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Contemporary Traditional Mysteries

**FAIR PLAY PUZZLES
IN THE MODERN WORLD**

Is “fair play” still fair play? Do present-day mysteries still give readers enough insight and clues to solve the crime? Should they? In today’s world of super villains like Hannibal Lector, will readers still wait until the end of the book to meet the Bad Guy? Classic authors of the traditional mystery – Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers, and Nero Wolfe, for instance – knew readers loved to solve a puzzle. But how do today’s writers adhere to the principles of a fair-play mystery without seeming old-fashioned? Doesn’t today’s reader demand more than the final, satisfying piece of the jigsaw? Come hear how today’s top traditional mystery authors deal with changing values and the challenge of fitting tradition into a contemporary world.

FEATURING

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- **JACK GETZE (MODERATOR)**
- **JANE K. CLELAND**
- **MEREDITH COLE**
- **ROSEMARY HARRIS**
- **JASON PINTER**



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As a newspaper reporter for 12 years, **JACK GETZE** covered national business and economic issues for the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, and the *London Times*. He later sold stocks and bonds for a regional securities firm. *Big Numbers* and *Big Money* are the first two installments of his Austin Carr Mystery Series. Mr. Getze also edits fiction for *Spinetangler Magazine*.



JANE K. CLELAND writes the multiple-award nominated and Independent Mystery Booksellers Association best-selling Josie Prescott Antiques Mystery series [St. Martin’s Minotaur], an Antiques Roadshow for mystery fans. Ms Cleland chairs the Wolfe Pack’s literary awards and is on the board of the Mystery Writers of America/NY Chapter. “Josie” stories have appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*. Her apartment (along with her husband and cats) was featured in a recent *New York Times* article. www.janeclendland.net

MEREDITH COLE directed feature films and wrote screenplays before writing mysteries. Ms Cole won the St. Martin’s Minotaur/Malice Domestic Best First Traditional Mystery competition, and her book, *Posed for Murder*, was published by St. Martin’s Minotaur in February 2009. She is a member of the MWA NY board, and she blogs at www.thedebutanteball.com

The Big Dirt Nap [St. Martin’s Minotaur] is the second entry in **ROSEMARY HARRIS**’s Dirty Business Mystery series. A Certified Master Gardener, Ms Harris splits her time between Manhattan and Connecticut. She’s president of Sisters in Crime/New England Chapter and is a member of the board of directors of the Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter. www.rosemaryharris.com

JASON PINTER is the bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Henry Parker series, *The Stolen*, *The Guilty*, and *The Mark*, which was nominated for several awards and has been optioned for film. A former book editor, Mr. Pinter lives in New York City where he is currently working on a two-part Parker epic that will be in stores this Fall. Visit him at www.jasonpinter.com.



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