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So You Think You Can... *Detect*

Do you have what it takes to be an amateur sleuth?

Four award-winning mystery writers discuss the special skills, talents and traits that help their amateur sleuths solve crimes. Join us for a lively conversation on the pleasures, pitfalls and practicalities of creating detectives who are anything but dilettantes when it comes to exposing villainy.

Featuring

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- Cordelia Frances Biddle (Moderator)
- Annamaria Alfieri
- Lucy Burdette
- Kate Gallison
- Merry Jones



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



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Moderator:

Cordelia Frances Biddle is a critically-acclaimed novelist with a passion for history. Her series featuring amateur sleuth, Martha Beale, is set in Philadelphia in the 1840s: *Without Fear*, *Deception's Daughter*, *The Conjurer*. She co-authored *The Crossword Mystery* series with her husband, Steve Zettler, under the *nom de plume*, Nero Blanc. She teaches creative writing at Drexel University.

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Panelists:

Annamaria Alfieri is the author of *City Of Silver*, a historical mystery published by St. Martin's Press to critical acclaim. *Invisible Country* is due out July 2012. Writing as **Patricia King**, she's the author of the short story *Baggage Claim* in the anthology *Queens Noir*. Her five books on business subjects include *Never Work For A Jerk*, which was featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and the current *Monster Boss*. She lives in New York City.

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Lucy Burdette is the author of the Key West food critic mystery series, launching in 2012 with *An Appetite For Murder*. Her alter-ego, clinical psychologist **Roberta Isleib**, has published eight mysteries including the golf lover's mystery series and the advice column mysteries. Her books and stories have been short-listed for Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity awards. She's a past-president of Sisters in Crime.

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Kate Gallison has been at various times a store clerk, a computer programmer, a technical writer and a museum docent. Her published writings include three private eye novels (the Nick Magaracz series) and five traditional mysteries featuring Episcopal minister Lavinia Grey. Under the name of **Irene Fleming**, she writes a series about silent movie production in the early twentieth century. *The Edge Of Ruin* and *The Brink Of Fame* are available from Minotaur Press.

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Merry Jones is the author of the new bio-thriller *Summer Session* as well as the Zoe Hayes mystery series. She has also written humor and women's issue non-fiction books, has been published in seven languages. Her next book, *Behind The Walls*, comes out this winter.

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