

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024

Registration, open 12:00 pm - 2:15 pm and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, *Lower Lobby* | The Mysterious Bookshop, open 9:00 am - 6:30 pm, *Flatiron*

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	THRILLERFEST OPENING RECEPTION Co-Hosted by TOR/Forge, Minotaur & St. Martin's New York Ballroom
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THRILLERFEST FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

Registration, open 7:30 am - 6:30pm *Lower Lobby* | The Mysterious Bookshop, open 9:00 am - 6:30 pm, *Flatiron Room*

ROOM	EMPIRE EAST	GRAMERCY	BOWERY	EMPIRE WEST
MORNING COFFEE - 8:00 am - 10:30 am Hosted by ITW Foyer				
8:00 am - 8:50 am	BEAU, FOE OR NO? Dynamic Character Relationships Moderator: A.J. Tata Margot Douaihy Alex Finlay Shari Lapena Tosca Lee Clare Mackintosh Wanda Morris	CONFLICT, CLOCK OR CRUCIBLE? What Makes a Good Thriller Moderator: Terry Shames John Dobbyn Joseph LeValley Jode Millman Joshua Moehling Polly Stewart	HEADBUTT, DROPKICK OR CHOKEHOLD? Writing Realistic Fight Scenes Moderator: Ruth Church Chris Grall T.R. Hendricks Isabella Maldonado Stephen Mann Gregg Podolski Connor Sullivan	IMPOSSIBLE ESCAPES, UNPREDICTABLE TWISTS OR MISBEHAVING CHARACTERS? When the Unexpected Works Moderator: Hank Phillippi Ryan Allison Buccola Reed Bunzel Matthew Quinn Martin William Maz Thomas Shawver Tessa Wegert
9:00 am - 9:50 am	HARDCOVER, PAPERBACK OR E-BOOK? Thriller Award Nominees Moderator: Tosca Lee S.A. Cosby J.T. Ellison Tess Gerritsen Lisa Gray Lauren Nossett Lisa Unger	GASLIGHTING, INTIMIDATION OR STALKING? Psychological Thrillers Moderator: Samantha Skal Samantha M. Bailey Karen Dionne Alex Finlay Robyn Harding Kate White	NARRATOR, SPECIAL EFFECTS OR FULL CAST? Audiobook Trends Moderator: Stacy Creamer Scott Brick Suzanne Elise Freeman Hillary Huber Saskia Maarleveld Ellen Quint	SWEET, SOUR OR BITTER? The Taste of Revenge Moderator: Tessa Wegert S.K. Andrews Jaime Lynn Hendricks Amy Impellizzeri Sarah Zachrich Jeng Bonnie Kistler Robert Rotstein
9:50 am - 10:20 am	Authors from morning sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom.			
10:20 am - 11:10 am	ThrillerMaster Tess Gerritsen interviewed by Karin Slaughter, Empire East			
11:20 am - 12:10 pm	MURDER, MAYHEM OR PSYCHIATRY? The Twisted Women's Book Club Moderator: K.J. Howe Steve Feldberg Joseph FINDER Heather Gudenkauf Gregg Hurwitz Shari Lapena Clare Mackintosh Karin Slaughter	LIARS, THIEVES OR MURDERERS? Developing Antagonists Moderator: Allison Brennan Mysti Berry Marco Carocari Vanessa Cuti Rob Hart Lawrence Light Hannah Morrissey	PICTURESQUE, BUSTLING OR REMOTE? International Settings Moderator: Jeffrey Wilson Traci Abramson Simon Gervais Puja Guha Don Helin Tullan Holmqvist A.J. Tata	SINGLE, SERIAL OR SPREE? Types of Murder Moderator: Tammy Euliano Esme Addison Robert Bailey Mindy Carlson Doug Grad Deborah J. Ledford Lev Rosen
12:10 pm - 12:40 pm	Authors from the midday sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom including ThrillerMaster Tess Gerritsen			
12:40 pm - 1:30 pm	Spotlight Guest Steph Cha interviewed by Walter Mosley, Empire East			
1:40 pm - 2:30 pm	ITW MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Empire East. Win Prizes!			
2:40 pm - 3:30 pm	SLUSHPILE FINDS, BREAKOUTS, OR GENRE-BENDING SUCCESSES Stories from the Front Lines Moderator: Samuel Octavius Dan Conaway Tara Gavin Sandy Lu Kelley Ragland John Talbot	VISUAL, EPIC OR THREE-ACT STRUCTURE? Writing Cinematic Structure Moderator: Brian Andrews Rachel Koller Croft Simon Gervais Nic Izzi Melissa Larsen Jon McGoran Stephanie Wrobel	GOODREADS, NEW YORK TIMES OR KIRKUS? Book Reviews Moderator: Jon Land Sam Boush Vannessa Cronin Elizabeth French Ayo Onatade Conner Reed Henrietta Thornton	SUBTERFUGE, COVERT OR DOUBLE AGENT? The World of Espionage Moderator: Jamie Freveletti I.S. Berry Brittany Butler Len Opanashuk Susan Ouellette Jonathan Payne Roman Rozhavsky (FBI)
3:40 pm - 4:30 pm	Spotlight Guest Ruth Ware interviewed by Lisa Unger, Empire East			
4:40 pm - 5:30 pm	ACCOLADES, AWARDS OR LEGACY? The Life of a ThrillerMaster Moderator: Jeff Ayers Tess Gerritsen Heather Graham Charlaine Harris David Morrell Walter Mosley John Sandford R.L. Stine	TROT, CANTER OR GALLOP? Pacing Your Plot Moderator: Paula Munier Joe Clifford Jennifer Fawcett Roland Gulliver Carl Vonderau Jennifer Wilkov	INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK OR TWITTER/X? Building Your Social Platform Moderator: Sara DiVello Tim Ehrenberg Stephanie Hockersmith Tabrizia Jones Jeneva Rose Kate Vocke	INDIE, SMALL PRESS OR HYBRID? Successful Publishing Routes Moderator: Carter Wilson Trevor Firetog Caryl Janis Meryl Moss Darden North Robert Rogers Michael Stagg
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Authors from late afternoon sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom including Spotlight Guests Steph Cha and Ruth Ware			
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY sponsored by Kevin Anderson & Associates, Metropolitan West Ballroom			

