most exciting mysteries are coming from the smaller presses in the industry.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Saturday 9:00 - 9:45am

Michael Christopher Bumsted (M), Robin Cutler, Lori L. Lake, Ron Earl Phillips, Jason Pinter

## Anthony Award Nominees.

Best Critical/Non-Fiction

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Saturday 9:00 - 9:45am

Julie Kramer (M), Jan Brogan, Hilary Fitzgerald Campbell, Elon Green, Laurie R. King

## Put Me in Coach: Mysteries and Sports.

There's no crying (or dying) in sports, or is there? Sports play a prominent role in these mysteries.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Saturday 9:00 - 9:45am

Rick Treon (M), John Billheimer, Eli Cranor, Bobby Mathews, Charles Salzberg, Andrew Welsh-Huggins

## Everybody Knows Your Name: Legacy Writing.

Carrying on the legacy of some of mystery's finest writers.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Saturday 10:15 - 11:00am

Charles Todd (M), Don Bentley, Reed Farrel Coleman, Max Allan Collins, Simon Gervais, Mark Greaney

## Hard-Boiled: Traditional Noir.

A celebration of the hard-boiled style of noir.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Saturday 10:15 - 11:00am

Matt Coyle (M), Carolyn Arnold, Adam Frost, James D.F. Hannah, Dwyer Murphy, Jonathan Woods

## Seismic Rifts.

Deadly rifts and rivalries in mysteries.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Saturday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Kate White (M), Cara Black, Karen Dionne, Jordan Harper, Mike McCrary, Sarah Warburton

## The Liars Panel.

Authors test their skills at lying to see if anyone in the audience can catch them out.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Saturday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Lori Rader-Day (M), E.A. Aymar, Stephanie Gayle, Greg Herren, Johnny Shaw, Wendy Corsi Staub

## Questionable Motives: Characters On the Edge.

Unreliable or unlikeable protagonists, antagonists, and victims - these writers craft characters you might not trust, but also can't take your eyes off of them.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Saturday 9:00 - 9:45am

Jean Kwok, (M), Karen Dionne, Kellye Garrett, Elle Grawl, Jessa Maxwell, Wendy Walker

## GUEST OF HONOR INTERVIEW

### Ellen Hart

interviewed by William Kent Krueger

*Grand ABCD, Third Floor*

Saturday 10:15 - 11:00am

## Grief and the Gumshoe.

Revenge and righting wrongs are powerful themes in crime fiction, but what about protagonists trying to heal their broken selves?

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Saturday 10:15 - 11:00am

Anthony Bidulka (M), John McMahon, Joshua Moehling, Baird Nuckolls, James Queally, Sam Reeves

## Under the Sun or Below Zero.

You've heard of "setting as a character." What about the weather? These authors' works represent a dichotomy of climates where rising temps or bone-chilling cold are just as effective as any villain.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Saturday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Matthew Goldman (M), Alexander McCall Smith, Catriona McPherson, Jo Nesbø, Caro Ramsay, Stan Trollip (Michael Stanley)

## Elementary:

### Sherlock Holmes.

Sherlock Holmes is iconic for a reason. These authors discuss why.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Saturday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Richard J. Sveum (M), Dana Cameron, Laurie R. King, Leslie S. Klinger, Bonnie MacBird, Liese Sherwood-Fabre

## General Members Meeting

Includes snacks

*Grand ABCD, Third Floor*

Saturday 12:30 - 1:30pm

## Things Fall Apart.

Celebrating the dystopian, sci-fi, and "fantastical" part of mystery.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Saturday 9:00 - 9:45am

Rob Hart (M), Yasmin Angoe, Elizabeth Crowens, Matthew FitzSimmons, Chris Holm, Glenn Parris

## Building Conflict and Tension.

Conflict and tension are essential ingredients to keep a story moving. Writers discuss their process and give a "how-to" on increasing the stakes in your stories.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Saturday 10:15 - 11:00am

Kristine Campbell (M), Diana R. Chambers, Baer Charlton, Michael Cooper, Thekla Fagerlie-Madsen, Brian Silverman

## The Room Where It Happens: Wartime Settings.

Whether their characters celebrate the Greatest Generation or those who fought in The Great War, these mysteries are rich in historical settings.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Saturday 10:15 - 11:00am

Mally Becker (M), Jessica Ellicott, Mariah Fredricks, Susan Elia MacNeal, Frances McNamara

## Using Social Media Effectively.

Whether you've tapped into the TikTok zeitgeist or collaborated with other authors to maximize your publicity reach, these authors have used social media to maximum effect.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Saturday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Mysti Berry (M), Michelle Cox, Jamie Mason, Chris Norbury, Jenn Vance

## Dark Academia.

School's out ... forever. These authors not only mold inquiring minds, they write deadly characters.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Saturday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Anjili Babbar (M), Vivian Barz, David Bell, John Copenhaver, Carol Goodman, Christopher Swann

