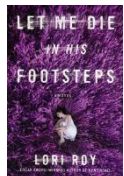


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2016: **Let Me Die in His Footsteps**



by Lori Roy (Fiction)
In a small Kentucky town, Annie Holleran confronts the secrets of two families touched by an evil that has passed between generations.

2015: **Mr. Mercedes** by Stephen King (Fiction)



In a high-suspense race against time, three of the most unlikely and winning heroes Stephen King has ever created try to stop a lone killer from blowing up thousands.

2014: **Ordinary Grace**



by William Kent Krueger
Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community.

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2012: **Gone** by Mo Hayder (Fiction)

2011: **The Lock Artist** by Steve Hamilton

2010: **The Last Child** by John Hart (Fiction)

2009: **Blue Heaven** by CJ Box

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2007: **The Janissary Tree** by Jason Goodwin*

2006: **Citizen Vince** by Jess Walter (Fiction)

2005: **California Girl**
by T. Jefferson Parker (Fiction)

2004: **Resurrection Men** by Ian Rankin

2003: **Winter and Night** by S. J. Rozan

2002: **Silent Joe** by T. Jefferson Parker*

2001: **The Bottoms** by Joe Lansdale*

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1999: **Mr. White's Confession**
by Robert Clark *

1998: **Cimarron Rose** by James Lee Burke

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by Thomas H. Cook (Fiction)

1996: **Come to Grief** by Dick Francis

1995: **The Red Scream** by Mary Willis Walker

1994: **The Sculptress** by Minette Walters

1993: **Bootlegger's Daughter**
by Margaret Maron

1992: **A Dance At The Slaughterhouse**
by Lawrence Block

1991: **New Orleans Mourning** by Julie Smith*

1990: **Black Cherry Blues** by James Lee Burke

1989: **A Cold Red Sunrise**
by Stuart M. Kaminsky

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1986: **The Suspect** by L.R. Wright*

1985: **Briarpatch** by Ross Thomas**

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1983: **Billingsgate Shoal** by Rick Boyer**

1982: **Peregrine** by William Bayer**

1981: **Whip Hand** by Dick Francis

1980: **The Rheingold Route**
by Arthur Maling**

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by Ken Follett (Fiction)

1978: **Catch Me, Kill Me**
by William Hallahan**

1977: **Promised Land** by Robert B. Parker**

1976: **Hopscotch** by Brian Garfield*

1975: **Peter's Pence** by Jon Cleary**

1974: **Dance Hall of the Dead**
by Tony Hillerman*

1973: **The Lingala Code** by Warren Kiefer**

1972: **The Day of the Jackal**
by Frederick Forsyth (Fiction)

1971: **The Laughing Policeman**
by Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö*

1970: **Forfeit** by Dick Francis

1969: **A Case of Need** by Jeffery Hudson
(a.k.a. Michael Crichton)*

1968: **God Save the Mark**
by Donald E. Westlake (Fiction)

1967: **King of the Rainy Country**
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1966: **The Quiller Memorandum**
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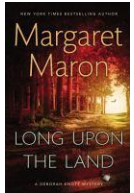
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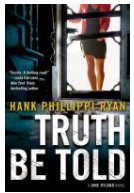
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2015: **Long upon the Land** by Margaret Maron



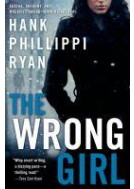
Judge Deborah Knott's father, Kezzie, comes under suspicion in the death of a man, while Deborah delves into the pasts of her wealthy mother and bootlegger dad.

2014: **Truth be Told** by Hank Phillippi Ryan



A middle-class family is evicted from their home. Investigating the foreclosures, reporter Jane Ryland learns the truth behind a big-bucks scheme and those who will stop at nothing to keep their goal a secret.

2013: **The Wrong Girl** by Hank Phillippi Ryan



Boston reporter Jane Ryland looks into an adoption agency that may be deliberately reuniting birth parents with the wrong children. Meanwhile, detective Jake Brogan investigates a murder and a missing infant.

2012: **Beautiful Mystery** by Louise Penny

2011: **Three Day Town** by Margaret Maron

2010: **Bury Your Dead** by Louise Penny

2009: **A Brutal Telling** by Louise Penny

2008: **The Cruellest Month** by Louise Penny

2007: **A Fatal Grace** by Louise Penny

2006: **The Virgin of Small Plains**
by Nancy Pickard

2005: **The Body in the Snowdrift**
by Katherine Hall Page

2004: **Birds of a Feather**
by Jacqueline Winspear

2003: **Letter From Home** by Carolyn G. Hart

2002: **You've Got Murder** by Donna Andrews

2001: **Murphy's Law** by Rhys Bowen

2000: **Storm Track** by Margaret Maron

1999: **Mariner's Compass** by Earlene Fowler

1998: **Butchers Hill** by Laura Lippman

1997: **The Devil in Music** by Kate Ross*

1996: **Up Jumps the Devil** by Margaret Maron

1995: **If I'd Killed Him When I Met Him**
by Sharyn McCrumb*

1994: **She Walks These Hills**
by Sharyn McCrumb (Fiction)

1993: **Dead Man's Island** by Carolyn G. Hart*

1992: **Bootlegger's Daughter**
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1991: **I.O.U.** by Nancy Pickard*

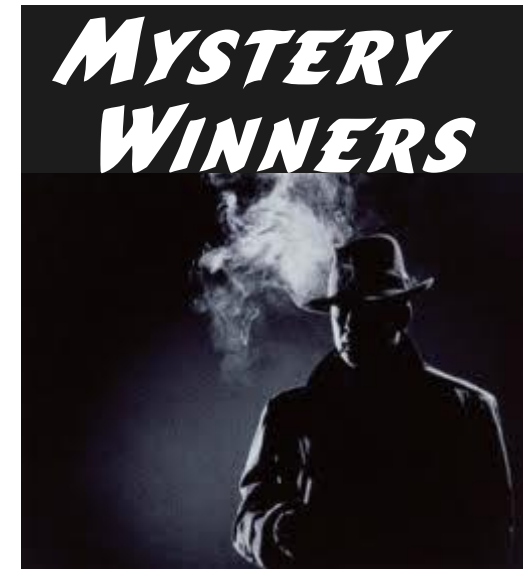
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1989: **Naked Once More** by Elizabeth Peters

1988: **Something Wicked** by Carolyn G. Hart*

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