THRILLERFEST SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

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

ROOM	EMPIRE EAST	GRAMERCY	BOWERY	EMPIRE WEST
8:00 am - 8:50 am	REINVENTION, HARD WORK OR NEW IDEAS? Sustaining Your Writing Career Moderator: Susan Lee Don Bentley Allison Brennan J.T. Ellison Seraphina Nova Glass Eric Rickstad Jerri Williams	LAND, SEA OR AIR? Settings for Action Scenes Moderator: Christianna Mason Ryan Aldred John David Mann Adam Sikes L.A. Starks Robert Swartwood	FARMHOUSE, CHALET OR CONDO? Why Setting Matters Moderator: Dwayne Goetzl Karen Dionne Carinn Jade William Jensen Vera Kurian Michael Pronko Tony Wirt	SHOCKING, GRIPPING OR RELATABLE? Crafting Great Openings Moderator: Meredith Anthony Linda Hurtado Bond M.M. DeLuca Tracey Devlyn Veronica Forand Kathleen Willett
9:00 am - 10:00 am	ITW PRESENTS BREAKFAST WITH 2024 DEBUT AUTHOR CLASS: J.M. Adams, L.K. Bowen, A.J. Chambers, Caroline Cleveland, Mailan Doquang, Peter Malone Elliott, Christina Estes, Kerrie Faye, Abbott Kahler, Elise Hart Kipness, Jon Lindstrom, Megaera Lorenz, Meredith R. Lyons, Lisa Malice, Mel Mattison, Rebecca McKanna, Allison McKenzie, Kate Michaelson, Mallika Narayanan, K.T. Nguyen, Adam Plantinga, Brooke Robinson, Carla Seyler, Tracy Sierra, Jim Spoonhour, Pamela Statz, Jack Stewart, Travis Tougaw, Steve Urszenyi Introductions by Lisa Gardner, Metropolitan East Ballroom			
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Authors from early morning sessions will be signing in Lenox Ballroom including 2024 DEBUT AUTHORS			
10:30 am - 11:20 am	CHEKHOV, UNDERPINNING OR INEVITABILITY? Foreshadowing in Fiction Moderator: Jaime Levine Lynne Constantine Mark Greaney David Morrell John J. Nance John Sandford C.J. Tudor	AUDIOBOOK, SHORT STORY OR FIRST NOVEL? Thriller Award Nominees Moderator: Todd Gerber Jeff Buick Rona Halsall Matt Phillips J. Todd Scott Laura Wolfe Stacy Woodson	YOUTUBE, PODCAST OR INSTA-LIVE? Getting Great Coverage Moderator: Hank Phillippi Ryan Kimberly Belle Sarina Bowen Danielle Girard Heather Gudenkauf Vanessa Lillie Kaira Rouda	TRAVEL, INTERVIEW OR RABBIT HOLE? Research Techniques Moderator: Kira Peikoff Mark Alpert Mir Bahmanyar W. Michael Gear James L'Etoile Catherine McKenzie
11:30 am - 12:20 pm	Silver Bullet Award Winner Louise Penny interviewed by Chris Pavone, Empire East			
12:20 pm - 12:50 pm	Authors from the late morning sessions will sign in Lenox Ballroom including SILVER BULLET WINNER Louise Penny			
1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	CHARACTER, CONFLICT OR VOICE? Immersing Your Reader Moderator: Nathaniel Marunas Lou Berney Mark Greaney Charlene Harris Gregg Hurwitz Walter Mosley Sarah Pekkanen	JEALOUSY, GREED OR REVENGE? Motivations for Murder Moderator: Michael Bracken J. Luke Bennecke José H. Bográn Mary Dixie Carter David Ellis Deborah Levison Camille Minichino	THREE-ACT, NOVEL-TO-SCREEN OR BEAT SHEET? Structure in Writing Moderator: Boyd Morrison Steven James Darby Kane Cara Reinard Jule Selbo Tom Straw	YOU, ME OR WE? Co-Writing and Estate Writing Moderator: Lynne Constantine Don Bentley Jon Land Sonya Sargent Alex Segura A.M. Strong Greg Wands
