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**Mystery Writers of America** is pleased to announce, as we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, the Winners for the 2009 Edgar Allan Poe Awards, honoring the best in mystery fiction, non-fiction, television and film published or produced in 2008. The Edgar® Awards were presented at our 63<sup>rd</sup> Gala Banquet, April 30, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York City.

## BEST NOVEL

**Blue Heaven** by C.J. Box (St. Martin's Minotaur)

## BEST FIRST NOVEL BY AN AMERICAN AUTHOR

**The Foreigner** by Francie Lin (Picador)

## BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL

**China Lake** by Meg Gardiner (New American Library – Obsidian Mysteries)

## BEST FACT CRIME

**American Lightning: Terror, Mystery, the Birth of Hollywood, and the Crime of the Century**  
by Howard Blum (Crown Publishers)

## BEST CRITICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL

**Edgar Allan Poe: An Illustrated Companion to His Tell-Tale Stories**  
by Dr. Harry Lee Poe (Metro Books)

## BEST SHORT STORY

**"Skinhead Central" - *The Blue Religion*** by T. Jefferson Parker  
(Hachette Book Group – Little, Brown and Company)

**BEST JUVENILE**

**The Postcard** by Tony Abbott (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)

**BEST YOUNG ADULT**

**Paper Towns** by John Green  
(Penguin Young Readers Group – Dutton Children’s Books)

**BEST PLAY**

**The Ballad of Emmett Till** by Ifa Bayeza (Goodman Theatre, Chicago, IL)

**BEST TELEVISION EPISODE TELEPLAY**

**“Prayer of the Bone” – Wire in the Blood**, Teleplay by Patrick Harbinson (BBC America)

**BEST MOTION PICTURE SCREENPLAY**

**In Bruges**, Screenplay by Martin McDonagh (Focus Features)

**ROBERT L. FISH MEMORIAL AWARD**

**"Buckner's Error" - Queens Noir** by Joseph Guglielmelli (Akashic Books)

**GRAND MASTER**

James Lee Burke  
Sue Grafton

**RAVEN AWARDS**

Edgar Allan Poe Society, Baltimore, Maryland  
Poe House, Baltimore, Maryland

**THE SIMON & SCHUSTER - MARY HIGGINS CLARK AWARD**

**The Killer’s Wife** by Bill Floyd (St. Martin’s Minotaur)

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