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Researching The Historical Mystery The Importance of Accurate Detail

A novel is a marriage between imagination and research. If fiction is the art of telling lies, how important is it to stay true to historical facts when writing a historical mystery? How do authors strike the balance between a good story and staying true to the record? How do writers find accurate details of a time gone by? Can you take a field trip to the past? Accurate historical information is often flawed or missing altogether, so how does the storyteller fill in the blanks? These distinguished authors explore the joys and frustrations of researching the historical mystery.

Featuring

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- Jillian Abbott (Moderator)
- Megan Abbott
- Thomas H. Cook
- Stefanie Pintoff
- M. J. Rose



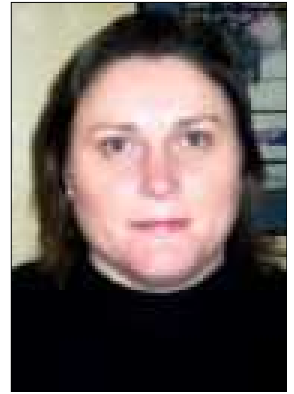
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Moderator:

Jillian Abbott, a former journalist, is the chair of the Hammett Award Reading Committee and a judge for the International Thriller Writer awards for 2011. Her short stories have won awards; and, have been published in *Queens Noir*, the United States and Australia. She teaches English (writing) at CUNY and has written for *The Washington Post*, *The New York Daily News*, *The Independent* (UK) and *The Writer* magazine.



Panelists:

Megan Abbott is the Edgar-winning author of four novels *Queenpin*, *The Song Is You*, *Die a Little* and *Bury Me Deep*. Her stories have appeared in *Wall Street Noir*, *Best Crime and Mystery Stories of the Year* and *Queens Noir*. Her newest novel, *The End of Everything*, comes out in July. She lives in Queens.

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Thomas H. Cook has written twenty-five novels and two works of non-fiction. He has been nominated for the Edgar Allan Poe Award seven times in five different categories. His novel, *The Chatham School Affair* won the Best Novel Edgar in 1996. He has twice won the Martin Beck Award of the Swedish Academy of Detection. His works have been translated into twenty languages.

Stefanie Pintoff's Edgar®-winning debut, *In the Shadow of Gotham*, began a mystery series where early criminal science meets the dark side of old New York. Her work has also earned nominations for the Anthony, Macavity, and Agatha awards. Now a full time writer, she lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

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M. J. Rose is the international bestselling author of 11 novels. *The Reincarnationist* was the inspiration for the 2009 FOX TV show *Past Life*. She is also the co-author of *Buzz your Book*; and, a founding member and board member of ITW and the founder of the first marketing company for authors, AuthorBuzz.com.

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