

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

Registration for ThrillerFest 12:00 pm - 2:15 pm and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
The Mysterious Bookshop, open 9:00 am - 6:30 pm, Flatiron Room

**THRILLERFEST OPENING RECEPTION**  
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*Empire Ballroom*

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| <b>MORNING COFFEE - 8:00 am - 10:30 am Hosted by ITW Foyer</b> |   |  |   |  |
| 8:00 am - 8:50 am  | <b>COLLABORATION, FRANCHISE OR PSEUDONYM?</b><br><b>Estate &amp; Co-Writing</b><br>Panel Master: Brian Andrews<br>Don Bentley<br>Valerie Constantine<br>Simon Gervais<br>Jon Land<br>Jeffrey Wilson                             | <b>NYC, ROME OR OZ?</b><br><b>Using Setting As A Character</b><br>Panel Master: Colleen Winter<br>T.R. Hendricks<br>Ward Larsen<br>Bonnar Spring<br>Lane Stone   | <b>FELONY, MISTRIAL OR HEARSAY?</b><br><b>Legal Eagles</b><br>Panel Master: Robert Rotstein<br>Robert Bailey<br>Al Giannini<br>Phil Margolin<br>Catherine McKenzie<br>S. Lee Manning                                | <b>HAMMETT, LARSSON OR CHANDLER?</b><br><b>The Thrills Of Mystery</b><br>Panel Master: Linda Sands<br>Daniella Bernett<br>Jenna Harte<br>Cheryl Hollon<br>Barbara Ross   |
| 9:00 am - 9:50 am  | <b>BIG SCREEN, SMALL SCREEN OR NETFLIX?</b><br><b>Bringing the Written Page to Life</b><br>Panel Master: Karin Slaughter<br>Karen Dionne<br>Alex Finlay<br>Mark Greaney<br>Isabella Maldonado<br>Matthew Quirk<br>Veronica Roth | <b>HARDCOVER, PAPERBACK OR E-BOOK?</b><br><b>Thriller Award Nominees</b><br>Panel Master: Elena Taylor<br>E.J. Findorff<br>Amanda Jayatissa<br>Karin Nordin<br>Eric Redman<br>Terry Roberts                        | <b>URBAN, RURAL OR COASTAL?</b><br><b>Suspense In Your Neighborhood</b><br>Panel Master: Danielle Girard<br>Kimberly Belle<br>Vanessa Lillie<br>Jamie Mason<br>Megan Miranda<br>Daniel (D.J.) Palmer<br>Kaira Rouda | <b>REVIEW, REVISE OR RESTART?</b><br><b>The ITW Thriller-Tique Program</b><br>Panel Master: Joel Burcat<br>Tammy Euliano<br>Millie Hast<br>Sophia Singh Sasson<br>Bonnar Spring                                      |
| 9:50 am - 10:20 am   | Authors from morning sessions will be signing in the Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor.  |  |   |  |
| 10:20 am - 11:10 am  | <b>Spotlight Guest VERONICA ROTH interviewed by KARIN SLAUGHTER, Central Park West</b>  |  |   |  |
| 11:20 am - 12:10 pm  | <b>EDITORS, AGENTS OR PUBLISHERS?</b><br><b>An Insider's View</b><br>Panel Master: Jaime Levine<br>Jenny Chen<br>Tom Colgan<br>Dan Conaway<br>Wes Miller<br>Kelley Ragland<br>Mark Tavani                                       | <b>CONFLICT, PIVOTAL MOMENTS OR INTRIGUING CHARACTERS?</b><br><b>Hooking The Reader</b><br>Panel Master: Mark Rubinstein<br>Matt Broly<br>Jode Millman<br>Brad Parks<br>Marta Sprout<br>Rebecca York               | <b>CIVIL WAR, VICTORIAN OR WW II?</b><br><b>Mystery In History</b><br>Panel Master: Boyd Morrison<br>Rodger Carlyle<br>Anne Cleeland<br>W. Michael Gear<br>Terrence McCauley<br>Ann Parker                          | <b>SHAPESHIFTERS, MAGIC OR GHOSTS?</b><br><b>Fantastical Thrillers</b><br>Panel Master: Heather Graham<br>Kelley Armstrong<br>Tori Eldridge<br>Beverly Graf<br>Matthew Quinn Martin<br>Mark Schorr<br>F. Paul Wilson |
