

# Agatha Award : Best First Mystery Novel

The Agatha Awards, established by Malice Domestic in 1989 and 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 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: Dating Dead Men--Harley Jane Kozak

2003: Maisie Dobbs--Jacqueline Winspear

2002: In the Bleak Midwinter--Julia Spencer-Fleming

2001: Bubbles Unbound--Sarah Strohmeyer

2000: Death on a Silver Tray--Rosemary Stevens

1999: Murder with Peacocks--Donna Andrews

1998: The Doctor Digs a Grave--Robin Hathaway

1997: The Salaryman's Wife--Sujata Massey

1996: Murder on a Girls' Night Out--Anne George

1995: The Body in the Transept--Jeanne M. Dams

1994: Do Unto Others--Jeff Abbott

1993: Track of the Cat--Nevada Barr

1992: Blanche on the Lam--Barbara Neely

1991: Zero at the Bone--Mary Willis Walker

1990: The Body in the Belfry--Katherine Hall Page

1989: Grime and Punishment--Jill Churchill

1988: A Great Deliverance--Elizabeth George