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January 2025

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HEADLINE NEWS AT A GLANCE



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- **NEW Book Releases**
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- **CRUISE Anyone?**
- **CONFERENCE Scene**





SUSPENSE MAGAZINE is coming back!

Starting in January 2025, we will be creating a [digital magazine](#) that will be distributed quarterly. In 2021, we stopped creating the digital magazine, but now that authors are finding it more difficult to promote their work, we want to use the magazine to give authors that platform. We'll also include more educational



articles from bestselling authors, with tips and tricks to make your writing better. We'll also have reviews, features, and so much more!

If you're interested in reviewing books for Suspense, let us know [here](#).

Authors can also buy ad space and space to feature their first chapter with a link to buy the book. More info [here](#).

SUSPENSE RADIO is already back!

Our [popular podcast](#) showcases authors, brings more writing education, talks about the publishing business with agents and editors, and so much more. You can subscribe by searching SUSPENSE RADIO on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and all your favorite podcast sites. Video interviews will be on Suspense Magazine's main page, with the audio play on our podcast. Suspense Radio is part of Outliers Writing University & Outliers Press.

If you'd like to be a guest on the show, send an email to John [here](#).



OUTLIERS PUBLISHING COMPANY



Outliers Writing University has merged with Suspense Publishing to create **OUTLIERS PUBLISHING COMPANY**. Outliers Publishing Company will launch several imprints, including **OUTLIERS•SUSPENSE PUBLISHING** (publishing suspense and thriller genres) and **OUTLIERS PRESS** (publishing nonfiction with an emphasis on writing education). We will expand the types of genres as we move forward.

OUTLIERS IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS:

FOR FICTION: please send the first 3 chapters of your manuscript and a synopsis through query manager [HERE](#).

FOR NONFICTION: please send a comprehensive book proposal and 2 sample chapters through query manager [HERE](#).





01/07/2025

D.P. Lyle, MD

Mastering Point of View - Where's the Camera?

[Register Here](#)



02/04/2025

K.J. Howe

Whiplash Pacing: Keep Your Reader on the Edge

[Register Here](#)



01/21/2025

Meg Gardiner

Where to begin? Understanding Story Structure

[Register Here](#)



**02/12/2025
INTENSIVE**

Tammy Euliano

Writing Tools: From Paper to Scrivener

Registration Coming Soon





02/18/2025

Meg Gardiner

Suspense

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STAY TUNED...

03/04/25 - Meg Gardiner - Plot Twists - [Register Here](#)

03/18/25 - D.P. Lyle, MD - Setting as Character - [Register Here](#)

04/01/25 - D.P. Lyle, MD - Simplify Your Storytelling by Writing to the Midpoint - [Register Here](#)

04/07/25 - INTENSIVE - Dr. Katherine Ramsland & Tracy Ullman - Book to Doc: The Making of a True Crime Series - Registration Coming Soon

04/09/25 - INTENSIVE - Paul Guyot - Screenwriting is WRITING - Registration Coming Soon

05/06/25 - Steven James - Scene Study: How to Make the Most of Every Scene - [Register Here](#)

05/20/25 - Dr. Katherine Ramsland- Cooking Up Hooks: The Psychology of Grabbing Your Readers - [Register Here](#)

02/25/2025 INTENSIVE

Harry Hunsicker

The Mystical Quest: Finding a Literary Agent

Registration Coming Soon





UPCOMING CONT.

05/21/25 - INTENSIVE - Stacy Woodson & J. Todd Scott - Writing Character Driven Stories - Registration Coming Soon

06/03/25 - Hank Phillippi Ryan - Great Beginnings: How Your Book's Opening Can Make All the Difference - [Register Here](#)

06/17/25 - Jenny Milchman - What Scares You? Putting Fear on the Page to Thrill Your Readers - [Register Here](#)

07/01/2025 - Steven James - How to Write Your Way Out of a Corner - [Register Here](#)

07/15/2025 - Hank Phillippi Ryan - Managing the Muddle in the Middle - [Register Here](#)

Coming Soon...

Sign up for the Outliers Newsletter & get a **FREE** fiction or nonfiction workbook. These workbooks break down the process of writing a book into easy steps that take you from conception to finished draft.





