

THE CWA DAGGER IN THE LIBRARY, 2010

Author Prize: £1,500

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This annual Award is organised by the Crime Writers' Association, chosen by Librarians and Readers' Groups, and awarded to the author of crime fiction whose work is currently giving the greatest enjoyment to library users.

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The Dagger in the Library is awarded to "*the crime fiction author whose work is currently giving the greatest enjoyment to readers.*" Authors are nominated by UK libraries and Readers' Groups and judged by a panel of librarians.

As the award emphasises the rôle played by libraries in providing an audience for authors whose careers are developing, nominations should be for authors whose discovery has recently delighted readers (rather than long-standing favourites). The award is given for the body of an author's work, not for an individual title, and those nominated must be alive at the time of the nomination and should preferably be working in Britain. Previous winners of this award are not eligible – a complete list of past winners can be found on the CWA website www.thecwa.co.uk

The broadest definition of the crime novelist is used; it can include authors of suspense novels, spy fiction and period fiction as well as more traditional forms like "cosies", "hard-boiled" and police procedurals. Last year's winner was Colin Cotterill, the author of the novels featuring the wonderful Dr Siri Piboin. Previous winners have included Stuart McBride and Craig Russell whilst Lesley Horton and C J Sansom have been Highly Recommended.

THE LIBRARIANS' CHOICE

The Award is judged entirely by librarians; in 2010 the non-voting Chair will be Mark Benjamin, formerly Team Librarian at Hexham Library, and includes librarians from throughout the UK.

Libraries have until 9th April 2010 to produce nominations – up to 3 per library or Readers' Group. Each individual library or Readers' Group may make a nomination, so that any authority can submit as many forms as it has libraries and Readers' Groups!

Supporting statements are welcome and encouraged as they will help the judges to make their decision.

Please send your nominations on your library's headed paper, or on plain paper endorsed with the library stamp. Please complete your details below, or include them with your nomination(s) Nominations should be sent **to arrive by the closing date** to:

Dagger in the Library Award, PO Box 220
Hexham NE46 9ET

Queries to: library.dagger@thecwa.co.uk

The winner will be announced at the CWA Dagggers awards ceremony at the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival in July.

Library/ Readers' Group:

Address:

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Contact Name:

Position:

E-mail:

Phone:

All libraries whose nominated authors are shortlisted will be entered into a draw for two free tickets to the Dagggers awards ceremony at the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival in July.

All library readers' groups that nominate the winning author will be entered in a draw for a £300 prize, which will go to buy books for the winning group.