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**Your Writing Success
IS Our Greatest Reward**

News, Events, & Adventures

November 2024

HEADLINE NEWS AT A GLANCE

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Need gifts or stocking stuffers for the writers in your life (or yourself)?

Our EARLY BLACK FRIDAY SALE is here!

Breakthrough to Bestsellerdom: Outliers Online Ongoing Writers Conference where your publishing dreams can come true. This exclusive conference is taught entirely by bestselling authors and publishing experts, all dedicated to helping you succeed.

What you'll gain:

- Join a Thriving Writing Community
- Learn from Bestselling Authors: Gain insights from industry greats like Jeffery Deaver, Meg Gardiner, Don Bentley, Boyd Morrison, Steven James, Tosca Lee, DP Lyle, MD, and many more!
- Network with Publishers and Agents: Build connections to take your writing to the next level.

For the Biggest Savings of the Year, You'll Receive:

- Two Live, Interactive Classes per Month: Led by bestselling authors and experts, right from your home via Zoom (a \$900 value/year)
- Recorded Replays: Watch any missed classes at your convenience
- Free Month in December 2024 (a \$75 value)
- Two Free Writing Workbooks: Step-by-step guides for writing both fiction and nonfiction (a \$19.99 value)
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Total Value: \$994.99, but our **Early Black Friday Price: Only \$600! That's a \$394.99 savings on your path to success.**

No more limiting beliefs; you CAN be a bestselling author!

>> [Secure your spot today!](#) <<



Coming Soon...

Sign up for the Outliers Newsletter & get a **FREE** fiction or nonfiction workbook. These workbooks break down the process of writing a book into easy steps that take you from conception to finished draft.

Did You Know?...

According to Joyce Carol Oates in a Writers Digest interview: "The first sentence can't be written until the final sentence is written."



SUSPENSE MAGAZINE & SUSPENSE RADIO ARE COMING BACK!

SUSPENSE MAGAZINE is coming back!

Starting in January 2025, we will be creating a digital magazine that will be distributed quarterly through the Outliers Newsletter.

In 2021, we stopped creating the digital magazine, but now that authors are finding it more difficult



to promote their work, we want to use the magazine to give authors that platform. We'll also include more educational articles from bestselling authors, with tips and tricks to make your writing better. We'll also have reviews, features, and so much more!



If you're interested in reviewing books for Suspense, let us know [here](#).

SUSPENSE RADIO is coming back!

Our popular podcast will again showcase authors, bring more writing education, talk about the publishing business with agents and editors, and so much more. You can subscribe by searching SUSPENSE RADIO on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and all your favorite podcast sites. Video interviews will be on Suspense Magazine's main page, with the audio play on our podcast. Suspense Radio is part of Outliers Writing University & Outliers Press. **If you'd**



like to be a guest on the show, send an email to John [here](#).

CHECK OUT THESE AMAZING CLASSES

Online Ongoing Writers Conference & Outliers Intensives

11/07/2024

JEFFERY DEAVER

Plotting the Commercial Thriller

[Register Here](#)



11/19/2024

JOHN & SHANNON RAAB

Getting Your Book Published

[Register Here](#)



11/13/2024

DR. KATHERINE RAMSLAND

Raise Your OQ: The Psychology of Observation for Crime Writers

[Register Here](#)

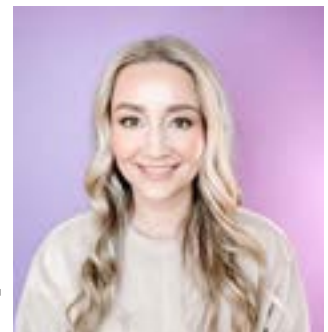


12/03/2024

MAGEN MINTCHEV

Social Media Marketing: Your Online Presence & Other Marketing Strategies

[Register Here](#)



CLASSES, CONT.

12/17/2024

JOSEPH BADAL

**It's Not Enough
to Write a Good
Story**

[Register Here](#)



Sneak a Peek at Part of Our [2025 Class Line-Up](#)

01/07/25 - Kathleen Antrim - What your Story is About: From What If? to Premise

01/21/25 - D.P. Lyle - Putting "Medical Truth" in Your Story

02/04/25 - Harry Hunsicker - The Mystical Quest: Finding a Literary Agent

02/12/25 - Tammy Euliano - Writing Tools: From Paper to Scrivener

02/18/25 - Meg Gardiner - Suspense

03/04/25 - Meg Gardiner - Plot Twists

03/18/25 - K.J. Howe - Whiplash Pacing: Keep Your Reader on the Edge

04/01/25 - D.P. Lyle - Simplify Your Storytelling by Writing to the Midpoint

04/07/25 - Dr. Katherine Ramsland & Tracy Ullman - Book to Doc: The Making of a True Crime Series

