



Mystery Writers of America

New York Chapter

Attention, Non-New Yorkers

Dear Fellow MWA-NY Chapter Members,

Let's be honest: If you don't live in New York City, many of our chapter events are too inconvenient. We had a great program this month, but as great as it was, who wants to travel four hours to attend?

So we need more programs in your areas. To do that, we need members to organize events outside Manhattan. In fact, we already have a few volunteers. If you live in these areas and would like to have local MWA-NY events, contact the following:

- Central and Northern New York State: [Alice Loweecey](#)
- Connecticut: [Chris Knopf](#)
- Long Island: [Larry Kelter](#)

This still leaves a lot of real estate uncovered. We'd love to have chapter liaisons in Philly, Pittsburgh, New Jersey, West Virginia, and Delaware. If you're interested, [please email me](#).

And for those of you who do live in New York City, the Program Committee is always looking for members to brainstorm ideas, book guests, write program copy, and wrangle talent. [Send them an email today](#).

Excelsior,
Richie Narvaez

Upcoming Events

MWA-NY Reading Series

February 21, Sat., 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Scheduled to read: **Ann Aptaker, Anne-Marie Brumm, Michael Burczynski, Gary Cahill, Laura K. Curtis, Valerie Peterson, Norma Schofield, and Clare Toohey.**

KGB Bar

85 East 4th Street

New York, NY

Cost: Free

[Click here](#) for more information.

MWA-NY Mix & Mingle Brunch

March 7, Sat., 12 - 3 p.m.

Chat, mingle, nosh.

Salmagundi Club

47 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY

Cost: \$25. [Pay by credit card](#) or make checks to MWA-NY and mail to:**Ann-Marie DiGennaro**, 696 Birdseye Street, Stratford, CT 06615.

Forensic Linguistics Expert Robert Leonard

April 1, Wed., 6 - 9 p.m. Dinner meeting, with guest speaker.

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Cost: \$42. [Pay by credit card](#) or make checks to MWA-NY and mail to:**Ann-Marie DiGennaro**, 696 Birdseye Street, Stratford, CT 06615.

For a full list of upcoming events, [click here](#).

Bookstores: Uniting Writers & Readers

Do you have a good relationship with a local bookstore? Or a bad one? Or none at all, but you'd like to? Is a new store flourishing in your area? We're thinking about doing a series of bookstore interviews throughout our region.

Independent bookstores and mystery writers used to be a perfect match, and the stores helped launch many mystery-writing careers. We think our members would find it useful to know more – a lot more – about book retailing today. Still struggling? Possibly reviving? How can we help each other? The best way to find out is to ask.

[Talk to us](#) about bookstores in your town, village, county, or neighborhood. Name, location, and anything else you'd like to add.

And if you have a good contact at Barnes & Noble, we'd love to talk to her/him/them, too.

Writing Help — at a Discount

Want to learn how to pitch your new novel? Or need an editor? The New York Writers Workshop is offering discounts on classes and services to MWA-NY members.

Pay only **\$300 for NYWW's Spring 2015 Pitch Conferences** in March and in April, discounted from \$425. Polish your pitches and present them to three different editors from major publishing houses. Editors provide feedback and may request proposals and manuscripts after the conference. Each conference also includes a panel discussion of literary agents. *Make sure to mention that you are an MWA-NY member when you sign up!* [Go here for more info.](#)

MWA-NY members also receive **a 20% discount on NYWW classes** and **25% off other services**, including editing and evaluating manuscripts.

Crime Fiction Academy

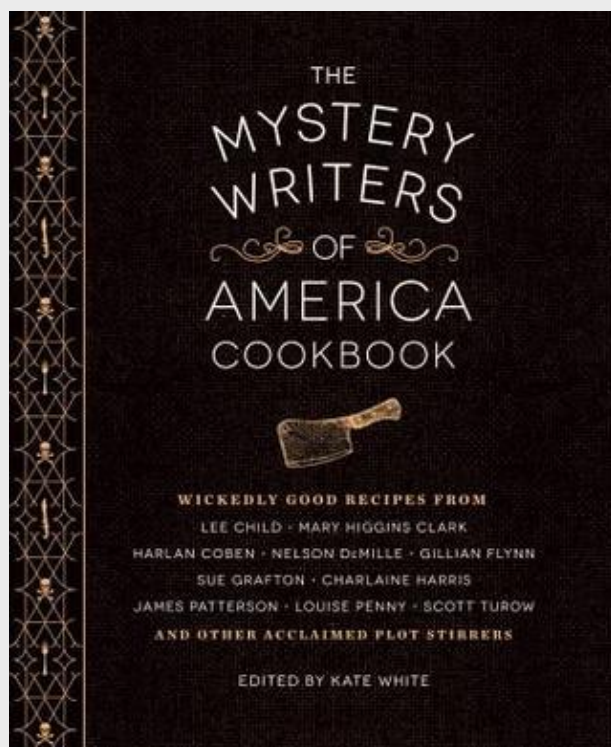
MWA-NY has also partnered with the Center for Fiction's Crime Fiction Academy to offer a **10% discount** on spring classes. We hope to offer more deals in the future.



Agents & Editors

Grisly violence isn't as popular as it used to be. And apparently not all cozy readers are of a certain age.

Panelists — including (left to right) St. Martin's editor **Hannah Braaten**; Curtis Brown Ltd. agent **Mitchell S. Waters**; and *Mystery Scene*'s editor-in-chief/co-publisher **Kate Stine** — enlightened and delighted members at the February 4 dinner meeting *Agents and Editors: Into the World*. **Joseph Goodrich** (far right) moderated the panel.



MWA Cookbook Giveaway

What would Professor Moriarty

Good Noose

Short Fiction

- **Carole Bugge**, "Why I Live at the Laundromat," *China Grove Literary Magazine*, August 2014
- **Carole Bugge**, "The Revenge of the Fenian Brotherhood," *Sherlock Holmes Mystery Magazine*, December 2014 (#15)
- **Marc Bilgrey**, "Dear Dr. Watson," *Sherlock Holmes Mystery Magazine*, December 2014 (#15)
- **Mark Murphy**, "The Afternoon Before Christmas," *OverMyDeadBody.com*, December 2014
- **Terrie Farley Moran**, "On Target," *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*, April 2015

Non-fiction

- **Peter Quirk**, "A Medieval Mystery," *Sherlock Holmes Mystery Magazine*, February 2015 (#16)

Books

- **Catherine Clark**, *Wiseguys in Love*, Macmillan Press, January 2015
- **Catherine Clark**, *Bank Robbers*, Macmillan Press, January 2015

bring to a potluck?

Win a free copy of [The Mystery Writers of America Cookbook: Wickedly Good Meals and Desserts to Die For](#), edited by **Kate White**. [Submit an imaginary recipe](#) from your favorite sleuth or villain.

The MWA cookbook contains recipes by celebrated MWA chefs such as **Mary Higgins Clark**, **Harlan Coben**, and **Kathy Reich**.

- **Alice Loweecey**, *Nun Too Soon*, Henery Press, January 2015
- **Kate White**, *The Mystery Writers of America Cookbook: Wickedly Good Meals and Desserts to Die For*, Quirk Books, March 2015

Awards

- **Terrie Farley Moran**, *Well Read, Then Dead*, nominated for Agatha Award, Best First Novel

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