## GUEST OF HONOR INTERVIEW

### Lou Berney

interviewed by Katrina Niidas Holm

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Saturday 1:45 - 2:30pm

## The Art of Writing Short Stories.

Succinct and timeless, short stories are an art form. These writers talk about how they craft short stories.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Saturday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Kim Keeline (M), Meredith Anthony, Steven G. Hoffmeyer, Felicia L. Mason, Laurie Rockenbeck, John B. Wren

## Navigating the Agent/Client Relationship.

Authors and their agents talk about building their working relationships.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Saturday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Rob Hart/Josh Getzler, Mindy Mejia/Stephanie Cabot, P.J. Tracy/Ellen Geiger

## Trust No One: Political Thrillers.

Thrillers in the world of politics

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Brendan DuBois (M), Joseph Finder, John Gilstrap, Puja Guha, Kyle Mills, Chris Pavone

## A Blender of Mind Benders: Mixed Genre Mysteries.

These writers mix genres for maximum effect in their fictional worlds.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Chris Aldrich (M), Tori Eldridge, Charlaine Harris, Naomi Hirahara, Stacie Murphy, Kali White

## GUEST OF HONOR INTERVIEW

### S.A. Cosby

interviewed by Dennis Lehane

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Saturday 4:15 - 5:00pm

## The Modern Gumshoe.

These modern day Marlowes carry on the tradition of private investigation in fiction.

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Saturday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Ted Hertel (M), Stephen Lawrence Brayton, Jack Fredrickson, Vinnie Hansen, David Housewright, Brad Parks

## Kick-Ass Female Protagonists.

The evolution of female protagonists in crime fiction.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Saturday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Cara Black (M), Yasmin Angoe, Tori Eldridge, Robyn Gigl, Marcie Rendon, Hank Phillippi Ryan

## From Paper to Page: Recent Events and Mystery.

How contemporary events have inspired crime fiction.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Saturday 1:45 - 2:30pm

L.A. Chandlar (M), Marco Carocari, Dan Fesperman, Puja Guha, Jess Lourey, Wanda M. Morris

## Editing 101.

Your words are on paper or screen and it's time to take this chaotic mess and polish it until it shines. Where to begin? This collection of authors and freelance editors advise on how to get your book agent- or publication-ready.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

D.B. Schlosser (M), Mary Harris, Ana Manwarling, Zoe Quinton, Elena Taylor

## Badge of Honor: Modern Day Cops.

How to write police procedurals in today's world.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Christopher Chambers (M), Tracy Clark, Bruce Robert Coffin, Barbara Nickless, Faye Snowden

## Reviewers Recommend: Fresh New Reads.

Voracious readers and industry tastemakers - these reviewers talk about what they see in the current crop of books and make their recommendations for new reads.

*Duluth, Third Floor*

Saturday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Dwyer Murphy (M), Scott Adlerberg, Oline H. Cogdill, Katrina Niidas Holm, Janet Rudolph, Danielle Trussoni

## Pet Friends and Mayhem: Cozies and Pet Companions.

Human's best friend takes a starring role in these cozy mysteries.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Saturday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Sparkle Abbey (Mary Lee Ashford and Anita Carter) (M), Deborah Blake, Barbara J. Collins, Darlene Dziomba, Neil S. Plakcy

## How to Write A Mystery:

### A Conversation with Laurie R. King and Friends.

Co-editor Laurie R. King facilitates a conversation with anthology contributors for the Mystery Writers of America's How to Write A Mystery: A Handbook.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Saturday 1:45 - 2:30pm

Laurie R. King (M), Dale Berry, Max Allan Collins, Naomi Hirahara, Alex Segura, Charles Todd

## IT'S HYGGE TIME!

### MINNESOTA TEA

*Grand ABCD, Third Floor*

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm

Hygge (pronounced hue-guh) is a Danish word used to acknowledge a cozy, charming, and special feeling or moment. Why not bring some more hygge into your life by joining us? Everyone is invited! (Includes Snacks and Tea)

## The Beat Goes On: Writing an Ongoing Series.

If you're looking for your next series to binge read, you might want to start with these authors and their long-standing series.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Stephanie Gayle (M), Cara Black, Susan Elia MacNeal, Caro Ramsay, J. M. Redmann, S.J. Rozan

## Talking Podcasts and Audio.

Addicted to podcasts or looking for your next great read? A panel of industry experts talk books and trends, all available for streaming or download.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

Eric Beetner (M), Andi Arndt, Richie Narvaez, Terry Shepherd, Holly West, Frank Zafiro

## House of Cards: Power and Privilege.

Power is everything... or is it? Like a house of cards, one false move causes everything to come crumbling down.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Saturday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Jason Allen (M), Joseph Finder, Ted Flanagan, Hannah Morrissey, Vera Kurian

## Somebody's Watching Me: TV & Social Media is the Story.

Social media and reality TV is everywhere and in some cases, it's going from "watching stories" to driving the plot.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Saturday 4:15 - 5:00pm

Kate Moretti (M), Kathleen Barber, Allison Bucola, Alison Gaylin, Jessa Maxwell, Lori Robbins