| 12:10 pm - 12:40 pm  | Authors from early afternoon sessions will be signing in the Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor including <b>Spotlight Guest Veronica Roth</b>  |  |   |  |
| 12:40 pm - 1:30 pm   | <b>Spotlight Guest JOSEPH FINDER interviewed by Lee Child, Central Park West</b>  |  |   |  |
| 1:40 pm - 2:30 pm  | <b>ITW MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Central Park West</b>  |  |   |  |
| 2:40 pm - 3:30 pm  | <b>TRAUMA, DRAMA OR REVENGE?</b><br><b>Psychological Thrillers</b><br>Panel Master: Wendy Walker<br>Lynne Constantine<br>Jennifer Hillier<br>Clare Mackintosh<br>Sarah Pekkanen<br>Riley Sager<br>Kate White                    | <b>NANOTECH, SATELLITES OR GENE- SPLICING?</b><br><b>Technology In Thrillers</b><br>Panel Master: Sam Octavius<br>Mark Alpert<br>J.D. Barker<br>David Holtzman<br>Camille Minichino<br>Drew Murray<br>Kira Peikoff | <b>MURDER, KIDNAPPING OR ROBBERY?</b><br><b>Spicing Up Crime Fiction</b><br>Panel Master: Tom Wickersham<br>Ryan Aldred<br>Kris Calvin<br>Thomas Kies<br>K.D. Richards<br>Bill Schweigart                           | <b>SAUNTERING, SPRINTING OR SKYDIVING?</b><br><b>Varying Your Pacing</b><br>Panel Master: Nina Sadowsky<br>Brian Andrews<br>Mysti Berry<br>Reed Bunzel<br>Al Pessin<br>Brad Taylor                                   |
| 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm  | <b>MEET THE MASTERS: Past and Present ThrillerMasters</b><br><b>Sandra Brown, Lee Child, Diana Gabaldon, Heather Graham, John Sandford, R.L. Stine,</b><br><b>hosted by Jeff Ayers,</b><br><i>Central Park West</i>             |  |   |  |
| 4:40 pm - 5:30 pm  | <b>EAGLE, HAWK OR FALCON?</b><br><b>Birds of Prey – ITW's Audiobook Original Anthology</b><br>Panel Master: Steve Feldberg<br>C.J. Box<br>S.A. Cosby<br>Heather Graham<br>Gregg Hurwitz   | <b>BEACH READ, PAGE TURNER OR SNOOZER?</b><br><b>Striving For Reviews</b><br>Panel Master: Jon Land<br>Sam Boush<br>Peter Cannon<br>Liz French<br>Joe Meyers<br>Myles Knapp  | <b>MURDER, MAYHEM OR NATURAL CAUSES?</b><br><b>Inventive Ways to Kill Off Characters</b><br>Panel Master: Patricia Gussin<br>Cindy Dees<br>Joan Johnston<br>William Myers<br>Jeneva Rose                            | <b>INDIE, TRADITIONAL OR HYBRID?</b><br><b>Alternative Publishing Routes</b><br>Panel Master: Libby Jordan<br>J.D. Barker<br>J. Luke Bennecke<br>Todd Cohen<br>Mark Edwards<br>Deborah J. Ledford                    |
| 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm  | Authors from afternoon sessions will sign in the Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor including <b>Spotlight Guest JOSEPH FINDER.</b>   |  |   |  |
| 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  | <b>Friday Night Cocktail Party Hosted by ITW, Empire Ballroom</b>   |  |   |  |

