

MYSTERY BOOK CONFERENCES - November, 2022 version
(of 1 or more day long events)
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Date: Year-Month-Day format. TBD = Exact date not yet promoted.

Location: Most conferences meet in the same city/town every year. However: Δ = The conference city or state location varies every year.

Awards: Not all conferences confer awards; not all awards are conferred at a "conference." See - stopyourekillngme.com/Awards/index.html

Focus Codes: Is it for writers or for readers & fans? Nearly all of the conferences listed are at least a little bit appropriate for both, but the focus varies considerably. The ratings under Comments are my views. Your experience may vary.

- RATING FOR WRITERS: W3 highly useful [connecting w/agents or publishers discussed or even facilitated], W2 useful, W1 crumbs only. I'm not a writer so take the writer ratings with a grain of salt.
- RATING FOR READERS-FANS: F3= relatively best for fans; F2= okay, but still fun for hearing & meeting authors; F1= crumbs only.

| Name | Date | Location | Awards | Comments | Website Link |
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| New England Crime Bake | 22-11-11..13 | Dedham, MA | --- | W3 / F1. Also pre-conference writer workshops. | https://crimebake.org |
| Iceland Noir | 22-11-16..19 | Reykjavik | --- | W2 / F3. F3 due to outstanding author lineup. | https://icelandnoir.weebly.com |
| Left Coast Crime | 23-03-16..19 | Tucson, AZ Δ | Lefty | W2 / F3. F3 due to quantity & variety of panels. | https://leftcoastcrime.org/2023/ |
| Malice Domestic | 23-04-28..30 | Bethesda, MD | Agatha | W1 / F3. F3 due to quantity & variety of panels. All types of cozies; few thrillers. | https://www.malicedomestic.org |
| Crimefest | 23-05-11..14 | Bristol, UK | various | W2 / F2. | https://www.crimfest.com/ |
| Thrillerfest | 23-05-30..6/3 | NYC, NY | Thriller | W3 / F3. W3 for great pre-conference writer workshops. Panel topics good for both writers and fans. F3 due to huge number of top authors present; hear favorites, discover new favorites. All types of thrillers; few cozies. | https://thrillerfest.com |
| Maine Crime Wave | 23-06 TBD Sat | Portland ME | -- | W2 / F2. | https://www.mainewriters.org/maine-crime-wave |
| CrimeConn | 23-06 TBD Sat | Stamford, CT | -- | W2 / F?? TBD | -- |

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| SleuthFest | 23-07-6..9 | Boca Raton, FL | -- | W3 / F2. | https://sleuthfest.com |
| Killer Nashville | 23-08-17..20 | Nashville | -- | W3 / F1. Totally geared for writers. | https://killernashville.com/ |
| Bouchercon2023 | 23-08-30..9/3 | San Diego, CA Δ | Anthony Macavity | W2 / F2. One of the oldest and largest conferences and one that advertises "for fans by fans" - and yet panel slots are 95% filled by authors. They do have top authors in the guest of honor chair (like Thrillerfest) but they need to make top to bottom changes to live up to their slogan and get my F3. | https://bouchercon2023.com |
| Bloody Scotland | 23-09-15..17 | Stirling, Scotland | McIlvaney | W2 / F3. F3 due to absolutely the biggest number of top writers participating in a '22 conference. Innovative, well-organized and many fun events. | https://bloodyscotland.com/2022-brochure/ |
| Capital Crime | 23-09-28..30 | London | Fingerprint Awards | W2 / F3. | https://www.capitalcrime.org |
| Murder One [a Crime Writers Assoc - UK event] | 23-10 TBD | Dun Laoghaire, Ireland | Friedberg, Goodis, & Kogan | W3 / F2. The conference seems to work on the purchase of individual sessions instead of one ticket providing access to everything. | https://www.murderone.ie/ |
| Midwest Mystery Conference | 23-11 TBD Sat | Chicago | --- | W2 / F2. | http://midwestmysteryconference.com/ |
| New England Crime Bake | 23-11 TBD | Dedham, MA Δ | --- | W3 / F1. Also pre-conference writer workshops. | https://crimebake.org |
| Iceland Noir | 23-11 TBD | Reykjavik | --- | W2 / F3. F3 due to expected author lineup. Location! | https://icelandnoir.weebly.com |
| NoirCON (biennial) | 24-10 TBD | Philadelphia, PA | Friedberg, Goodis, & Kogan | W1 / F3. Conference includes "noir" books AND also noir films, artwork, comics, and more. | https://noircon.com/ |