



The Detective Kubu Newsletter

DEATH OF THE MANTIS *Short Listed for Edgar!*

The year has started off amazingly for us. Sitting together in Knysna recently, working away on the new book, we started receiving congratulations from writer friends. We discovered that DEATH OF THE MANTIS had been short listed for an Edgar award in the category **Best Paperback Original**. It hadn't even occurred to us to check the announcement! Obviously we are absolutely thrilled and delighted.

As you may know the Edgars are awarded by the Mystery Writers of America. Whether the book wins or not, we feel extremely privileged to be recognized in this way by fellow mystery writers. The winner will be announced at a banquet in New York City on April 26th.

DEATH OF THE MANTIS *Short Listed for a Minnesota Book Award*

Last Sunday we learned we were shortlisted for the Minnesota Book Awards in the category **Best Genre Fiction!**

The Minnesota Book Award **Nominees:** **BEST GENRE FICTION**

The Bone House
Brian Freeman

Northwest Angle
William Kent Kruger

Death of the Mantis
Michael Stanley

Big Wheat
Richard A Thompson

We also learned that Harper is going to be bringing out the fourth Kubu mystery in trade paperback. We are currently finalizing the arrangements for that.

2012 will be an exciting year for us! We hope it will be for you too!

The EDGAR Nominees: **BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL**

The Company Man
Robert Jackson Bennett

The Faces of Angels
Lucretia Grindle

The Dog Sox
Russell Hill

Death of the Mantis
Michael Stanley

Vienna Twilight
Frank Tallis

Library Journal has chosen DEATH OF THE MANTIS as one of their **top ten mysteries** for 2011.

"Impossible to put down, this immensely readable third entry from (Michael Stanley) delivers the goods. Kubu's painstaking detecting skills make him a sort of Hercule Poirot of the desert."

We want to wish all our readers, friends, and supporters a very happy and healthy 2012!

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