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Sisters in Crime  Orange County



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry.

MEETING PLACE

Irvine Ranch Water District
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618

We meet at the Irvine Ranch Water District in the Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot. For directions, visit: www.ocsistersincrime.org. ([IRWD map](#))

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To join or renew your membership in our Sisters in Crime Chapter, you must also be a member of National. To renew your national membership, go to: www.sistersincrime.org/. To renew for our chapter, go to: www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm and download the form, or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in with your check. You can join national online or send your check to national to us, along with your check for our chapter.

Please renew your Sisters in Crime membership today!



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The meeting schedule for 2016 is as follows: Feb. 21 at the Katie Wheeler Library in Irvine, Mar. 20 at Mystery Ink, Apr. 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28, Sep. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 11. Please mark your calendars and check this newsletter and the website for updates.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Our Feb. 21st meeting will take place at **Katie Wheeler Library** and will feature author **Barry Lancet**.

Barry Lancet's [*Japantown*](#), an international thriller, won the prestigious Barry Award for Best First Mystery Novel, and was selected by both *Suspense Magazine* and renowned mystery critic Oline Cogdill as one of the Best Debuts of the Year. His second book, [*Tokyo Kill*](#), was a finalist for a Shamus Award for Best P.I. Novel of the Year and was selected as a must-read for Asian leaders by *Forbes* magazine. The third entry in the Jim Brodie series is [*Pacific Burn*](#). A movie or TV series based on the books is currently under discussion.

Katie Wheeler Library is located at: 13109 Old Myford Rd. **Irvine, CA 92602** (714) 669-8753
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MEETING ROUNDUP

By Theresa Schultz



Pictured above from left to right: David Putnam, D.P. Lyle, and Dennis Palumbo



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The 2016 Forensics Fest explored the topic: "What Makes the Bad Guys Tick? Three Experts Discuss Dark Motivations and Heinous Acts."

Our panel consisted of three distinguished mystery writers, all noted experts within their respective arenas involving criminal justice. The three Ds, **D.P. Lyle**, **Dennis Palumbo** and **David Putnam**, shared their thoughts on some very bad guys, both real and fictional.

D.P. "Doug" Lyle began with a discussion of multiple murderers. He defined a mass murderer as someone who kills more than four people in one place at one time, a spree killer as someone who kills people at two or more locations with the killings linked by motive and with no "cooling off" period, and a serial killer as someone who kills people at different times and locations with a cooling-off period between the killings.

These killers often choose high-risk targets – prostitutes, drugs users, runaways – people who are less likely to be reported missing. Investigators study their MO (modus operandi) or the method they use in planning and executing the crime and fleeing the scene. Some murderers have a signature, a personal mark they leave behind at every crime scene, which can be instrumental in catching the killers. The MO may change from victim to victim, but the signature remains the same.

A prolific author of both crime fiction and non-fiction, Lyle's books have won the Macavity and Benjamin Franklin Silver Award, and have been nominated for the Edgar, Agatha, Anthony, Scribe, Silver Falchion, and USA Best Book honor. The second edition of his *Forensics for Dummies* (Wiley) will be available this month.

Dennis Palumbo, M.A., MFT, a writer and licensed psychotherapist, talked about the misuse of psychiatric terms in novels and the misconceptions about mental illness and violence. For example, many television shows portray schizophrenics as violent killers when they go off their meds. In reality, schizophrenics are rarely violent; if anything, they tend to do damage to themselves, not others. Also, not all psychiatrists are "crazy, maniacal shrinks" who speak in jargon all the time.

He warned against the application of diagnostic labels to characters. Writers frequently get them wrong. For example, not all sociopaths are killers and not all murderers are sociopaths. Sociopaths do not express sympathy or remorse; they know right from wrong, they simply don't care. They feel the rules do not apply to them. An apt reference to Wall Street was made at this point in Dennis' presentation.

Dennis applies his private practice expertise to his mysteries featuring crime-solving psychologist and trauma expert Daniel Rinaldie. The fourth in the series, *Phantom Limb*, is now on sale from Poisoned Pen Press.

David Putnam brought his considerable experience of more than 30 years in law enforcement to the table. He has worked in narcotics, served on violent crimes teams, and as a U.S. Marshall, pursuing murder suspects and bank robbers in Arizona, Nevada, and California. Putnam did three tours on a S.W.A.T. team, executing dynamic entries, hostage rescues, and serving as team sniper. He has also worked in Criminal Intelligence and Internal Affairs and has supervised corrections, patrol, and a detective bureau. Needless to say, he's met a lot of criminals in his day.



