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Journals of Depravity

The Narcissistic Offender

We've all seen these characters living large in the headlines, people who crave admiration and won't hesitate to murder or maim even family and friends to achieve their goals. The narcissist believes that he is superior: the rules don't apply to him; only his satisfaction counts. When on trial, this manipulative and seductive offender will thoroughly enjoy his notoriety and often charm the press. Join a panel featuring a leading forensic psychologist and expert crime writers in a lively discussion of these beautiful monsters.

Featuring

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- Persia Walker (Moderator)
- David Gordon
- Barbara Kirwin
- H.T. Narea
- Dennis Tafoya



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6:30 p.m. on the 6th floor



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Moderator:

Persia Walker is the author of three acclaimed historical novels. Her second book, *Darkness and the Devil Behind Me*, introduced 1920s society reporter Lanie Price. The sequel, *Black Orchid Blues*, appeared in April. She is a member of the board of The Mystery Writers of America- New York Chapter. She is also a former news writer for the Associated Press.



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Panelists:

David Gordon was born in New York City. He attended Sarah Lawrence College, holds an MA in English and Comparative Literature and an MFA in Writing from Columbia University. He has worked in film, fashion, publishing and pornography. His first novel, *The Serialist*, was published by Simon & Schuster in 2010.

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Barbara Kirwin, Ph.D. is one of New York's premier forensic psychologists. Brought in to give expert opinion on insanity defense cases; she coined the term "*Designer Defense*" and has testified in over 100 major homicide cases. She is the author of *Mad, The Bad, and The Innocent: The Criminal Mind On Trial*.

H.T. Narea is an international investment banker who got his start in fiction by researching and editing several books by his father-in-law, Paul Erdman, the Edgar Award-winning creator of the financial fiction genre. His debut novel, *The Fund*, an international political/financial thriller, has just been published by Forge/Macmillan.

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Dennis Tafoya has been a housepainter, hospital orderly, EMT, and has worked in industrial sales. He has authored two novels, *Dope Thief* and *The Wolves Of Fairmount Park*, along with numerous short stories. A member of the Mystery Writers of America and the International Thriller Writers, he currently lives in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

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