04/15/25 - Paul Guyot - Screenwriting is WRITING

05/06/25 - Steven James - Scene Study: How to Make the Most of Every Scene

05/20/25 - Dr. Katherine Ramsland - Cooking Up Hooks: The Psychology of Grabbing Your Readers





Outliers Has a YouTube Channel

[Check out these OUTLIERS programs:](#)

GET TO KNOW

Hosts **DP LYLE, MD, & KATHLEEN ANTRIM**

Fun interviews with best-selling authors. Recent guests include Jeffery Deaver & Isabella Maldonado, Anthony Horowitz, Reed Farrel Coleman, Laurie R. King, and Tori Eldridge.

Upcoming guests include Don Bentley, Linwood Barclay, Zoe Sharp, Mark Cameron, and many others.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Hosts DP LYLE, MD, AND JOHN RAAB

The Art & Science of Crime Fiction, exploring the worlds of forensic science, criminal investigation, and storytelling.

OUTLIERS BOOK TALK

Free discussions on everything books & writing.

WRITING TIP

If story is pursuit, then what is plot? Plot is simply the journey that the character takes through the setting during his pursuit to overcome his struggle. Those four elements occur within all stories: character, setting, pursuit, and struggle. If you eliminate any one of them you cease to have a story. - From **DELVE, PIVOT, PROPEL: 350 Writing Secrets to Elevate Your Storytelling & Transform Your Novel** by Steven James - **Release Date December 3, 2024**



Conference Scene

Atlanta Writers Conference, Atlanta, Georgia November 1-2, 2024

Kauai Writers Conference, Lihue, Kauai November 15-17, 2024

The San Francisco Writers Conference, San Francisco, California February 6-9, 2025

San Miguel Writers' Conference and Literary Festival, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico February 12-16, 2025

Left Coast Crime 2025: Rocky Mountain High Jinks, Denver, Colorado March 13-16, 2025

Las Vegas Writers Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada April 3-5, 2025



Wouldn't it be nice to have one of these?

Where do YOU do your best thinking?



THE INSIDE SCOOP

WANT TO GET INSIDER INFO BEFORE ANYONE ELSE?

Does your favorite author have a book in the works? Would you like a teaser?
Get the inside scoop!

HEATHER GRAHAM

I had a pretty good year! I won the Distinguished Author Award at Southwest Florida Festival of Books, the Legend Award from Necon (my kids called it the Old People's Award), and I was a Special Guest at Bouchercon, Nashville. I'm also about to be a Special Guest at World Fantasy and a Special Guest at Terry's Supernatural Soiree on the Battleship New Jersey. The last of this summer's Crewe Trilogy - LEGACY OF BLOOD: THE BLACKBIRD FILES #3 - came out SEPTEMBER 24. (Following Book 1 - DEATH BEHIND EVERY DOOR and Book 2 - MARKET FOR MURDER. The novella, THE GHOST OF A CHANCE: A KREWE OF HUNTERS, will be released November 12.



NEW BOOK RELEASES...

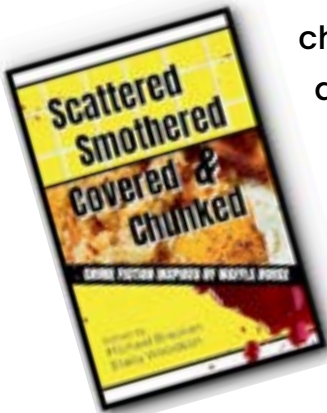
SCATTERED, SMOTHERED, COVERED & CHUNKED:

**Crime Fiction Inspired by
Waffle House
Edited by Michael Bracken
and Stacy Woodson**

Released October 14

There's no closing time for crime. Hardboiled and noir stories by award-winning crime-fiction authors. Tales of redemption, revenge, and rebirth. Each story serves someone (or something) scattered or smothered or covered or chunked. You'll never look at a roadside diner the same way again.

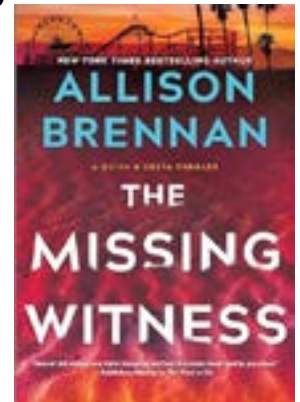
[CLICK HERE](#) to order.



