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Angry Men Who Kill VIOLENT THRILLERS

Why do writers and readers yearn to examine the dark side of human nature? As a novelist, how does it feel to live within those haunted and terrible places? Is there a point of empathy with characters who commit evil, and does “gallows humor” help alleviate the tension of creating – or recreating - violent acts?

FEATURING

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- CORDELIA FRANCES BIDDLE (MODERATOR)
- MEGAN ABBOTT
- GEORGE ANASTASIA
- PHILIP CIOFFARI
- MERRY JONES
- DUANE SWIERCZYNSKI



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Join the panelists in a lively discussion about their memorable and all-too-real villains.

Moderator **CORDELIA FRANCES BIDDLE's** *Deception's Daughter* (Thomas Dunne Books of St. Martin's) is the second in a series set in early Victorian Philadelphia. The debut title, *The Conjurer*, was an IMBA best-seller. Other novels: *Beneath the Wind* (Simon & Schuster) and twelve titles in *The Crossword Mystery Series* (Berkley/Prime Crime) penned with her husband, Steve Zettler, under the pseudonym Nero Blanc.

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MEGAN ABBOTT is the Edgar-winning author of the novels, *Queenpin*, *The Song Is You* and *Die a Little* and the nonfiction book, *The Street Was Mine: White Masculinity in Hardboiled Fiction and Film Noir*. She is also the editor of *A Hell of a Woman: An Anthology of Female Noir*. Her upcoming novel, *Bury Me Deep*, comes out in June 2009.

Veteran Philadelphia journalist **GEORGE ANASTASIA** has written about organized and disorganized crime for thirty-five years. Books: *The Last Gangster* (ReganBooks/Harper Collins), a NYT bestseller; *Blood and Honor* (William Morrow), which Jimmy Breslin called “the best gangster book ever written”; NYT bestseller *The Summer Wind* (Regan Books/HarperCollins); *The Goodfella Tapes* (Avon Books); *Mobfather* (Kensington Books).

PHILIP CIOFFARI is the author of two books of fiction: a mystery/thriller, *Catholic Boys*, and a collection of short stories, *A History of Things Lost or Broken*. He has written and directed the Indie feature film, *Love in the Age of Dion*. He is a professor of English at William Paterson University.
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MERRY JONES has written the Zoe Hayes mysteries: *The Nanny Murders*, *The River Killings*, *The Deadly Neighbors* and *The Borrowed and Blue Murders*. In her Philadelphia-based series, a divorced, adoptive mom manages murders, motherhood, men, and menacing evil. Jones' eleven books include humor (*I Love Him, But...*) and non-fiction (*Birthmothers*).

DUANE SWIERCZYNSKI is the author of several crime thrillers, most recently *Severance Package* (St. Martin's Minotaur). His previous novel, *The Blonde*, was optioned for film by actress Michelle Monaghan. He also writes *The Cable* and *The Immortal Iron Fist* for Marvel Comics. He lives in Philadelphia with his wife and children.
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