# THRILLERFEST SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022

Registration 7:30 am - 2:15 pm, Awards Banquet Ticket Sales 5:30 pm - 7:15 pm, Lobby  
The Mysterious Bookshop, open 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Flatiron Room

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| 8:00 am - 8:50 am   | <b>TWAIN, HEMINGWAY OR BRONTE? The Writer Who Influenced You Most</b><br>Panel Master: Bob Gussin<br>Georgina Cross<br>Glen Erik Hamilton<br>Will McCormick<br>Glenn Parris<br>Carter Wilson<br>Jeff Wilson   | <b>GOOGLE, EXPERTS OR TRAVEL? Researching Your Novel</b><br>Panel Master: Tammy Euliano<br>Jeremy Burns<br>Carol Goodman<br>Lee Goldberg<br>Humphrey Hawksley<br>Isabella Maldonado                  | <b>FORESHADOWING, FLASHBACKS OR SECRETS? Creating Suspense</b><br>Panel Master: Michael Bradley<br>Marco Carocari<br>Alexandra Ivy<br>Cara Reinard<br>A.J. Tata                              | <b>MONOLOGUE, DIALOGUE OR WHITE SPACE? Creating Natural Conversation</b><br>Panel Master: Richard Doetsch<br>Tanya Eby<br>Brandon Hebert<br>Eliza Nellums<br>James Robertson<br>Shawn Wilson |
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am  | <b>ITW Presents</b><br><b>BREAKFAST WITH THE DEBUT AUTHOR CLASS OF 2022: Introductions by Lisa Gardner, Metropolitan Ballroom</b><br>Yasmin Angoe, Kristen Bird, Allison Buccola, Mary Dixie Carter, Brian Cuban, Joan Long, Chuck Marten, William Maz, David McCloskey, Addison McKnight, M.A. Monnin, Taylor Moore, Wanda M. Morris, Hannah Morrisey, Steve Tingle, Carolyne Topdjian, Wendy Whitman, Stacy Willingham, Ashley Winstead.                        |  |  |  |
| 10:00 am - 10:30 am | Authors from early morning sessions will be signing in the Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor including <b>DEBUT AUTHORS, CLASS OF 2020.</b>  |  |  |  |
| 10:30 am - 11:20 am | <b>DARTH VADER, THANOS OR JOKER? Memorable Villains</b><br>Panel Master: Alex Finlay<br>Gregg Hurwitz<br>Clare Mackintosh<br>Chris Pavone<br>Nick Petrie<br>R.L. Stine<br>Jerri Williams  | <b>HARDCOVER, SHORT STORY OR FIRST NOVEL? Thriller Award Nominees</b><br>Panel Master: Steven James<br>Joy Castro<br>John Connell<br>Alma Katsu<br>Jess Lourey<br>Jeff Soloway                       | <b>STORY STRUCTURE, LINE EDITS OR TWEAKS? Making Your Writing Shine</b><br>Panel Master: Otto Penzler<br>Meredith Anthony<br>John Lescroart<br>Gabriela Pereira<br>Adam Sikes<br>Matt Witten | <b>BLUEPRINTS, OUTLINES OR SANDCASTLES? Building Your Story</b><br>Panel Master: Dawn Ius<br>Elle Cosimano<br>Lee Matthew Goldberg<br>Mike Pace<br>Rebecca Taylor                            |
| 11:30 am - 12:20 pm | <b>ThrillerMaster DIANA GABALDON interviewed by HEATHER GRAHAM, Central Park West</b>   |  |  |  |
| 12:20 pm - 12:50 pm | Authors from morning sessions will be signing in the Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor including <b>ThrillerMaster Diana Gabaldon.</b>   |  |  |  |