2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	THRILLERMASTER Dennis Lehane interviewed by Gregg Hurwitz, Empire East			
2:50 pm - 3:10 pm	Authors from the early afternoon sessions will sign in Lenox Ballroom including THRILLERMASTER Dennis Lehane			
3:10 pm - 4:00 pm	TWISTS, REVEALS OR CLIFFHANGERS? Satisfying Your Reader Moderator: Dervla McTiernan S.A. Cosby Joshilyn Jackson Louise Penny Karin Slaughter Lisa Unger Ruth Ware	BOURBON, CHAMPAGNE OR COCAINE? Characters and Their Vices Moderator: Michael Bradley Lori Brand Jamie Mason Rick Mofina Wanda Morris Drew Murray Lisa Regan	ROMANCE, THRILLER OR COZY? Success Across Genres Moderator: Heather Graham Yasmin Angoe Libby Cudmore Daryl Wood Gerber Jenna Kernan Cate Ray	FIRST, THIRD OR MULTIPLE? POV In Popular Fiction Moderator: Bonnie Traymore Elizabeth Crowens Elizabeth Keenan Cristina LePort Christina McDonald Otto Penzler
4:10 pm - 5:00 pm	IMPERFECT PARTNER, EVIL SIBLING OR CREEPY NEIGHBOR? Trends in Suspense Moderator: Steven James Chris Bohjalian Steph Cha Joseph Finder Lisa Gardner Jean Kwok Sarah Pekkanen	UNDERDOG, PRODIGY OR LONER? Writing Effective YA Moderator: Leslie Lutz Sorboni Banerjee Andrea Hannah Luanne Rice Dominique Richardson R.L. Stine Elizabeth Wein	SNARKY, UNRELIABLE OR UNAPOLOGETIC? Developing a Unique Voice Moderator: Lee Matthew Goldberg Joanne Leedom-Ackerman Lauren Ling Brown Jennifer Moorhead Jennifer Pashley	PERSUASION, NEGOTIATION OR MANIPULATION? Effective Dialogue Moderator: James L'Etoile Daniella Bernett Jeff Cooper John Copenhaver Laurie Elizabeth Flynn McCracken Poston, Jr. Deborah Goodrich Royce
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Authors from the late afternoon sessions will sign in Lenox Ballroom			
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	PRE-BANQUET COCKTAIL PARTY, hosted by OCEANVIEW & ITW, Metropolitan West Ballroom			
7:00 pm	ITW 19th ANNUAL THRILLER AWARDS BANQUET, Metropolitan Ballroom 2024 ThrillerMaster TESS GERRITSEN, Award Presented by 2023 ThrillerMaster Charlene Harris 2024 ThrillerMaster DENNIS LEHANE, Award Presented by 2023 ThrillerMaster Walter Mosley 2024 Silver Bullet Award Recipient LOUISE PENNY, Award Presented by 2017 Silver Bullet Award Recipient Lisa Gardner 2024 Thriller Legend Award Recipient AUDIBLE, Award Presented by NYT Bestseller Joseph Finder Presentation of the THRILLER AWARDS			
THRILLERMASTER AFTER PARTY honoring 2024 ThrillerMasters TESS GERRITSEN AND DENNIS LEHANE, hosted by ITW – Metropolitan Ballroom				

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