

Register NOW for the 2010 Edgar® Week Symposium!

Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Location: Lighthouse International – Benay Venuta Hall – 2nd Floor
111 E 59th Street (between Lexington and Park Avenues)
New York, NY 10022

What: An entire day of top-notch panels. Novice or pro, you will benefit from hearing the experts discuss their strategies for all facets of writing and publishing.

On-site Bookstore: Partners & Crime will be selling the latest novels by the panelists. Signings will follow each panel.

Below is a schedule preview (subject to change).

Symposium Schedule

8:15 - 8:50: Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:55 – 9:00: Welcome – MWA’s Executive Vice President – LARRY LIGHT

9:00-10:00: Writing the Breakout Mystery

Teacher: DONALD MAASS, Agent & Author (*Writing the Breakout Novel*)

Top literary agent and writing guru presents his one-hour workshop on writing the breakout mystery.

10:15 -11:15: Dialogue: Telling vs. Showing

Moderator: REED FARREL COLEMAN, Two-time Edgar® Nominee & Former MWA EVP (*Tower*)

Panelists: ROBERT ARELLANO, 2010 Edgar® Best PBO Nominee (*Havana Lunar*)
KATHLEEN GEORGE, 2010 Edgar® Best Novel Nominee (*The Odds*)
ATTICA LOCKE, 2010 Edgar® Best First Novel Nominee (*Black Water Rising*)
GEORGE MASTRAS, 2010 Edgar® Best TV Episode Nominee (*Breaking Bad*)

Best selling authors discuss the exception to the rule: when it is better to tell than to show.

11:30 – 12:30: Short Stories vs. Novels: The Long and Short of It

Moderator: S.J. ROZAN, Edgar® Winning Author (*The Shanghai Moon*)

Panelists: DOUG ALLYN, Edgar® Winning Short Story Author
ACE ATKINS, 2010 Edgar® Best Short Story Nominee (*Crossroad Blues*)
DANA CAMERON, 2010 Edgar® Best Short Story Nominee (*Boston Noir*)
TONI L.P. KELNER, Author (*MWA Presents: Crimes by Moonlight*)

Writing both short stories and novels – two different kinds of magic.

12:30 – 1:30: Lunch Break

1:30-2:30: Fact vs. Fiction – Falling in Love With Your Research

Moderator: HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN, MWA National Board Member and Author (*Drive Time*)

Panelists: MEGAN ABBOTT, 2010 Edgar® Best PBO Nominee (*Bury Me Deep*)
STEFANIE PINTOFF, 2010 Edgar® Best First Novel Nominee (*In the Shadow of Gotham*)
LANEY SALISBURY, 2010 Edgar® Best Fact Crime Nominee (*Provenance: How a Con Man and a Forger Rewrote the History of Modern Art*)
JOAN SCHENKAR, 2010 Edgar® Best Critical/Bio Nominee (*The Talented Miss Highsmith: The Secret Life and Serious Art of Patricia Highsmith*)

The pitfalls of falling in love with your research and how to avoid them.

2:45-3:45: Writing Juvenile & Young Adult Mysteries

Moderator: CHRIS GRABENSTEIN, Author (*Rolling Thunder*)
Panelists: PETER ABRAHAMS, 2010 Edgar® Best Young Adult Nominee (*Reality Check*)
MICHAEL BEIL, 2010 Edgar® Best Juvenile Nominee (*The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour*)
MARY DOWNING HAHN, 2010 Edgar® Juvenile Nominee (*Closed For the Season*)
SCHUYLER HOOKE, Senior Editor, Random House Children's Books
SOPHIE LITTLEFIELD, 2010 Edgar® Best First Novel Nominee (*A Bad Day For Sorry*)

Best-selling authors discuss why the Juvenile & Young Adult market is so hot and why some write for both.

4:00 – 5:00: From the Writer's Desk: Q&A with Lee Child & Laura Lippman

Interviewer: OLINE COGDILL, Journalist & Reviewer
Panelists: LEE CHILD, 2009 MWA President, Author (*Gone Tomorrow*)
LAURA LIPPMAN, 2010 MWA President, Author (*Life Sentences*)

Cost: \$90 members, \$125 non-members - with a \$35 retroactive discount for those who join Mystery Writers of America within 30 days after Symposium.

You may also pay online using PayPal or via the MWA Store: <http://www.mysterywriters.org/?q=mwastore>
Please sign up at: <http://www.theedgars.com/symposium.html>

Signing Guidelines: All books to be signed must be purchased on site.

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