| 1:00 pm - 1:50 pm   | <b>JAMES BOND, STAR WARS OR MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE? Building A Franchise</b><br>Panel Master: K.J. Howe<br>C.J. Box<br>Alafair Burke<br>Diana Gabaldon<br>Mark Greaney<br>John Sandford<br>Karin Slaughter   | <b>SHOCKS, TWISTS OR SECRETS? Surprising Your Reader</b><br>Panel Master: Lynne Constantine<br>Aaron Philip Clark<br>Robert Desiderio<br>Daniel (D.J.) Palmer<br>Gretchen Stelter<br>Connor Sullivan | <b>LIES, SIGNS OR SEEKING JUSTICE? Young Adult Thrillers</b><br>Panel Master: Alan Orloff<br>Ashley Elston<br>Steven James<br>Maureen Johnson<br>Ginny Myers Sain                            | <b>TINGLES, TERRORS OR TITILLATION? Cranking Up The Tension</b><br>Panel Master: Frederic Colier<br>Tom Avitabile<br>Ethan Cross<br>Lisa Hall<br>Paul Vidich<br>Niko Wolf                    |
| 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm   | <b>Spotlight Guest ALAFAIR BURKE interviewed by LISA UNGER, Central Park West</b>   |  |  |  |
| 2:50 pm - 3:10 pm   | Authors from early afternoon sessions will sign in the Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor including <b>Spotlight Guest ALAFAIR BURKE.</b>   |  |  |  |
| 3:10 pm - 4:00 pm   | <b>STRENGTHS, FLAWS OR BAGGAGE? Creating A Believable Protagonist</b><br>Panel Master: Steven James<br>Samantha Bailey<br>Aaron Philip Clark<br>S.A. Cosby<br>Joseph Finder<br>John Lescroart<br>Lisa Unger   | <b>PODCASTS, PROMOTIONS OR TIKTOK? Promoting Thrillers</b><br>Panel Master: Rob Taub<br>Joseph Bronson<br>Sara DiVello<br>Abigail Endler<br>Meryl Moss<br>Annie Stone<br>Tessa Wegert                | <b>FRIENDS, PARTNERS OR ENEMIES? Developing Character Connections</b><br>Panel Master: Nick Petrie<br>Daco Aufferorde<br>Tori Eldridge<br>Rea Frey<br>Simon Gervais<br>Riley Sager           | <b>FORENSICS, HUNCHES OR SHOE LEATHER? Tools In The Investigator's Kit</b><br>Panel Master: Amy Shojai<br>Doug Grad<br>Lawrence Light<br>Rick Pullen<br>Joel Shulkin<br>Cynthia Webb         |
| 4:10 pm - 5:00 pm   | <b>MOANA, CAPTAIN MARVEL OR ARYA STARK? Strong Female Characters</b><br>Panel Master: Jaime Levine<br>Kelley Armstrong<br>Sandra Brown<br>Lisa Gardner<br>Chris Hauty<br>Brad Taylor  | <b>NEWS, INSIGHTS OR INVESTIGATIONS? Echoing Current Events</b><br>Panel Master: Gary Grossman<br>R.G. Belsky<br>Roger Canaff<br>Heather Chavez<br>Otho Eskin<br>Jeffrey James Higgins               | <b>LEGAL, ETHICAL OR MORAL? Unusual Crime In Thrillers</b><br>Panel Master: James L'Etoile<br>Matthew Farrell<br>Melissa Larsen<br>Edward J. Leahy<br>Rick Mofina<br>Janis Thomas            | <b>PLOTTING, PANTSING OR DART BOARD? Choosing The Best Method</b><br>Panel Master: J.D. Allen<br>Debbie Babitt<br>Glen Erik Hamilton<br>Dani Pettrey<br>Tom Shawver                          |
| 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm   | Authors from late afternoon sessions will sign in the Lenox Ballroom, Second Floor.   |  |  |  |
| 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm   | <b>PRE-BANQUET COCKTAIL PARTY Hosted by OCEANVIEW, Metropolitan Ballroom Foyer</b>  |  |  |  |
| 7:00 pm             | <b>ITW 17th ANNUAL THRILLER AWARDS BANQUET with Master of Ceremonies MARK GREANEY - Metropolitan Ballroom</b><br><b>2022 ThrillerMaster DIANA GABALDON, Award Presented by 2016 ThrillerMaster HEATHER GRAHAM</b><br><b>2022 ThrillerMaster FREDERICK FORSYTH, Award Presented by 2011 ThrillerMaster R.L. STINE</b><br><b>2022 Thriller Legend Award Recipient WRITERS HOUSE, Award Presented by JOSEPH FINDER</b><br><b>Presentation of THE THRILLER AWARDS</b> |  |  |  |
|                     | <b>THRILLERMASTER AFTER PARTY honoring 2022 ThrillerMaster DIANA GABALDON and FREDERICK FORSYTH</b><br><b>Hosted by ITW – Empire Ballroom</b>   |  |  |  |