

MD36 Agatha Award Nominees

Reading Checklist

Best Contemporary Novel (5)

- WINED AND DIED IN NEW ORLEANS, Ellen Byron, Berkley ★★★★★
- HELPLESS, Annette Dashofy, Level Best Books ★★★★★
- THE WEEKEND RETREAT, Tara Laskowski, Graydon House Books..... ★★★★★
- CASE OF THE BLEUS, Korina Moss, St. Martin's Press ★★★★★
- THE RAVEN THIEF, Gigi Pandian, Minotaur ★★★★★

Best Historical Novel (5)

- DEATH AMONG THE RUINS, Susanna Calkins, Severn House..... ★★★★★
- ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A LORD, Celeste Connally, Minotaur ★★★★★
- I HEARD A FLY BUZZ WHEN I DIED, Amanda Flower, Berkley ★★★★★
- TIME'S UNDOING, Cheryl Head, Dutton ★★★★★
- THE MISTRESS OF BHATIA HOUSE, Sujata Massey, SOHO ★★★★★

Best First Novel (5)

- GLORY BE, Danielle Arceneaux, Pegasus ★★★★★
- THE HINT OF LIGHT, Kristin Kisska, Lake Union Publishing..... ★★★★★
- DUTCH THREAT, Josh Pachter, Genius Book Publishing ★★★★★
- CRIME AND PARCHMENT, Daphne Silver, Level Best Books ★★★★★
- MOTHER-DAUGHTER MURDER NIGHT, Nina Simon, William Morrow..... ★★★★★

Best Children's/Young Adult Mystery (5)

- MYRTLE, MEANS, AND OPPORTUNITY, Elizabeth C. Bunce, Algonquin Young Readers ★★★★★
- THE SASQUATCH OF HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY, K. B. Jackson, Reycraft Books..... ★★★★★
- ARAÑA AND SPIDER-MAN 2099: DARK TOMORROW, Alex Segura, Marvel Press..... ★★★★★
- THE MYSTERY OF THE RADCLIFFE RIDDLE, Taryn Souders, Sourcebook Young Readers ★★★★★
- ENOLA HOLMES AND THE MARK OF THE MONGOOSE, Nancy Springer, Wednesday Books ★★★★★

Best Short Story (5)

- THE KNIFE SHARPENER, Shelley Costa, Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine, Jul/Aug 2023 ★★★★★
- A GOOD JUDGE OF CHARACTER, Tina deBellegarde, Malice Domestic 17, Murder Most Traditional..... ★★★★★
- REAL COURAGE, Barb Goffman, Black Cat Mystery Magazine #14 ★★★★★
- TICKET TO RIDE, Dru Ann Love and Kristopher Zgorski, Happiness is a Warm Gun ★★★★★
- SHAMU, WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE, Richie Narvaez, Killin' Time in San Diego, Bouchercon 2023 ★★★★★

Best Nonfiction (4)

- FINDERS: JUSTICE, FAITH AND IDENTITY IN IRISH CRIME FICTION, Anjali Babbar, Syracuse University Press ★★★★★
- PERPLEXING PLOTS: POPULAR STORYTELLING AND THE POETICS OF MURDER, David Bordwell, Columbia University Press ★★★★★
- A MYSTERY OF MYSTERIES: THE DEATH AND LIFE OF EDGAR ALLAN POE, Mark Dawidziak, St. Martin's Press ★★★★★
- FALLEN ANGEL: THE LIFE OF EDGAR ALLAN POE, Robert Morgan, LSU Press ★★★★★

