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- CYNTHIA BAXTER (MODERATOR)
- CORDELIA FRANCES BIDDLE
- REED FARREL COLEMAN
- KATHRYN MILLER HAINES



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Moderator **CYNTHIA BAXTER** is the author of two mystery series, both published by Bantam Books. The "Reigning Cats and Dogs" mystery series features Long Island veterinarian and amateur sleuth Jessica Popper and her personal menagerie. The seventh and most recent book in the series is *Monkey See, Monkey Die*. The "Murder Packs a Suitcase" mystery series centers around travel writer and recent widow Mallory Marlowe. The first book, also titled *Murder Packs a Suitcase*, is set in Orlando, Florida. In total, Ms. Baxter has had more than 50 books published. A Manhattan resident for many years, she currently lives on Long Island.
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CORDELIA FRANCES BIDDLE's *Deception's Daughter* is set in Victorian-era Philadelphia. The novel is the IMBA best-selling sequel to *The Conjuror*. *Biddle has written another brilliant historical featuring a most appealing sleuth in the mold of Jacqueline Winspear's Maisie Dobbs.* -- The Library Journal
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The next Martha Beale, *Without Fear*, debuts in 2009. Other novels: *Beneath the Wind*, *The Crossword Mystery Series*. www.CordeliaFrancesBiddle.com

Born and raised in Brooklyn, **REED FARREL COLEMAN** is the former Executive Vice President of Mystery Writers of America. He has published ten novels in three series and one stand-alone with Ken Bruen. His Moe Prager Mystery series has been twice nominated for the Edgar, Shamus, Barry and Macavity Awards. He has won the Shamus, Barry, and Anthony Awards. His essays and short fiction have appeared in *Wall Street Noir*, *Brooklyn Noir 3*, *The Darker Mask*, *Damn Near Dead* and several other publications. Mr. Coleman is a summer lecturer in mystery and genre writing at Hofstra University. www.reedcoleman.com

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