

SISTERS IN CRIME RECEIVES DOVE AWARD

On April 5, Sisters in Crime, (SinC) an international organization of mystery authors and enthusiasts, will receive the George N. Dove Award from the Detective and Mystery Caucus of the Popular Culture Association (PCA) and American Culture Association (ACA). The award will be presented at a reception held at Kate's Mystery Books, 2211 Massachusetts Avenue, in Cambridge, Mass. from 7 – 8 p.m.

The Dove Award, named in honor of the late George N. Dove, a pioneer in mystery scholarship, is normally given to individuals who contribute to the scholarly study of crime fiction. The selection committee created a special Dove Award for SinC to mark its 20th year of support of female mystery writers, enhancing appreciation and study of their work in both academic and popular venues.

"Sisters in Crime has contributed to our field in many ways, through its conference presentations, anthologies, its work to promote women authors, and its efforts at getting them authors equity in the industry," says Dr. Marty Knepper, co-chair of PCA's Detective/Mystery Caucus. "All of us who read, teach, and study women mystery writers owe a big debt to the organization."

Accepting the award on behalf of SinC is mystery writer Roberta Isleib, who serves as the organization's vice president. Also attending are SinC founding members Sara Paretsky and Kate Mattes.

"We are honored that SinC was selected to receive this award and to be associated with a prestigious academic association," says Isleib. "It is rewarding for our organization to be recognized for its work on behalf of its members, including women crime fiction authors and fans worldwide"

The PCA's Detective/Mystery Caucus is part of the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association, joint organizations that support the scholarly interpretation and critique of popular literature, film, TV, advertising, and other forms of popular culture. Many of the members of this large academic organization are teachers as well as scholars.

Sisters in Crime's mission is to combat discrimination against women in the mystery field, educate publishers and the general public as to inequities in the treatment of female authors, raise the level of awareness of their contributions to the field and promote the professional advancement of women who write mysteries.

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