

Anthony Awards - Best Mystery Novel

The Anthony Awards were created in 1986 and are given at each annual Bouchercon World Mystery Convention. Nominees and winners are selected by attendees. Awards are given for the best novel, first novel, paperback original, short story, and criticism/biography.

The award is named for the late Anthony Boucher (William Anthony Parker White), well-known writer, critic, and fan of the mystery genre. Each convention committee designs its own award to present to the winners.

2004

- **Every Secret Thing** Laura Lippman **Winner**
- **The Delicate Storm** Giles Blunt
- **Blood is the Sky** Steve Hamilton
- **Shutter Island** Dennis Lehane
- **The Summer That Never Was/Close to Home** Peter Robinson

2003

- **City of Bones** Michael Connelly **Winner**
- **Murder in the Sentier** Cara Black
- **North of Nowhere** Steve Hamilton
- **Hell to Pay** George Pelecanos
- **Winter and Night** S. J. Rozan

2002

- **Mystic River** Dennis Lehane **Winner**
- **The Devil went down to Austin** Rick Riordan
- **Flight** Jan Burke
- **Reflecting the Sky** S J Rozan
- **Tell No One** Harlan Coben

2001

- **A place of execution** Val McDermid **Winner**
- **Deep south** Nevada Barr
- **The Bottoms** Joe R Lansdale
- **Listen to the silence** Marcia Muller
- **He shall thunder in the sky** Elizabeth Peters

- **Legacy of the dead** Charles Todd

2000

- **In a dry season** Peter Robinson **Winner**
- **River of darkness** Rennie Airth
- **Bones: an Irene Kelly mystery** Jan Burke
- **L.A. Requiem** Robert Crais
- **High Five** Janet Evanovich

1999

- **Blood work** Michael Connelly **Winner**
- **Blind Descent** Nevada Barr
- **On Beulah Height** Reginald Hill
- **Gone, Baby, Gone** Dennis Lehane
- **Framework for Death** Aileen Schumacher

1998

- **No colder place** S J Rozan **Winner**
- **Devil's food** Anthony Bruno
- **Deception Pass** Earl W. Emerson
- **The Club Dumas** Arturo Perez-Reverte
- **Eye of the cricket** James Sallis

1997

- **The Poet** Michael Connelly **Winner**
- **Firestorm** Nevada Barr
- **Lethal genes** Linda Grant
- **Hearts and bones** Margaret Lawrence
- **Multiple wounds** Alan Russell
- 1996 **Under the beetle's cellar** Mary Willis Walker
- 1995 **She walks these hills** Sharyn McCrumb
- 1994 **Wolf in the shadows** Marcia Muller

- 1993 **Bootlegger's daughter** Margaret Maron
- 1992 **The Last detective** Peter Lovesey
- 1991 **"G" is for gumshoe** Sue Grafton
- 1990 **The Siren's sang of murder** Sarah Caudwell
- 1989 **The Silence of the lambs** Thomas Harris
- 1988 **Skinwalkers** Tony Hillerman
- 1987 **"C" is for corpse** Sue Grafton
- 1986 **"B" is for burglar** Sue Grafton

One time only categories celebrating the millennium

Best mystery novel of the century

- **Rebecca** Daphne Du Maurier **Winner**
- **The Big sleep** Raymond Chandler
- **The Murder of Roger Ackroyd** Agatha Christie
- **The Maltese falcon** Dashiell Hammett
- **Gaudy Night** Dorothy L Sayers

Best series of the century

- Agatha Christie's **Hercule Poirot** **Winner**
- Ed McBain's **87th Precinct**
- Marcia Muller's **Sharon McCone**
- Dorothy L Sayers' **Lord Peter Wimsey**
- Rex Stout's **Nero Wolfe**

Best writer

- Agatha Christie **Winner**
- Raymond Chandler
- Dashiell Hammett
- Dorothy L Sayers
- Rex Stout