



The Detective Kubu Newsletter

DEATH OF THE MANTIS WINS THE BARRY AWARD

We've always promised not to flood you with mail, but this time we couldn't resist a follow-up newsletter. In the last one, we told you that DEATH OF THE MANTIS had been short-listed for two national crime-fiction awards to be announced at the Bouchercon conference in Cleveland.

Now, we're delighted to tell you that DEATH OF THE MANTIS was the winner of the Barry Award for Best Paperback Original! The award – named after Barry Gardner, a lover and respected critic of mystery books – is awarded by Deadly Pleasures Mystery Magazine in a number of categories. Previous winners have included Stieg Larsson, Harlan Coban, Val McDermid, Louise Penny, and Ken Bruen, and this year Peter James (chairman of the British Crime Writers Association) was another winner.

So we're blown away to be in that sort of company. And that's not even mentioning the other excellent nominees in our own category, any one of whom would have been a worthy winner. Well, this year it was our turn.

Finally, very grateful thanks to all of you. Your support makes writing the Kubu books an absolute pleasure!



Stanley and Michael with George Easter, editor of Deadly Pleasures Mystery Magazine, and the Barry Award for DEATH OF THE MANTIS.

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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