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He regaled us with stories from his days of catching bad guys, shared his frustration at seeing a hardened criminal released on parole, knowing he would likely kill again, unable to do anything about it. He joked about the competition between law enforcement agencies and admitted to being pretty happy when he caught a bank robber in one day, a man that had eluded the FBI for several months.

David's latest book is *The Squandered* (Oceanview). It is the third in his series featuring Bruno Johnson, ex-cop turned parolee.

MEMBER NEWS

D.P Lyle's updated 2nd Edition of *Forensics for Dummies* will be released on 2-29-16 by Wiley. It's available for Pre-Order now. Details: <http://www.dplylemd.com/books.html>

Join **Jan Burke** and **D.P. Lyle** for these upcoming Crime & Science Radio shows:

2-13-16: Crime and Science Radio: Crime and Science in the OC: an Interview with Bruce Houlihan, Director of the Orange County Crime Lab

For details, go to: <http://www.dplylemd.com/crime--science-radio.html>

“Digging Up the Dead,” **Jill Amadio's** second book in her Tosca Trevant mystery series set in Newport Beach, will be released by the publisher on March 15. Her amateur sleuth is a little less grumpy this time and getting used to American customs and culture, although some local traditions still evoke a bit of cussing in the Cornish language.

MYSTERY INK NEWS

Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, (714) 960-4000
NEW HOURS – Wednesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
www.mysteryink.com. Coffee & Wi-Fi available.



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In-Store Events:

Sunday, March 20th, 11:00 a.m. - Tea w/Rhys Bowen - talk & signing

March 21st, 2:00 p.m. - OC Sisters in Crime Meeting with T. Jefferson Parker

Outside Events:

Sunday, February 21st, 2:00 p.m. - O.C. Sisters in Crime meeting
Speaker Barry Lancet at the Katie Wheeler Library, Irvine, CA

Saturday, February 27th, 11:30 a.m. - San Clemente Friends of the Library Annual Author Luncheon
w/Sue Ann Jaffarian, Mark Haskell Smith & Jan Moran.

Saturday, March 5th - Placentia Library Annual Author Luncheon w/ Lisa See

Tuesday, March 8th, 6:00 p.m. - Pen on Fire Salon w/T. Jefferson Parker in Corona del Mar

Saturday, March 19th, 3:00 p.m. - Rhys Bowen at the Katie Wheeler Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27th, 11:30 – 2:30 – San Clemente Friends of the Library *Meet the Authors Luncheon* at the Arroyo Trabuco Golf Course in Mission Viejo.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to socialize naked? Well, probably not, but Mark Haskell Smith has and he has written about his adventures in nudity in his hilarious *NAKED AT LUNCH: A RELUCTANT NUDIST'S ADVENTURES IN THE CLOTHING OPTIONAL WORLD*. Other books include *MOIST*, *DELICIOUS*, *SALTY*, *BAKED* and *RAW: A LOVE STORY*. It is safe to say Mr. Smith will keep us amused at the Meet the Authors event on February 27!

Joining Mr. Smith is Sue Ann Jaffarian who is author of the *ODELIA GREY MYSTERY SERIES* and the steamy *THE WINNIE WILDER ROMANCE SERIES* under Meg Chambers. Sue Ann has over 20 novels to her credit. She deftly blends humor, suspense and romance. Be ready for laughs also as Sue Ann has performed stand-up comedy!

Jan Moran is the author of *SCENT OF TRIUMPH*, a historical romance taking place during World War II. Other books include *FLAWLESS*, *BEAUTY MARK*, AND *RUNAWAY*. Jan is the recipient of The Stevie



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Award for Women Entrepreneurs. She is an expert in the perfume and beauty industry and has created perfumes for Sephora. Her historical romances often explore the world of perfumers using her expertise to create another level of wonderful story telling.

Put the luncheon on your calendars. Tickets are now on sale for \$60.00. Pick up an order form at the FOL bookstore next to the library, download a registration form from www.sanclementefotl.org or call Alma Savage at 949-493-5504. You won't want to miss this fun event!

August 11-14, 2016 – Writer's Police Academy 2016

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
International Public Safety Training Academy, Green Bay, Wisconsin
For more information, visit: <http://www.sistersincrime.org/?page=WPA2016>



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If you have events coming up or announcements you want to make, let me know. Please send your contributions and suggestions to: ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com. **The deadline is the 7th of each month!**



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