

# The Detective Kubu Newsletter

## **DEADLY HARVEST**

### **KUBU'S FOURTH MYSTERY OUT IN MAY**

In his next mystery, Kubu takes on a witch doctor who murders for human organs for his black magic potions. We expect the book to be released in the US next May.

Six months ago we had a draft of the book, but couldn't come up with a title we really liked. So we asked our readers and friends to set their minds to it, and we received more than 150 interesting and intriguing suggestions. Eventually we came up with about twenty possibilities we liked and sent them to our editor, Claire Wachtel, at HarperCollins. She and her team chose DEADLY HARVEST, an evocative and descriptive title, which we love.

Congratulations to Ken Hall of Nottinghamshire, England, who submitted that one! His prize will be on its way shortly. Ken's email read:

*"A Deadly Harvest" alternatively "A Fatal Harvest". Or drop the A in both cases. On the basis that the term usually applied to the collection of donor body parts is "Harvesting".*

*Having been fortunate enough to have travelled extensively in Botswana, I have really enjoyed reading the Detective Kubu novels - not just because Kubu Island is my favourite place!*

*The stories are beautifully crafted with completely believable characters that instantly come to life - the backdrop of beautiful Botswana is an added bonus.*

Thanks for the kind words, Ken. With Kubu Island as your favorite place, you couldn't miss!

And thanks so much to everyone who joined in to help us out. It was great encouragement to have all that interest and support!

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## **DEATH OF THE MANTIS** **MORE AWARD SHORTLISTS!**

After being shortlisted for the Edgar Award and the Minnesota Book Award, DEATH OF THE MANTIS has been shortlisted for the Anthony and the Barry Awards in the category Best Paperback Original mystery of 2011. The winners will be announced at Bouchercon, 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October, in Cleveland. We'll be there, and we hope our readers will be there too to vote for us!

### **The BARRY Nominees:** **BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL**

#### **THE SILENCED**

Brett Battles

#### **THE HANGMAN'S DAUGHTER**

Oliver Pötzsch

#### **A DOUBLE DEATH ON THE BLACK ISLE**

A. D. Scott

#### **DEATH OF THE MANTIS**

Michael Stanley

#### **FUN AND GAMES**

Duane Swierczynski

#### **TWO FOR SORROW**

Nicola Upson

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**The ANTHONY Nominees:  
BEST PAPERBACK ORIGINAL**

**THE COMPANY MAN**

Robert Jackson Bennett

**CHOKER HOLD**

Christa Faust

**BUFFALO WEST WING**

Julie Hyzy

**DEATH OF THE MANTIS**

Michael Stanley

**FUN AND GAMES**

Duane Swierczynski

**VIENNA TWILIGHT**

Frank Tallis

Read a daily blog by seven mystery writers from all over the world at [murderiseverywhere.blogspot.com](http://murderiseverywhere.blogspot.com)

and an MIE teeshirt as prizes. The MIE panel is on Saturday at 10:15 in Grand Ballroom A. And for a double dose of Kubu come to the same venue at 9:00, where Michael joins Dave Magayna, Robin Burcell, Karin Slaughter, Reed Farrell Coleman, and Ben Coes to discuss the Pleasures and Perils of Series Sleuths.

**MICHAEL & STANLEY  
at  
BOUCHERCON**

Bouchercon is always a great event, and we love meeting readers and writers and chatting about books. It's also a chance to get together with old friends and make new ones. Michael is looking forward to meeting Michael Sears – another writer who'll be at the convention. And then, of course, we might bump into one of Cleveland's favorite sons, Michael Stanley of the Resonators band, at the convention opening at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



We know we'll be meeting up with the *Murder is Everywhere* blog team. We even have our own panel. Stanley, Yrsa Sigurdardottir, Jeff Siger, Tim Hallinan and Cara Black will be there, with Peter Rozovsky trying to keep order. It will be great fun, and there'll be our latest books



Michael with Mike Nicol and Margie Orford sharing an amusing moment at their workshop on crime writing at the Knysna Literary Festival.



Stanley with Patricia and David King at the Edgars.



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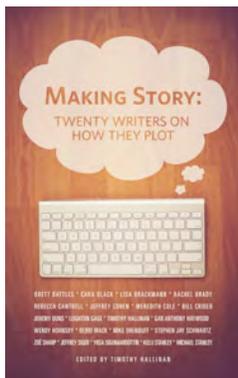
## WRITERS FOR AFRICA

Sometimes there seem to be more people wanting to write books than read them! Two recent books have come out which help to give perspectives to new writers and to old ones. We've certainly found the material in both these books interesting and useful – and that's not only because we wrote chapters in them!

NOW WRITE MYSTERIES is a series of articles – each with exercises – addressing different aspects of how to approach the mystery genre. Our chapters are *A Feeling for Location and Culture* and *Writing a non-English-Speaking Character*. There are 86 different topics covered by a who's-who of current mystery writers.

In MAKING STORY, Tim Hallinan has brought together 21 writers to discuss how they plot, what works and what doesn't, and how individuals differ at making story. Are you a plotter – everything neatly planned and laid out before you write a word – or a pantser – here's an interesting idea or character, let's start writing and see where it goes? Amazingly, both work. We've done it both ways!

MAKING STORY is only available as a Kindle ebook on Amazon. It's only \$3.99 to download in the US, \$5.99 in the rest of the world.



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## HIPPOS FOR AFRICA



At the suggestion of one of our readers, we've started a hippo gallery on the website. There are real hippos, art hippos, and people wearing hippos all over the world. We've started small, but we'd love you to send us any hippo picture you'd like to add to the collection. Visit the Hippo Gallery at <http://www.detectivekubu.com/>

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## KUBU TEESHIRTS

And speaking of wearing hippos, we get many requests for our Kubu teeshirts. For a short time, you can buy one for \$15. Send us an email by October 15 at latest at [michaelstanley@detectivekubu.com](mailto:michaelstanley@detectivekubu.com) for details. We'd love to meet you wearing one at Bouchercon!



Susan Thurston Hamerski models a Kubu teeshirt.