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# Mystery Writing In A Nutshell: The World's Most Concise Guide To Mystery & Suspense Writing



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**John McAleer & Andrew McAleer**  
Edgar Allan Poe Award winner, Pulitzer Prize nominee, and best-selling author John McAleer, Ph.D. (Harvard), taught crime fiction at Boston College for nearly four decades, nurturing authors like George V. Higgins (*The Friends of Eddie Coyle*), Chuck Hogan (*The Town*), Margaret McLean (*Whitey on Trial*), Edward Hannibal (*Blood Feud*), James Devlin (*Elmore Leonard*), James F. Murphy, Jr. (*Quonset*) and Ted Murphy (*the Belltown mysteries*). Now, in *Mystery Writing in a Nutshell*, he and his son, Andrew McAleer, the author of *The 101 Habits of Highly Successful Novelists*, *Double Endorsement* and *Fatal Deeds* and instructor of crime fiction at Boston College, share with aspiring mystery and suspense novelists their secrets, techniques, and art of crafting the mystery novel. *Mystery Writing in a Nutshell* is an invaluable resource, which, step by step, takes the writer through the mystery writing process from creating suspense and strategizing plot twists, to hiding clues, enriching character development, and much, much more. With this most precise guide yet to mystery writing, it is only a matter of time before your novel is afoot!

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Special Anniversary Foreword Thomas Donahue  
Includes Exclusive Interviews with: William Link, Paul D. Marks, Robert Parker, Margaret McLean, Rex Stout, William G. Tapply, James M. Cain

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- “Midwest Book Review”
- “Simple and straightforward. The nuts and bolts of mystery writing.”
- “Kirkus”

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Clear, concise with plenty of practical advice as well as examples. If you want to write mysteries, this is a great book to help get you there! Highly recommend.

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