

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **A BOOK FESTIVAL LIKE NO OTHER: SUFFOLK MYSTERY AUTHORS FESTIVAL MAKES VIRTUAL RETURN**

SUFFOLK, VA (February 10, 2021) The Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival (SMAF) will make a virtual return on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Appealing to avid readers and aspiring writers alike, this popular annual event will feature 40 best-selling authors of mystery, suspense, thriller, horror, historical, romance, and women's fiction. The festival will take place online from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will feature pre-recorded interviews with select authors and access to all live moderated panel discussions. Attendance at the festival is FREE, but registration is required. A downloadable version of the event program will also be available to all attendees. Visit the SMAF website at [www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com](http://www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com) for details about how to register for the event, or call the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130.

**Featured Bestselling Authors scheduled to appear include:**

Betsy Ashton, E.A. Aymar, Melissa Bourbon, Catherine Bruns, Ellen Butler, Lynn Cahoon, Austin Camacho, Maya Corrigan, Mollie Cox Bryan, John DeDakis, Diane Fanning, Kellye Garrett, Marni Graff, Bradley Harper, Mary Ellen Hughes, Sara E. Johnson, Wendy H. Jones, Diane Kelly, Dana King, Libby Klein, Eleanor Kuhns, Tara Laskowski, Gayle Leeson, Allie Marie, Catriona McPherson, Julie Moffett,

K.L. Murphy, Nancy Naigle, Nan O'Berry, Alan Orloff, Bill Rapp, Amy M. Reade, Shawn Reilly Simmons, Katharine Schellman, Marcia Talley, Art Taylor, Grace Topping, Abby L. Vandiver, LynDee Walker, and Heather Weidner.

**Live Moderated Panel Discussions include:**

- Humor Has It: Keeping the Fun in Mystery
- Somewhere in Crime: Global Mysteries
- Food for Thought: Culinary Mysteries
- Small Street: Little Towns with Big Crime
- P.S. I Love You: Writing Romance
- Ministry of Suspense: Finding the Right Balance in Fiction
- Publishing Changes: The Past, Present, and Future . . . All in An Hour!
- A Step Back in Time: Historical Mysteries
- Prime Detective: The Private Eye's World
- A Song of Ice and Fire: Writing Strong Women

**Pre-Recorded Content includes:**

- Headliner Catriona McPherson interviewed by Author Kellye Garrett
- Award-Winning Suspense Authors Alan Orloff and Art Taylor in Conversation
- Popular Cozy Mystery Authors Diane Kelly and Melissa Bourbon in Conversation
- Award-winning author Tara Laskowski interviewed by Author E.A. Aymar

To learn more, visit the Festival website at [www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com](http://www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com) or like us on Facebook @SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival. You may also contact Suffolk Tourism at 757.514.4130 or VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us.

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