

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

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

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>THRILLERFEST OPENING RECEPTION</b> Co-Hosted by Tor/Forge, Minotaur & St. Martin's, <i>New York Ballroom</i>
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## THRILLERFEST FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

Registration, open 7:30 am - 5:30 pm  
The Mysterious Bookshop, open 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, Flatiron Room

ROOM	EMPIRE EAST	GRAMERCY	BOWERY	EMPIRE WEST
<b>MORNING COFFEE - 8:00 am - 10:30 am Hosted by ITW Foyer</b>				
8:00 am - 8:50 am	<b>UNEXPECTED TWISTS, UNRELIABLE NARRATORS OR UNLIKELY VILLAINS?</b> <b>Surprising Your Reader</b> Panel Master: Alex Finlay Lou Berney Aaron Philip Clark S.A. Cosby Hannah Mary McKinnon Carrie Rubin Wendy Walker	<b>BAKERY, BANGKOK OR BATTLESTAR? Using Setting as a Character</b> Panel Master: Drew Murray Lee Matthew Goldberg Puja Guha William Jensen Deborah Ledford Grant McKenzie Leonardo Wild	<b>BUTCHER KNIFE, SNIPER RIFLE OR PIPE BOMB?</b> <b>Revelations in Thrillers</b> Panel Master: Matthew Farrell David Corbett Jennifer Fawcett Steven James Mike Pace Rick Treon Jennifer Wilkov	<b>BLUE BLOODS, PRIVATE EYES OR INTERNET SLEUTHS?</b> <b>Cozying Up to the Mystery</b> Panel Master: Gary Grossman Alexia Gordon Con Lehane Deborah Goodrich Royce Lane Stone Stacy Woodson
9:00 am - 9:50 am	<b>BIG SCREEN, BROADCAST OR CHILL? Bringing Novels to Life</b> Panel Master: Jon Land Jeffery Deaver Karen Dionne Joseph Finder Mark Greaney Walter Mosley R.L. Stine	<b>HARDCOVER, PAPERBACK OR E-BOOK? Thriller Award Nominees</b> Panel Master: Tosca Lee Mark Edwards Jennifer Hillier Rick Mofina Wanda Morris Chris Pavone Stacy Willingham	<b>LEGAL, MEDICAL OR FINANCIAL? Troubles in Paradise</b> Panel Master: Robert Rotstein Robert Bailey Amy Impellizeri Jode Millman Joshua Moehling Steve Urszenyi Carl Vonderau	<b>CABLE NEWS, SOCIAL MEDIA OR EYEWITNESSES? Echoing Current Events</b> Panel Master: Richard Doetsch J.M. Adams Clemence Michallon Rick Pullen Timothy Sojka
9:50 am - 10:20 am	Authors from morning sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom			
10:20 am - 11:10 am	<b>ThrillerMaster CHARLAINE HARRIS interviewed by KARIN SLAUGHTER, <i>Empire East</i></b>			
11:20 am - 12:10 pm	<b>MIND GAMES, REVENGE OR GASLIGHTING? Psychological Thrillers</b> Panel Master: J.T. Ellison Lynne Constantine Alex Finlay Clare Mackintosh Ivy Pochoda Erin Young	<b>VOICE, DRAMA OR SOUND EFFECTS? The World of Audiobooks</b> Panel Master: Stacy Creamer Ari Fliakos Sebastian Fitzek Hillary Huber Ellen Quint Megan Tusing	<b>SUMERIANS, ROMANS, OR MILLENIALS? History as Inspiration</b> Panel Master: Steve Hartov E. Chris Ambrose Dana Cameron Boyd Morrison Deanna Raybourn Danielle Trussoni	<b>ABDUCTION, EXPLOITATION OR SEXTORTION? The Dark Enemy in Child Crimes - FBI Special Presentation</b> Panel Master: PAS Denise Ballew SSA Leslie Adamczyk UC Catherine S. Connell SSA Ray Hall UC Michael L. Wagner
12:10 pm - 12:40 pm	Authors from early afternoon sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom including <b>ThrillerMaster CHARLAINE HARRIS</b>			
12:40 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>MEET THE MASTERS, Hosted by LISA UNGER</b> <b>THRILLERMASTERS HEATHER GRAHAM, CHARLAINE HARRIS, WALTER MOSLEY, and R.L. STINE, <i>Empire East</i></b>			
1:40 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>ITW MEMBERSHIP MEETING, <i>Empire East</i></b> <i>Updates on the new benefits and initiatives coming next year + win prizes</i>			
2:40 pm - 3:30 pm	<b>EDITORS, AGENTS OR PUBLISHERS? An Insider's View</b> Panel Master: K.J. Howe Jenny Chen Dan Conaway Danielle Dieterich Kelley Ragland Mark Tavani Nikki Terpilowski	<b>BREADCRUMBS, SURPRISES OR REVEALS? Hooking The Reader</b> Panel Master: Connor Sullivan Brittany Butler Jeff Cohen Georgina Cross Simon Gervais James Hankins Meredith Lyons	<b>CAT BURGLARS, HEIST GANGS OR TERROR GROUPS? Spicing Up Crime Fiction</b> Panel Master: Christianna Mason Anjili Babbar Raymond Benson Doug Grad Jeffrey James Higgins Robert Swartwood	<b>REDACTED, CLASSIFIED OR TOP SECRET? Espionage in Thrillers</b> Panel Master: Tom Wickersham Traci Abramson Tom Colgan Jamie Freveletti William Maz Susan Ouellette M.P. Woodward
3:40 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>ThrillerMaster WALTER MOSLEY interviewed by JERRI WILLIAMS, <i>Empire East</i></b>			
4:40 pm - 5:30 pm	<b>ADRENALINE, SURPRISES OR MOMENTUM? What Makes Thrillers Addictive</b> Panel Master: A.J. Tata Allison Brennan Andrea Johnson Tosca Lee Riley Sager Kate White Jeffrey Wilson	<b>GOODREADS, NY TIMES OR TIKTOK? Striving For Reviews</b> Panel Master: Jon Land Meredith Anthony Sam Boush Vanessa Cronin Liz French Meryl Moss Joe Meyers Conner Reed	<b>POISON, PANDEMIC OR PEN? Inventive Ways to Kill Off Characters</b> Panel Master: Pat Gussin Trevor Firetog Lawrence Light Matthew Quinn Martin Bill Schweigart E.G. Scott	<b>INDIE, TRADITIONAL OR HYBRID? Alternative Publishing Routes</b> Panel Master: John Raab J.D. Barker Bill Byrnes Lynne Constantine Otto Penzler S.K. Waters Jerri Williams
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Authors from afternoon sessions will sign in Lenox Ballroom including <b>THRILLERMASTER WALTER MOSLEY</b>			
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	<b>FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY, Hosted by ITW, <i>Metropolitan West Ballroom</i></b>			

