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## *Is It Romance or Is It Mystery?* Balancing Love and Murder

You're reading a book you can't put down. It's a sultry summer night; the heroine melts into the strong embrace of a handsome man. A long sigh. A short gunshot. She's still in his arms. But he's dead. A romance with mystery? Or a mystery with romance?

Join some passionate writers who blend both as they reveal how they balance flirtation and felony, body heat and homicide.

### Featuring

The Mystery Writers of America-New York Chapter

- Sheila York (Moderator)
- Cordelia Frances Biddle
- Shelley Freydont
- Pearl Wolf



Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
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Moderator **Sheila York** enjoyed a long career in television and radio, and as an actress in commercials, before turning to writing. Her new Lauren Atwill romantic mystery, *A Good Knife's Work*, is set in 1940s New York City. *Publishers Weekly* called it "(A) snappy puzzler... [and] as much fun as a good game of Clue." She serves as treasurer of the New York regional chapter of the Mystery Writers of America.

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**Cordelia Frances Biddle** writes the Martha Beale suspense series. *Without Fear*, *Deception's Daughter*, and *The Conjurer* are set in Victorian-era Philadelphia. Thomas Kelman, a mayoral appointee and investigator, is Martha's clandestine love interest. She co-authored the Nero Blanc *Crossword Mystery* series with husband, Steve Zettler – romance and mystery at work!

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**Shelley Freydont** writes the Katie McDonald and Lindy Haggerty mystery series, and romance novels as Gemma Bruce. Her latest books are *Serial Killer Sudoku* and *The Man for Me*. A former professional dancer and choreographer, she most recently worked on the films *Mona Lisa Smile* and *The Game Plan*.

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**Pearl Wolf** published her first work of fiction—an anecdote for *The Reader's Digest*—when she was 14. She received \$5.00, which was enough to start her on her writing career. Her most recent novel, *Too Hot for a Rake*, was published in April. She lives in Manhattan.

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