

Agatha Award
Best First Mystery Novel

- 2005: Durham, Laura. Better Off Wed
- 2004: Kozak, Harley Jane. Dating Dead Men
- 2003: Winspear, Jacqueline. Maisie Dobbs
- 2002: Spencer-Fleming, Julia. In the Bleak Midwinter
- 2001: Strohmeyer, Sarah. Bubbles Unbound
- 2000: Stevens, Rosemary. Death on a Silver Tray
- 1999: Andrews, Donna. Murder with Peacocks
- 1998: Hathaway, Robin. The Doctor Digs a Grave
- 1997: Massey, Sujata. The Salaryman's Wife
- 1996: George, Anne. Murder on a Girl's Night Out
- 1995: Dams, Jeanne M. The Body in the Transept
- 1994: Abbott, Jeff. Do Unto Others
- 1993: Barr, Nevada. Track of the Cat
- 1992: Neely, Barbara. Blanche on the Lam
- 1991: Walker, Mary Willis. Zero at the Bone
- 1990: Page, Katherine Hall. The Body in the Belfry
- 1989: Churchill, Jill. Grime and Punishment
- 1988: George, Elizabeth. A Great Deliverance



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The Agatha Awards honor the traditional mystery books best typified by the works of Agatha Christie. The genre is generally characterized by mysteries that contain no explicit sex, excessive gore, or gratuitous violence, usually featuring an amateur detective, have a confined setting and characters who know one another. The Agatha award is fan-generated. Votes are tallied by the Agatha Committee. Awards are announced at the annual Malice Domestic convention.

**Agatha Award
Best Contemporary
Mystery Novel**

- 2021: Byron, Ellen. [Cajun Kiss of Death](#)
- 2020: Penny, Louise. [All The Devils Are Here](#)
- 2019: Cleeves, Ann. [The Long Call](#)
- 2018: Byron, Ellen. [Mardi Gras Murder](#)
- 2017: Penny, Louise. [Glass Houses](#)
- 2016: Penny, Louise. [A Great Reckoning](#)
- 2015: Maron, Margaret. [Long Upon the Land](#)
- 2014: Ryan, Hank Phillipi. [Truth Be Told](#)
- 2013: Ryan, Hank Phillipi. [The Wrong Girl](#)
- 2012: Penny, Louise. [The Beautiful Mystery](#)
- 2011: Maron, Margaret. [Three-Day Town](#)
- 2010: Penny, Louise. [Bury Your Dead](#)
- 2009: Penny, Louise. [A Brutal Telling](#)
- 2008: Penny, Louise. [The Cruelest Month](#)
- 2007: Penny, Louise. [A Fatal Grace](#)
- 2006: Pickard, Nancy. [The Virgin of Small Plains](#)
- 2005: Page, Katherine Hall. [Body in the Snowdrift](#)
- 2004: Winspear, Jacqueline. [Birds of a Feather](#)
- 2003: Hart, Carolyn. [Letter from Home](#)

2002: Andrews, Donna. [You've Got Murder](#)

2001: Bowen, Rhys. [Murphy's Law](#)

2000: Maron, Margaret. [Storm Track](#)

1999: Fowler, Earlene. [Mariner's Compass](#)

1998: Lippman, Laura. [Butchers Hill](#)

1997: Ross, Kate. [The Devil in Music](#)

1996: Maron, Margaret. [Up Jumps the Devil](#)

1995: McCrumb, Sharyn. [If I'd Killed Him When I Met Him](#)

1994: McCrumb, Sharyn. [She Walks These Hills](#)

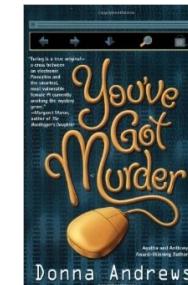
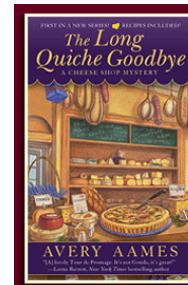
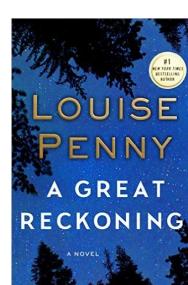
1993: Hart, Carolyn. [Dead Man's Island](#)

1992: Maron, Margaret. [Bootlegger's Daughter](#)

1991: Pickard, Nancy. [I.O.U.](#)

1990: Pickard, Nancy. [Bum Steer](#)

1990: Peters, Elizabeth. [Naked Once More](#)



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2021: Manansala, Mia P. [Arsenic and Adobo](#)

2020: Neubauer, Erica. [Murder at the Mena House](#)

2019: Laskowski, Tara. [One Night Gone](#)

2018: Randall, Shari. [Curses, Boiled Again](#)

2018: Freeman, Diane. [A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder](#)

2017: Garrett, Kellye. [Hollywood Homicide](#)

2016: Kuhn, Cynthia. [The Semester of Our Discontent](#)

2015: Taylor, Art. [On the Road with Del and Louise](#)

2014: Moran, Terrie Farley. [Well Read, Then Dead](#)

2013: Budewitz, Leslie. [Death Al Dente](#)

2012: Boyer, Susan M. [Lowcountry Boil](#)

2011: Henry, Sara J. [Learning To Swim](#)

2010: Aames, Avery. [The Long Quiche Goodbye](#)

2009: Bradley, Alan. [The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie](#)

2008: Malliet, G.M. [Death of a Cozy Writer](#)

2007: Ryan, Hank Phillipi. [Prime Time](#)

2006: Parshall, Sandra. [The Heat of the Moon](#)