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# THRILLERFEST SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

Conference Registration, open 7:30 am - 2:15 pm, Awards Banquet Ticket Sales 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm, Lobby  
The Mysterious Bookshop, open 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, Flatiron Room

ROOM	EMPIRE EAST	GRAMERCY	BOWERY	EMPIRE WEST
8:00 am - 8:50 am	<b>FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS OR STRANGERS?</b> <b>Domestic Suspense</b> Panel Master: Jaime Levine Samantha Bailey Mary Burton Heather Chavez Danielle Girard Jennifer McMahon Alex Segura	<b>ONSITE, ONLINE OR ON THE JOB?</b> <b>Researching Your Novel</b> Panel Master: Michael Bradley Mysti Berry Melissa Larsen Brian Nelson Polly Stewart Tony Wirt	<b>ANTICIPATION, HESITATION OR APPREHENSION?</b> <b>Creating Suspense</b> Panel Master: Tammy Euiiano Daco Auffenorde M.L. Buchman A.J. Chambers May Cobb T.M. Dunn Vera Kurian	<b>MONOLOGUE, CONVERSATION OR ARGUMENT?</b> <b>Creating Natural Dialogue</b> Panel Master: Bob Gussin J. Luke Bennecke Kristen Bird Allison Buccola John Dobbyn Alexa Recio de Fitch
9:00 am - 10:00 am	<b>ITW PRESENTS THE DEBUT AUTHOR CLASS OF 2023 CELEBRATORY BREAKFAST:</b> Erin E. Adams, Roxana Arama, Sorbani Banerjee, James Barretto, Julia Bartz, I.S. Berry, Mindy Carlson, Rachel Koller Croft, Michelle Cruz, Vanessa Cuti, Ivanka Fear, Michelle Godard-Richer, Elle Grawl, T.R. Hendricks, Jennifer Herrera, Alex Kenna, Deborah Levison, Ken MacQueen, Briana Una McGuckin, Lauren Nossett, Jonathan Payne, Dominique Richardson, Adam Sikes, Nina Wachsmann, Edward Zuckerman Introductions by Lisa Gardner, <i>Metropolitan East Ballroom</i>			
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Authors from early morning sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom including <b>DEBUT AUTHORS, CLASS OF 2023</b>			
10:30 am - 11:20 am	<b>KILLING EVE, BOSCH OR HANDMAID'S TALE?</b> <b>Building A Series</b> Panel Master: Isabella Maldonado Jack Carr Michael Connelly Lisa Gardner Charlaime Harris Mark Greaney Brad Thor	<b>AUDIOBOOK, SHORT STORY OR FIRST NOVEL?</b> <b>Thriller Award Nominees</b> Panel Master: Todd Gerber Kimberly Belle J.L. DeLozier Layne Fargo Cate Holahan Smita Harish Jain Vanessa Lillie	<b>PRODIGIES, DELINQUENTS OR NERDS?</b> <b>Young Adult Thrillers</b> Panel Master: Leslie Lutz Melissa Albert Kimberly Giarratano Kate McLaughlin Francesca Padilla Jesse Sutanto R.L. Stine	<b>POST-IT NOTES, NAPKINS OR OUTLINES?</b> <b>Stringing Your Plot Together</b> Panel Master: Samantha Skal Reed Bunzel Cindy Fazzi Elise Hart Kipness Ward Larsen Brendan Reichs
11:30 am - 12:20 pm	<b>Spotlight Guest JACK CARR interviewed by BRAD THOR, <i>Empire East</i></b>			
12:20 pm - 12:50 pm	Authors from morning sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom including <b>Spotlight Guest JACK CARR</b>			