**Anthony Awards**  
*Grand ABCD, Third Floor*  
Saturday 7:00 - 8:30pm

**Auction**  
*Grand ABCD, Third Floor*  
Saturday 8:30 - 10:00pm

**BOOM, Ka-POW!**  
**Comics and Graphic Novels.**

A celebration of comics and graphic novels in mystery.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Sunday 9:00 - 9:45am

Christopher Chambers (M), Dale Berry, Hilary Fitzgerald Campbell, Christa Faust, Glenn Parris, Alex Segura

**Cracking the Code:**  
**Technothrillers.**

The future is now with these writers and their works.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Sunday 9:00 - 9:45am

Ward Larsen (M), Ross Carley, Reece Hirsch, Michael Kaufman, S. Lee Manning, Peter Spiegelman

**Small Town, Big Crime.**

Murder and mayhem can happen in the biggest and smallest of places. Writers talk about how small towns influence their deadly plots.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Sunday 10:15 - 11:00am

Michelle Kubitz (M), James D.F. Hannah, Christine Husom, Laura McHugh, Terry Shames

**Your Ticket to Art Crime.**

Mysteries involving art heists and crime

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Sunday 10:15 - 11:00am

Lane Stone (M), Jennifer Collins Moore, Michael A. Mallory, Jonathan Santlofer, Scott Von Doviak

**Curiouser and Curiouser:**  
**Getting the Details Right.**

You don't want to get stuck in a quagmire of research, but these authors did the work in getting the details right in their stories.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Sunday 9:00 - 9:45am

Patti Ruocco (M), Annamaria Alfieri, Valerie J. Brooks, Nancy Herriman, Clara McKenna, Sheila York

**The Place It Took Place:**  
**Setting In Mystery.**

How setting influences and sometimes determines the mystery.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Sunday 9:00 - 9:45am

Mary Logue (M), Sylissa Franklin, Dana King, Óskar Magnússon, Patricia Skalka, Albert Tucher

**Behind Closed Doors:**

**The Secret Lives of Characters.**

These authors go behind the scenes and into the inner lives of their characters.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Sunday 10:15 - 11:00am

Brianna Labuskes (M), Jonathan Ames, Mindy Carlson, David Ellis, Anne Laughlin

**Researching the Police Procedural.**

Utilizing ride-alongs or real-life experience, these authors discuss techniques for researching police procedurals.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Sunday 10:15 - 11:00am

Jodi Compton (M), John A. Hoda, Bill Loehfelm, Priscilla Paton, Brian Thiem

**Til Death Do Us Part:**  
**Domestic Suspense.**

Why we love a bad romance in our mysteries.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Sunday 9:00 - 9:45am

Mary Dixie Carter (M), Maegan Beaumont, Lynne Constantine, Sarah Zachrich Jeng, Anastasia Zadeik

**Hosting Bouchercon.**

Interested in hosting a future Bouchercon in your hometown? Check out this informative panel with Bouchercon board members!

*Marquette 1, Second Floor*

Sunday 9:00 - 9:45am

Heather Graham, Connie Perry

**The Perfect Mix:**

**Mysteries and Food.**

Food is a main character in these mysteries.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Sunday 10:15 - 11:00am

Mindy Quigley (M), Shelley Costa / Stephanie Cole, Rhonda Gilliland, Nancy J. Parra / Nancy Coco, Rosemarie Ross, Shawn E. Simmons

**Hush, Hush:**

**Characters with Deadly Secrets.**

"Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead." - Benjamin Franklin. Writers discuss how secrets are woven in their tales.

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Sunday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Sarah Zettel (M), Maegan Beaumont, Allison Buccola, Carl Filbrich, Con Lehane, Rick Treon



## **Love and Death:**

### **Mysteries with a Dash of Romance.**

Affairs of the heart can turn deadly. These authors show us how to mix romance with suspense.

*Marquette 2&3, Second Floor*

Sunday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Melissa Lenhardt (M), Michelle Cox, Sharon Michalove, Emily Allen West, Dänna Wilberg, Rebecca Zanetti

## **It Takes a Village:**

### **Death In Small Places.**

Crime happens in the darndest places, as you'll find with these small-town mysteries and big-time characters.

*Marquette 8&9, Second Floor*

Sunday 11:30 - 12:15pm

Julie Fridinger (M), Christine DeSmet, Donna Rae Menard, Sherry Roberts, Linda Townsden, Mary Winters/Mary Angela

## **Writers Who Rock:**

### **Music & Crime Fiction.**

Music is more than just background noise in these mysteries.

*Marquette 4&5, Second Floor*

Sunday 11:30 - 12:15pm

D.R. Ransdell (M), Don Bruns, Martha Reed, Jim Ruland, Steven Womack

## **Above the Fold:**

### **Journalists as Protagonists.**

Mysteries featuring journalists as the main character.

*Marquette 6&7, Second Floor*

Sunday 11:30 - 12:15pm

John DeDakis (M), Mary Brookman, Lori Duffy Foster, August Norman, Shelley Blanton-Stroud, Mark Zeid

## **Closing Ceremonies**

*Grand EFG, Third Floor*

Sunday 12:30 - 1:30pm