

# Mystery Writers Of America First Crime Novel Competition 2019



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Deadline: January 11, 2019

Website: <http://bit.ly/2OH04gK>

*Mystery Writers of America* is the premier organization for mystery writers, professionals allied to the crime writing field, aspiring crime writers, and those who are devoted to the genre. MWA is dedicated to promoting higher regard for crime writing and recognition and respect for those who write within the genre.

Sponsored by *Minotaur Books* and *Mystery Writers of America*, the **First Crime Novel Competition** is open to one manuscript (*no less than 220 typewritten pages or approximately 60,000 words*) written in the **English** language. Murder or another serious crime or crimes must be at the heart of the story.

Manuscripts must be submitted as *Microsoft Word* documents or *PDFs*. All manuscripts must be double-spaced, with pages numbered consecutively from beginning to end. Only electronic submissions, uploaded through the online entry form, will be considered.

**There is no entry fee.**

## Eligibility

Open to any writer, regardless of nationality, aged 18 or older, who has never been the author of any published novel.

## Prize

If a winner is selected, *Minotaur Books* will offer to enter into its standard form author's agreement with the entrant for publication of the winning Manuscript. After execution of the standard form author's agreement by both parties, the winner will receive an advance against future royalties of **10,000 USD**.

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