1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	<b>CRUELLA, HANNIBAL OR VOLDEMORT?</b> <b>Memorable Villains</b> Panel Master: Brian Andrews James Comey Jeffery Deaver Jennifer Hillier Alma Katsu Dervla McTiernan Karin Slaughter	<b>INNOVATIVE, FUTURISTIC OR AUTONOMOUS?</b> <b>Real or Artificial Intelligence</b> Panel Master: Sam Octavius Mark Alpert J.D. Barker Rip Gerber David Holtzman Kira Peikoff Kathy Reichs	<b>RE-WRITES, BETA READERS OR FREELANCE EDITORS?</b> <b>Honing Your Writing</b> Panel Master: Mark Rubinstein Joanne Leedom-Ackerman Amanda McKinney Karen Osman Jennifer Pashley Lev Rosen Linda Sands	<b>LOCUSTS, WITNESS PROTECTION OR WATER BOARDING?</b> <b>Cranking Up the Tension</b> Panel Master: Heather Graham Lindsay Cameron Jessica Hamilton Jaime Lynn Hendricks Glenn Parris Mike Trigg
2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	<b>Silver Bullet Award Winner MICHAEL CONNELLY interviewed by JEFF AYERS, <i>Empire East</i></b>			
2:50 pm - 3:10 pm	Authors from early afternoon sessions will sign in Lenox Ballroom including <b>SILVER BULLET WINNER MICHAEL CONNELLY</b>			
3:10 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>FLAWED, FATIGUED OR FAMILIAR?</b> <b>Creating A Believable Protagonist</b> Panel Master: Heather Graham Kalisha Buckhanon Joseph Finder Clare Mackintosh Walter Mosley Sarah Pekkanen Lisa Unger	<b>PODCAST, SOCIAL OR TIKTOK?</b> <b>Killing It in Social Media</b> Panel Master: Sara DiVello Kristen Cioffi Abby Endler Jamise Harper Stephanie Hockersmith Dennis Michel Jeneva Rose	<b>COWORKERS, FAMILY OR STRANGERS?</b> <b>Developing Character Connections</b> Panel Master: Dwayne Goetzel S.C. Lalli Christina McDonald Paula Munier Ashley Winstead	<b>DOMESTIC, PROVINCIAL OR GLOBETROTTING?</b> <b>Thrillers That Span the Globe</b> Panel Master: Taylor Moore Daniella Bernett Peter Blauner Anne Cleeland Tullan Holmqvist Bonnar Spring
4:10 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>STYLE, SUBSTANCE OR NUANCE?</b> <b>Your Writing Voice &amp; Personal Brand</b> Panel Master: Nathaniel Marunas S.A. Cosby Gracie Doyle Meg Gardiner Jean Kwok Wanda Morris	<b>MURDER, ACTION OR PERIL?</b> <b>Crafting the Very Best First Page</b> Panel Master: Tessa Wegert Mary Dixie Carter Veronica Forand Darby Kane Karina Kilmore Tom Shawver Colleen Winter	<b>VILE, CULPABLE OR CLOSE TO HOME?</b> <b>True Crime as Inspiration</b> Panel Master: James L'Etoile Lyn Liao Butler J.L. Hughes Mandy McHugh Camille Minichino Matt Witten	<b>RITUALS, ROUTINE OR INTUITION?</b> <b>Keeping the Creative Juices Flowing</b> Panel Master: Jamie Mason Mir Bahmanyar Alexia Gordon Bonnie Kistler Kent Lester D.J. Palmer
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Authors from late afternoon sessions will sign in Lenox Ballroom			
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	<b>PRE-BANQUET COCKTAIL PARTY, hosted by OCEANVIEW, <i>Metropolitan Ballroom Foyer</i></b>			
7:00 pm	<b>ITW 18th ANNUAL THRILLER AWARDS BANQUET featuring emcee MARK GREANEY, <i>Metropolitan Ballroom</i></b> 2023 ThrillerMaster WALTER MOSLEY, Award Presented by 2011 ThrillerMaster R.L. STINE 2023 ThrillerMaster CHARLAINE HARRIS, Award Presented by 2016 ThrillerMaster HEATHER GRAHAM Silver Bullet Award Winner MICHAEL CONNELLY, Award Presented by 2017 Silver Bullet Winner LISA GARDNER & JOSEPH FINDER 2023 Thriller Legend Award Recipient MINOTAUR BOOKS, Award Presented by GREGG HURWITZ Presentation of THE THRILLER AWARDS			
9:30 pm	<b>THRILLERMASTER AFTER PARTY honoring 2023 ThrillerMasters CHARLAINE HARRIS AND WALTER MOSLEY</b> <i>hosted by ITW, Empire Ballroom</i>			

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