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2014 Left Coast Crime Award Nominations Announced

January 27, 2014 — Monterey, CA — Left Coast Crime 2014, “Calamari Crime,” will be giving four awards at the 24th annual LCC convention, to be held in Monterey. The awards will be voted on at the convention and presented at a banquet on Saturday, March 22, at the Portola Hotel & Spa. The award nominees have been selected by convention registrants. The nomination period has just concluded, and LCC is delighted to announce the nominees for books published in 2013:

The Lefty has been awarded for the best humorous mystery novel since 1996. This year’s nominees are:

- Donna Andrews, *The Hen of the Baskervilles* (Minotaur Books)
- Timothy Hallinan, *The Fame Thief* (Soho Crime)
- Lisa Lutz, *The Last Word* (Simon & Schuster)
- Brad Parks, *The Good Cop* (Minotaur Books)
- Cindy Sample, *Dying for a Daiquiri* (Cindy Sample Books)

The Bruce Alexander Memorial Historical Mystery Award (first awarded in 2004) is given to mystery novels covering events before 1960. This year’s nominees are:

- Rhys Bowen, *Heirs and Graces* (Berkley Prime Crime)
- Susan Elia MacNeal, *His Majesty’s Hope* (Bantam)
- Catriona McPherson, *Dandy Gilver and a Bothersome Number of Corpses* (Minotaur Books)
- David Morrell, *Murder as a Fine Art* (Mulholland Books)
- Priscilla Royal, *Covenant with Hell* (Poisoned Pen Press)
- Jacqueline Winspear, *Leaving Everything Most Loved* (HarperCollins)

The Squid, for the best mystery novel set in the United States. The nominees are:

- Sue Grafton, *W Is for Wasted* (Putnam, Marian Wood Books)
- Darrell James, *Purgatory Key* (Midnight Ink)
- William Kent Krueger, *Ordinary Grace* (Atria Books)
- Hank Phillippi Ryan, *The Wrong Girl* (Forge)
- Terry Shames, *A Killing at Cotton Hill* (Seventh Street Books)

The Calamari, for the best mystery novel set outside the US. The nominees are:

- Cara Black, *Murder Below Montparnasse* (Soho Crime)
- Lisa Brackmann, *Hour of the Rat* (Soho Crime)
- Catriona McPherson, *As She Left It* (Midnight Ink)
- Louise Penny, *How the Light Gets In* (Minotaur Books)
- Jeffrey Siger, *Mykonos After Midnight* (Poisoned Pen Press)

The Left Coast Crime Convention is an annual event sponsored *by* fans of mystery literature *for* fans of mystery literature, including both readers and authors. Usually held in the western half of North America, LCC's intent is to provide an event where mystery fans can gather in convivial surroundings to pursue their mutual interests.

The 24th annual Left Coast Crime Convention will take place in Monterey, CA, March 20–23, 2014. This year's Guests of Honor are authors Cara Black and Louise Penny. Sue Grafton is a Special Guest. Sue Trowbridge is the Fan Guests of Honor. Author Brad Parks will serve as Toastmaster. Marcia Muller and Bill Pronzini will receive Left Coast Crime Lifetime Achievement Awards.

For more information on Left Coast Crime 2014, please visit www.leftcoastcrime.org/2014/

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