OUTLIERS WRITING UNIVERSITY proudly announces our award-winning, bestselling instructors for the **ONLINE, ONGOING WRITING CONFERENCE; INTENSIVE CLASSES;** and **OUTLIERS BOOTCAMP.**

Our Instructors

New to the Line-Up:

**Peter James, James Rollins,
JD Barker & Tammy Euliano**

Jeffery Deaver, Meg Gardiner, Heather Graham, Kathleen Antrim, D.P. Lyle, John & Shannon Raab, Hank Phillippi Ryan, Steven James, Tosca Lee, Don Bentley, Jon Land, Boyd Morrison, Harry Hunsicker, Allison Brennan, Tamara Grantham, Tim Maleeny, Cody Blocker, KJ Howe, Joseph Badal, Stacy Woodson, Michael Bracken, Matt Witten, Mark Tavani, Terry Shepherd, Vincent Davis, Lt. Brandon Watkins, Amy Scher, John Ferriso, Dr. Katherine Ramsland, Tracey Ullman, Paul Guyot, Jenny Milchman, Magen Mintchev, and more to be announced soon. [Learn More!](#)





Outliers Has a YouTube Channel

GET TO KNOW: Hosts DP LYLE, MD, & KATHLEEN ANTRIM

Fun interviews with best-selling authors. Recent guests include Jeffery Deaver & Isabella Maldonado, Anthony Horowitz, Reed Farrel Coleman, Laurie R. King, Tori Eldridge, Charlaine Harris, John Connolly, Don Bentley, Linwood Barclay, Zoe Sharp, and Mark Cameron. **Upcoming guests include James Rollins, Joe Funder, JD Barker, Allison Brennan, Thomas Perry, and many others.**

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: Hosts DP LYLE, MD, AND JOHN RAAB

The Art & Science of Crime Fiction, exploring the worlds of forensic science, criminal investigation, and storytelling.

ALSO NOW ON [LAUNCHPAD & IHEART RADIO!](#)

OUTLIERS BOOK TALK

Free discussions on everything books & writing.

WRITING TIP

DO I NEED TO START THE STORY WITH THE MAIN CHARACTER?

By introducing a character early on, you make a promise about his meaningful contribution to the story. Unless you include a prologue, readers will assume that the protagonist is the first person introduced in the story. If he's not, clarify who the main character is as soon as possible.

QUICK FIX: Avoid opening your book from the point of view of someone who ends up being insignificant to the story's outcome. Reshuffle the opening chapters as necessary to provide promises that are congruous with the story you're actually telling.

- From **TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR NOVEL** (Fiction Key Series Volume 3) by Steven James - **COMING IN 2025**



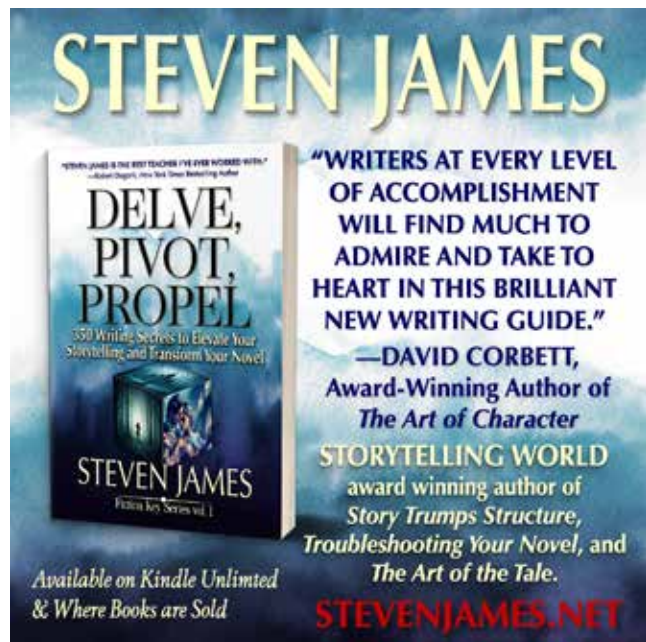


WANT TO GET INSIDER INFO BEFORE ANYONE ELSE?

