



LEFT COAST CRIME 2020

Murder's a Beach

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2020 Left Coast Crime “Lefty” Award Nominations Announced

January 13, 2020 — San Diego — Left Coast Crime 2020, “Murder’s a Beach,” will be presenting four Lefty Awards at the 30th annual LCC convention, to be held in San Diego in March: humorous, historical, debut, and best. The awards will be voted on at the convention and presented at a banquet on Saturday, March 14, at the Marriot Mission Valley in San Diego. The award nominees have been selected by this and last years’ convention registrants. LCC is delighted to announce the 2020 Lefty nominees for books published in 2019:

Lefty for Best Humorous Mystery Novel. The nominees are:

- Ellen Byron, *Fatal Cajun Festival* (Crooked Lane Books)
- Leslie Karst, *Murder from Scratch* (Crooked Lane Books)
- Cynthia Kuhn, *The Subject of Malice* (Henery Press)
- Catriona McPherson, *Scot & Soda* (Midnight Ink)
- Wendall Thomas, *Drowned Under* (Poisoned Pen Press)

Lefty for Best Historical Mystery Novel for books set before 1970. The nominees are:

- Susanna Calkins, *Murder Knocks Twice* (Minotaur Books)
- L.A. Chandlar, *The Pearl Dagger* (Kensington Books)
- Dianne Freeman, *A Lady’s Guide to Gossip and Murder* (Kensington Books)
- Jennifer Kincheloe, *The Body in Griffith Park* (Seventh Street Books)
- Sujata Massey, *The Satapur Moonstone* (Soho Crime)

Lefty for Best Debut Mystery Novel. The nominees are:

- Tori Eldridge, *The Ninja Daughter* (Agora Books)
- Angie Kim, *Miracle Creek* (Sarah Crichton Books)
- Tara Laskowski, *One Night Gone* (Graydon House)
- John Vercher, *Three-Fifths* (Agora Books)
- Carl Vonderau, *Murderabilia* (Midnight Ink)

Lefty for Best Mystery Novel (not in other categories). The nominees are:

- Steph Cha, *Your House Will Pay* (Ecco)
- Tracy Clark, *Borrowed Time* (Kensington Books)
- Matt Coyle, *Lost Tomorrows* (Oceanview Publishing)
- Rachel Howzell Hall, *They All Fall Down* (Forge Books)
- Attica Locke, *Heaven, My Home* (Mulholland Books)

The Left Coast Crime Convention is an annual event sponsored by mystery fans, both readers and authors. Held in the western half of North America, LCC's intent is to host an event where readers, authors, critics, librarians, publishers, and other fans can gather in convivial surroundings to pursue their mutual interests. Lefty Awards have been given since 1996.

The 30th annual Left Coast Crime Convention will take place in San Diego, California, March 12–15, 2020. This year's Guests of Honor are authors Rachel Howzell Hall and T. Jefferson Parker. Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore is the Fan Guest of Honor, and author Matt Coyle will serve as Toastmaster.

Left Coast Crime is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation holding annual mystery conventions in the West. Each LCC convention raises money to support a local literary organization and is staffed entirely by volunteers.

For more information on Left Coast Crime 2020, please visit www.leftcoastcrime.org/2020/

Lucinda Surber & Stan Ulrich, Lefty Awards Co-Chairs

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