

WHAT WENT INTO THE NOMINATION PROCESS

- The bold purple message on each book's InfoPage will often tell you how that book ended up on this list of 24.
- I had input from five individuals who recommended one or more books (or authors). Thank you so very much!! Not all of the recommendations made it to the final 24 books on the ballot. Reasons that contributed to dropping a suggested book or author: Done recently in the club already; insufficient availability of copies; did not fit the mystery type I was looking for based on the group survey (see next bullet). If a book is on our list of 24 nominated books because the book or its author was recommended by one of our members, my "purple bold message" on the book's InfoPage will tell you this.
- I had input from the group via the April-May survey regarding 16 types of mysteries that people prefer most and least. results were reported in a group email on May 17, 2023. Here is a [PDF copy of that report](#). NOTE: Although two mystery book "Types" should have been better represented by the list of books according to the survey, I had a lot of difficulty finding well written books for: (1) Humorous Mysteries; (2) Investigative Reporter Mysteries. More research needed.
- As promised in my description (and history) of the book selection process earlier in the year, I made good use of [reviews in Deadly Pleasures magazine and the Barry Awards](#) organized by that quarterly e-journal. The Shamus Awards were helpful in finding a more recent author writing about private investigators (PI's).
- At times, I looked back to my favorite books or authors from past reading for ideas, and used some of those ideas when the books or author appeared to be new to the current MBC participants.
- I have test-read some of the books on the ballot that confirmed my feeling that it was worthy to be on the list. Some that I thought would be good, were eliminated in the same way. Books I recently read that are on the list: *By Way of Sorrow*, *The Dark Flood*, *Friday the Rabbi Slept Late*, and *The Maid*. Other recently read books are deliberately *not* on the list.
- Finally, 3 group members helped by reading one or more books that I did not have time to read myself, to get an opinion as to whether it should stay on the ballot or not. By this means, three books were kept and one was kicked off.

We'll find out whether these efforts paid off or not as the months of next year come and go. --Dick June 25, 2023

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