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# New York Noir

## Life in the Big Apple Can Be Murder

While New York's murder rate has plummeted in recent years, the city remains a favorite setting for mystery novels, especially those in the sub-genre known as "noir." What is it about New York that draws hard-luck cases, private investigators, femmes fatales... and writers? Is it the people? The place? The history? Or a combination of the three... as the great Mickey Spillane wrote: "*He wasn't fast enough. Someone shoulda told him. But this is New York and you let people find out things for themselves.*" Explore New York's heart of darkness with a panel of distinguished mystery authors.

featuring Mystery Writers of America — New York Chapter  
[www.mwa-ny.org](http://www.mwa-ny.org)

- Hilary Davidson (Moderator)
- Russell Atwood
- Henry Chang
- Katia Lief
- Reggie Nadelson
- Jason Pinter



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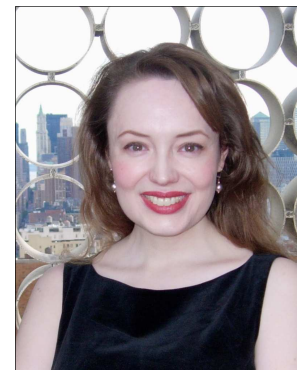
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Moderator **Hilary Davidson's** crime novel, *The Damage Done*, has been called "a stunning debut" by Linda Fairstein. A travel writer who's published 18 nonfiction books, she turned to a life of crime-writing after moving to New York in October 2001. She won the 2010 Spinetinger Award for Best Short Story for "*Insatiable*," and her short fiction has been anthologized in collections such as *A Prisoner of Memory and Blood*, *Guts @ Whiskey*. Website: [www.hilarydavidson.com](http://www.hilarydavidson.com)



**Russell Atwood** is the author of two mystery novels featuring East Village private eye Payton Sherwood, *East of A* and *Losers Live Longer* (a Hard Case Crime paperback original). He is a former Managing Editor of *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*, and currently a freelance writer living in New York City. Website: [www.loserslivelonger.com](http://www.loserslivelonger.com)

**Henry Chang** is a New Yorker, a native son of Chinatown. His acclaimed novels *Chinatown Beat* and *Year of the Dog* feature Chinese-American NYPD Detective Jack Yu investigating crimes that take place in Chinese communities throughout America and around the world. His third novel, *Red Jade*, is due out this year. Website: [www.chinatowntrilogy.com](http://www.chinatowntrilogy.com)

**Katia Lief's** thrillers *You Are Next* and *Next Time You See Me* will be published this fall by Avon/HarperCollins. As Kate Pepper, she's written five previous thrillers. She teaches fiction writing at The New School in Manhattan and lives with her family in Brooklyn. Website: [www.katialief.com](http://www.katialief.com)

**Reggie Nadelson**, a native New Yorker, takes the city as her subject in mysteries featuring Russian born NYPD detective, Artie Cohen. *Londograd*, seventh in the series is out in paperback. The eighth, *Blood Count*, set in Harlem, appears in October. Ian Rankin says: "*Nadelson writes wonderfully well about New York.*" Website: [www.reggienadelson.com](http://www.reggienadelson.com)

**Jason Pinter** is the bestselling author of the Henry Parker series, most recently *The Fury* and *The Darkness*. He has been nominated for the Thriller, Barry, Shamus, Crimespre and Strand Critics award, and his books have over one million copies in print worldwide. Website: [www.jasonpinter.com](http://www.jasonpinter.com)

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