LOVE **DELVE, PIVOT, PROPEL BY STEVEN JAMES?**

NOW YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO TWO MORE WRITING BOOKS COMING IN EARLY 2025!

If you love [DELVE, PIVOT, PROPEL](#) check out Steven's upcoming **STORY TRUMPS STRUCTURE (Fiction Key Series Volume 2)** and **TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR NOVEL (Fiction Key Series Volume 3)**.



Both of these books are packed with easy-to-follow, practical suggestions for getting your inner muse working and telling a great story!

Both **STORY TRUMPS STRUCTURE** and **TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR NOVEL** will **launch in the first quarter of 2025.**

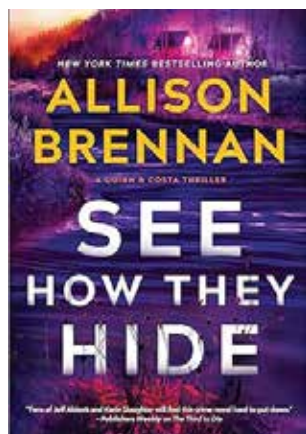




SEE HOW THEY HIDE A Quinn & Costa Thriller #6

By Allison Brennan

Releases
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Two people were murdered—at the exact same time, in the same gruesome manner, bodies covered in the same red poppies...but on opposite sides of the country. With Detective Kara Quinn investigating in Oregon and Special Agent Matt Costa in Virginia, the Mobile Response Team digs deep to uncover more about each victim. What is the link between the two, and why were they targeted?

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Did you know...? TRUMAN CAPOTE ,

the author of
IN COLD
BLOOD, wrote
his books in
pencil while
lounging on a
couch.





Ten Medical and Forensic Mistakes Writers Should Never Make in *Killer Nashville Magazine*

You're going to say 'Wow, I didn't know that!' when you read this!

Have you made any of these mistakes?

Check out DP Lyle MD's [article](#) about what NOT to do when writing about forensics and medical facts.



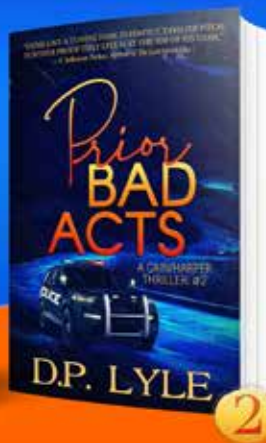


D.P. LYLE

THE CAIN/HARPER THRILLERS



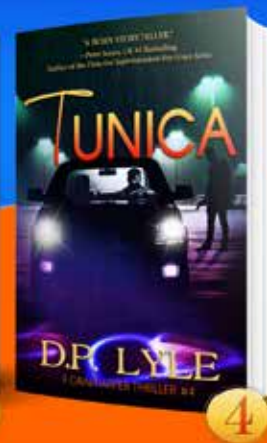
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LYLE NEVER
LETS YOU
DOWN."
—Lee Child, #1
New York Times
Bestselling Author



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AND DEADLY.**

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Outliers Writing University founder, Kathleen Antrim, has set out to investigate the possibility of an Outliers Writing Camp aboard a cruise liner. If you have interest in an “in person” writing bootcamp on the high seas, send an email by clicking [here](#). We will put you on the waitlist. Space will be very limited!

And make sure you sign up for the newsletter and Suspense Magazine [here](#) so you don't miss out on what's sure to be an incredible opportunity to be mentored by the best in the business!





The San Francisco Writers Conference, San Francisco, California February 6-9, 2025

San Miguel Writers' Conference and Literary Festival, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico February 12-16, 2025

Left Coast Crime 2025: Rocky Mountain High Jinks, Denver, Colorado March 13-16, 2025

Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP), Los Angeles, California March 26-29, 2025

Las Vegas Writers Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada April 3-5, 2025

Pikes Peak Writing Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 2-4, 2025

SWA 2025 Writers Conference, St. Simon's Island, Georgia, June 6-10, 2025

ThrillerFest XX, New York City, June 17-21, 2025

Killer Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee, August 21-24, 2025

Bouchercon, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 3 - 7, 2025

