

# Agatha Award : Best Mystery Novel

The Agatha Awards named in honour of Agatha Christie, recognize outstanding traditional mysteries and related works first published in the United States by a living author during the previous year. An eligible book must have been published in the United States of the previous year and must be written in the style of Agatha Christie's mysteries. This is loosely translated as no explicit sex, gore or violence; an amateur detective (usually); a confined setting; and characters who know each other.

2004: Birds of a Feather--Jacqueline Winspear

2003: Letter from Home--Carolyn G. Hart

2002: You've Got Murder--Donna Andrews

2001: Murphy's Law--Rhys Bowen

2000: Storm Track--Margaret Maron

1999: Mariner's Compass--Earlene Fowler

1998: Butchers Hill--Laura Lippman

1997: The Devil in Music--Kate Ross

1996: Up Jumps the Devil--Margaret Maron

1995: If I'd Killed Him When I Met Him--Sharyn McCrumb

1994: She Walks These Hills--Sharyn McCrumb

1993: Dead Man's Island--Carolyn G. Hart

1992: Bootlegger's Daughter--Margaret Maron

1991: I.O.U.--Nancy Pickard

1990: Bum Steer--Nancy Pickard

1989: Naked Once More--Elizabeth Peters

1988: Something Wicked--Carolyn G. Hart