

# ORANGE HERRING



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote the ongoing advancement, recognition and professional development of women crime writers.

## MEETING PLACE

Irvine Ranch Water District  
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92618

We meet in the Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot.

For directions, visit: [www.ocsistersincrime.org](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org). ([IRWD map](#))

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## NEXT MEETING

Please join us on Sunday, June 24th for the next Sisters In Crime OC meeting. The meeting will begin with a Writers's Forum at 2:00 p.m., and Nanette Heiser, past president of the Orange County chapter, will be leading an open discussion.

At 3:00 p.m., we are in for a treat - a panel of amazing women mystery writers, moderated by Maddie Margarita.

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Maddie Margarita is the producer of Lit Up! Orange County, a monthly author event that has showcased the works of over eighty-five Southern California writers. She also writes and had several of her short stories featured in IT'S ALL IN THE STORY, an anthology edited by Doug Lyle, and is currently shopping her romantic suspense novel. She belongs to Sisters in Crime, OC Writers, and serves on the Board of the Southern California Writer's Association as Chief Talent Wrangler and Events Chair.

## Panelists:

Anne Cleeland has a degree in English from UCLA as well as a law degree from Pepperdine University and is a member of the California State Bar. She worked as an attorney for many years before finally turning her interest to writing contemporary and historical mystery novels. She currently writes the new Scotland Yard mystery series with the first book being MURDER IN THRALL. She also writes historical fiction mysteries set in the Regency era. Anne is a member of the International Thriller Writers, The Historical Novel Society and Mystery Writers of America.

Linda O. Johnston was a transactional lawyer but always loved writing. She is currently writing three series in three different genres: mystery, paranormal romance and romantic suspense published by Midnight Ink and Berkley Prime Crime, respectively. Her latest mystery that recently came out is PICK & CHEWS. Linda is a member of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, International Thriller Writers and Romance Writers of America.

Patricia Smiley was a volunteer and Specialist Reserve Office for the LAPD for fifteen years. She was trained in detective procedures, Homicide investigation, etc. and was selected as Reserve Office of the Year under Chief Bratton. She was a past president of the L.A. Sisters in Crime chapter and is currently writing a new series featuring LAPD Homicide Detective Davie Richards. PACIFIC HOMICIDE is the first in the series followed by OUTSIDE THE WIRE and THE SECOND GOODBYE which is debuting this December. Her short fiction has appeared in Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine and Two of the Deadliest, an anthology edited by Elizabeth George.

## MEETING ROUNDUP

On Sunday, May 27, our guest speaker was Tod Goldberg. Goldberg is The New York Times bestselling author of more than a dozen books, including his new series,

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Gangster Nation, Gangsterland (a finalist for the Hammett Prize), and The House of Secrets, the novel he co-authored with New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer. Goldberg's novel, Living Dead Girl was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and his short story collection, Simplify, was a 2006 finalist for the SCIBA Award for Fiction and winner of the Other Voices Short Story Collection Prize. Goldberg holds an MFA and directs the Low Residency MFA Program in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts at the University of California, Riverside, Palm Desert. He lives in Indio, CA with his wife, the writer Wendy Duren. He discussed at fascinating length the background and circumstances that led him to write Gangsterland.

### MEMBER NEWS

**Terry Ambrose** has released a new Seaside Cove Bed & Breakfast Mystery called *Clues in the Sand*. This is the second book in the series featuring B&B owner Rick Atwood and his precocious ten-year-old daughter Alex. The book is available in both Kindle and paperback editions.

