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2015 Left Coast Crime Award Nominations Announced

January 26, 2015 — Portland, OR — Left Coast Crime 2015, “Crimelandia,” will be giving four awards at the 25th annual LCC convention, to be held in Portland. The awards will be voted on at the convention and presented at a banquet on Saturday, March 14, at the Doubletree by Hilton Portland. 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 2014:

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

- Donna Andrews, *The Good, the Bad, and the Emus* (Minotaur Books)
- Timothy Hallinan, *Herbie’s Game* (Soho Crime)
- Jess Lourey, *January Thaw* (Midnight Ink)
- Cindy Sample, *Dying for a Dude* (Cindy Sample Books)
- Diane Vallere, *Suede to Rest* (Berkley Prime Crime)

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, *Queen of Hearts* (Berkley Prime Crime)
- Susanna Calkins, *From the Charred Remains* (Minotaur Books)
- Catriona McPherson, *A Deadly Measure of Brimstone* (Minotaur Books)
- Kelli Stanley, *City of Ghosts* (Minotaur Books)
- Jeri Westerson, *Cup of Blood* (Old London Press)

The Rose, commemorating our Portland location, is for the best mystery novel set in the LCC region. The nominees are:

- Chelsea Cain, *One Kick* (Simon & Schuster)
- Terri Nolan, *Glass Houses* (Midnight Ink)
- Gigi Pandian, *Pirate Vishnu* (Henery Press)
- L.J. Sellers, *Deadly Bonds* (Thomas & Mercer)
- Johnny Shaw, *Plaster City* (Thomas & Mercer)

The Rosebud, for the best first mystery novel set anywhere in the world. The nominees are:

- Lisa Alber, *Kilmoon* (Muskrat Press)
- M.P. Cooley, *Ice Shear* (William Morrow)
- Allen Eskens, *The Life We Bury* (Seventh Street Books)
- Lori Rader-Day, *The Black Hour* (Seventh Street Books)
- Holly West, *Mistress of Fortune* (Carina Press ebook)

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 25th annual Left Coast Crime Convention will take place in Portland, OR, March 12–15, 2015. This year's Guests of Honor are authors Chelsea Cain and Timothy Hallinan. Phillip Margolin is a Special Guest. Friends of Mystery are the Fan Guests of Honor. Author Gar Anthony Haywood will serve as Toastmaster.

For more information on Left Coast Crime 2015, please visit www.leftcoastcrime.org/2015/

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