THE MISSING WITNESS A Quinn & Costa Thriller #5 By Allison Brennan

Paperback Released October 22

Detective Kara Quinn is back in LA to testify against a notorious human trafficker. But when the accused is shot in broad daylight, there are few reliable bystanders. And one witness—a whistleblower — has disappeared. It's clear that anyone who knows too much is in danger, and tracking down the witness becomes a matter of life-and-death. Kara questions everything she thought she knew about the case, her colleagues and the life she left behind. Now with FBI special agent Matt Costa's help, she must race to find the missing witness and get to the bottom of the avalanche of conspiracies that has rocked LA. [CLICK HERE](#) to order.



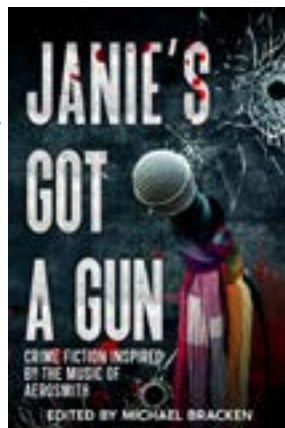
NEW BOOK RELEASES, cont.

JANIE'S GOT A GUN Crime Fiction Inspired by the Music of Aerosmith Edited by Michael Bracken

Releases November 8

With Aerosmith's 2024 announcement that the band will no longer tour, 16 crime fiction authors have come together to produce an anthology in tribute to the iconic band.

[PREORDER HERE.](#)



DELVE, PIVOT, PROPEL: 350 WRITING SECRETS TO ELEVATE YOUR STORYTELLING AND TRANSFORM YOUR NOVEL by Steven James

Releases December 3

Steven James shares masterful skills to turn your manuscript into a page-turning bestseller.

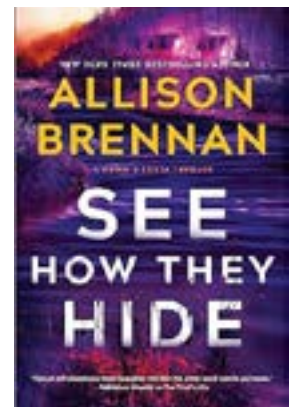
Preorder to come.

SEE HOW THEY HIDE A Quinn & Costa Thriller #6 By Allison Brennan

Releases January 7

Two people were murdered—at the exact same time, in the same gruesome manner, bodies covered in the same red poppies...but on opposite sides of the country. With Detective Kara Quinn investigating in Oregon and Special Agent Matt Costa in Virginia, the Mobile Response Team digs deep to uncover more about each victim. What is the link between the two, and why were they targeted?

[PREORDER HERE.](#)



NEWS AROUND TOWN

MEG GARDINER's short story "Bright Light City" will appear in the anthology **THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT: TALES OF STEPHEN KING'S THE STAND**, edited by Christopher Golden and Brian Keene, with a forward by Stephen King. The book is scheduled for publication in August 2025.



And check out Meg's newest blog post:

[Blast From the Past: Editing...From Idea to Printed Page](#)

TAMARA GRANTHAM won 1st place in the WriterCon published children's book category for her Middle Grade novel, **DON'T BLAME THE CHOSEN ONE**.



OUTLIERS PUBLISHING COMPANY



Outliers Writing University has merged with Suspense Publishing to create **OUTLIERS PUBLISHING COMPANY**. Outliers Publishing Company will launch several imprints, including **OUTLIERS•SUSPENSE PUBLISHING** (publishing suspense and thriller genres) and **OUTLIERS PRESS** (publishing nonfiction with an emphasis on writing education). We will expand the types of genres as we move forward.

OUTLIERS IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS:

FOR FICTION: please send the first 3 chapters of your manuscript and a synopsis through query manager [HERE](#).

FOR NONFICTION: please send a comprehensive book proposal and 2 sample chapters through query manager [HERE](#).





OUTLIERS WRITING UNIVERSITY proudly announces our award-winning, bestselling instructors for the **ONLINE, ONGOING WRITING CONFERENCE; INTENSIVE CLASSES;** and **OUTLIERS BOOTCAMP.**

Instructors include:

Jeffery Deaver, Meg Gardiner, Heather Graham, Kathleen Antrim, D.P. Lyle, John & Shannon Raab, Hank Phillippi Ryan, Steven James, Tosca Lee, Don Bentley, Jon Land, Boyd Morrison, Harry Hunsicker, Allison Brennan, Tamara Grantham, Tim Maleeny, Cody Blocker, KJ Howe, Joseph Badal, Stacy Woodson, Michael Bracken, Matt Witten, Mark Tavani, Terry Shepherd, Vincent Davis, Lt. Brandon Watkins, Amy Scher, John Ferriso, Dr. Katherine Ramsland, Tracey Ullman, Paul Guyot, Jenny Milchman, Magen Mintchev, and more to be announced soon.

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