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Write what you know. Harnessing that age-old dictum, many working professionals directed their “day-job” know-how into crime fiction. Learn how our panelists, seasoned pros from various disciplines, used this knowledge to enrich their plots and hook readers. What are the promises – and perils – of knowing your subject cold and trying to translate it into edge-of-your-seat mysteries?

FEATURING

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- LAWRENCE LIGHT (MODERATOR)
- CHARLES ATKINS
- ROBERTA ISLEIB
- SARAH LANGAN
- JUSTIN PEACOCK
- ELIZABETH ZELVIN



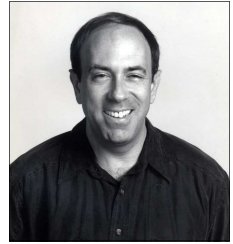
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LAWRENCE LIGHT is the author of the Karen Glick series (*Too Rich To Live, Fear & Greed*) about dirty doings on Wall Street. He also wrote, with his wife Meredith Anthony, the noir thriller *Ladykiller*. His short stories have appeared in *Wall Street Noir* and *Thriller 2*. Lawrence Light is also the national treasurer of Mystery Writers of America, and an award-winning financial journalist, now the deputy editor for Personal Finance at the *Wall Street Journal*. Before that, he was senior editor for Money and Investing at *Forbes* magazine. At *Business Week*, *Newsday* and *Congressional Quarterly*, he delved into all manner of skullduggery and made high-powered enemies who to this day wish him ill. www.lawrencelight.com



CHARLES ATKINS, MD is a board-certified psychiatrist and author. He has published both fiction and non-fiction including a book on bipolar disorder and the recent *Alzheimer's Answer Book* (Sourcebooks 2008). His newest thriller, *Mother's Milk* (Severn House), is a harrowing tale of addiction, seduction and betrayal and will be released this fall. It is the third in the series featuring forensic psychiatrist, Barrett Conyors. www.charlesatkins.com.

Clinical psychologist, **ROBERTA ISLEIB**, is the author of the advice column mysteries including *Asking For Murder* and *Deadly Advice* (Berkley.) She says the work of the detective in a mystery has quite a bit in common with her first career, long-term psychotherapy. Roberta Isleib is the past president of Sisters in Crime, and the chair of the 2010 Edgar best novel committee. Her books and stories have been short-listed for Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity awards. www.robertaisleib.com.

SARAH LANGAN's first novel *The Keeper* was a *New York Times* Editor's Pick. Her second novel *The Missing* won the Bram Stoker Award for outstanding novel, and was a *Publisher's Weekly* favorite book of the year. Her third novel, *Audrey's Door*, has sold to The Weinstein Company for film. She's currently at work on her fourth novel, *Empty Houses*, and lives in Brooklyn with her husband, daughter, and rabbit. www.sarahlangan.com

JUSTIN PEACOCK was born in Detroit and educated at the University of Michigan and Yale Law School. Prior to becoming an author, he practiced law at two large New York City firms and at a major media company. His first novel, *A Cure For Night*, was nominated for an Edgar Award. www.justinpeacock.net

ELIZABETH ZELVIN's new mystery, *Death Will Help You Leave Him*, features recovering alcoholic Bruce Kohler, who first appeared in *Death Will Get You Sober*. She is a psychotherapist who has directed alcohol treatment programs. Elizabeth Zelvin has written and lectured widely about addictions, codependency, and relationships. www.elizabethzelvin.com and www.LZcybershrink.com



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