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21st CENTURY WITCHES

Inside the Mind of the Female Killer

Evil women fascinate and repel. They subvert the stereotype of females as the gentle sex. Fiction writers reach into their imaginations to bring these evil creatures alive on the page; those who write true crime seek to understand and chronicle the facts of real cases; psychologists seek to explain and perhaps even cure. Join moderator Peggy Ehrhart and a stellar panel drawn from the ranks of Mystery Writers of America as they discuss the psychology of women who kill.

Featuring Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- **Peggy Ehrhart (Moderator)**
- **C.J. Carpenter**
- **Barbara Kirwin**
- **Cheryl Paradis**
- **Lois Winston**



Tuesday, December 14th, 2010
6:30 p.m. on the 6th floor



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Moderator:

Peggy Ehrhart is a former English professor with a Ph.D. in Medieval Literature who now writes mysteries and plays blues guitar. Her first mystery, *Sweet Man Is Gone* (Five Star/Gale/Cengage 2008), introduced her blues-singer sleuth, Maxx Maxwell. The sequel, *Got No Friend Anyhow*, is due out in January 2011. She has won awards for her academic writing and short fiction.



www.PeggyEhrhart.com

Panelists:

C.J. Carpenter is the up-and-coming author of *Never Alone*, featuring NYPD Detective Megan McGinn on the hunt for a female psychopath. *Never Alone* will be released in Spring 2011. She recently signed a two-book deal with Bantam Dell under Kate Miciak and is represented by Doug Grad of the Doug Grad Literary Agency, Inc.

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Barbara Kirwin is a forensic psychologist and author of *The Mad, The Bad, The Innocent: The Criminal Mind on Trial*. In her thirty-year career, she has examined numerous women who have murdered their husbands, lovers, children, and parents, as well as strangers. She is currently working on a true crime book called *Beyond Medea: Why Mothers Kill*, based on the tragic stories of the bad, mad, and sad mothers who murder their own children.

Cheryl Paradis is the author of *The Measure of Madness: Inside the Disturbed and Disturbing Criminal Mind* and numerous other books. She has testified in both the New York State and federal court systems, specializing in the assessment of Competency to Proceed to Trial, Competency to Waive Miranda Rights and Criminal Responsibility—including insanity, extreme emotional disturbance and diminished capacity. She blogs for PsychologyToday.com.

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Award-winning author **Lois Winston's** *Assault with a Deadly Glue Gun*, the first book in her Anastasia Pollack Crafting Mysteries series, will be released on January 1, 2011. Accused of murder, Anastasia must find the real killer before she becomes the next victim. <http://www.loiswinston.com>

Anastasia at <http://www.anastasiapollack.blogspot.com>



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