**Terri Nolan**, author of the Burden of Truth trilogy, will be at ThrillerFest XIII at the Grand Hyatt in New York, July 11 - 14. She'll be an instructor at CraftFest: Writing Authentic Heroines; and on the panel One, Three, or Many: Standalone, Trilogy, and Series Thrillers. Please visit her at [www.terrinnolan.com](http://www.terrinnolan.com)

**Diane Pardee** recommends the following resource as a great free resource for published authors. "We have our own Orange County page, plus there is also Los Angeles, San Diego and a lot of other California counties," she says. "The more people you get on there, and the more they promote it to their groups, the better it will be for everyone. We have 20 authors on it now, but I know there are tons more who haven't heard of it." <https://hometownreads.com/city/orange-county>

And Orange County Chapter President **Barbara DeMarco-Barrett** says if you don't already know about Crime Reads, you should. Subscribe to receive a weekly e-letter at [crimereads.com](http://crimereads.com). And as a follow-up to Renner's talk on true crime: <http://crimereads.com/category/features/>



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Barbara will be gone the entire month of June. She'll be in Palm Springs where she rents a four-bedroom house and holds writers retreats/getaways. If you'd like a flyer, drop her a line at [penonfire@earthlink.net](mailto:penonfire@earthlink.net) or give her a call.

## MYSTERY INK NEWS

Saturday, June 30th, 4:00 p.m. - Cara Black - MURDER ON THE LEFT BANK

In Cara Black's latest novel in her Aimee Leduc series, she reluctantly takes on the case of helping an old accountant find his dilapidated stolen notebook implicating dirty cops in laundering stolen money while fearing her Dad might have been involved.

Cara Black is the author of eighteen books in the New York Times bestselling Aimée Leduc series. She has received multiple nominations for the Anthony and Macavity Awards and her books have been translated into German, Norwegian, Japanese, French, Spanish, Italian and Hebrew. She lives in San Francisco with her husband and son and visits Paris frequently.

Saturday, July 7th - Joseph Reid - TAKEOFF

In Joseph Reid's high action debut thriller, air marshall turned investigator, Seth Walker, embarks on his first case. All he has to do is accompany female pop star Max Magic to L.A. and deliver her to the FBI. But when their routine flight ends in a hail of gunfire at LAX, Walker has no choice but to take the frightened diva on the run. And...he soon realizes he can't trust anyone, not even the FBI and he must use a patchwork of trusted aviation contacts to get her home where the biggest danger might exist.

Saturday, June 10, 4:00 p.m. **Betty Webb**, *The Otter Of Death*. Webb will discuss and sign the fifth novel in her Gunn Zoo Series. Webb is also well known for her Lena Jones Mysteries.

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Saturday, June 16, 5:00 p.m. **Craig Owens**, *Haunted By History*. Owens will discuss Volume I of *Haunted By History: Separating the Facts and Legends of Eight Historic Hotel and Inns in Southern California*.

Check [mysteryink.com](http://mysteryink.com) for upcoming mystery conferences.

Mystery Ink, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, CA (714) 960-4000

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE!** October 7th, Annual Ladies of Intrigue Conference in Costa Mesa

### MYSTERY CONFERENCES 2018:

ThrillerFest XIII, July 10 -14, New York City, NY

Thriller Master: George R.R. Martin and Lee Child

Bouchercon, September 6 - 9, St. Petersburg, FL

Guests of Honor include: Karin Slaughter, Ian Rankin, Lisa Unger and more.

**For additional information and location: [ocsistersincrime.org](http://ocsistersincrime.org)**



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**Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a mug at the next meeting, and donate books for our upcoming raffle.**

If you have future events or announcements, send your contributions and suggestions to: [ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com). The deadline is the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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## Sisters in Crime Orange County

**Print and complete this form.** NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO JOIN SISTERS IN CRIME NATIONAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER.

To become a member of SinC National (\$40 **ACTIVE\***, or \$50 **PROFESSIONAL\*\***) go to: <http://www.sistersincrime.org>; See "Become a Member" at the top of the opening page.

To join SinC O.C., send the completed form, below, with a \$25 check, payable to Sisters in Crime, to: Membership, Sisters in Crime O.C., P.O. Box 53132, Irvine, CA 92619-3132.

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please print all information and list your name as you want it listed in the Membership Directory.

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**I am a (check all that apply):**

**Mystery Writer**     Published     Unpublished

**Writer in other fields**     Published     Unpublished

**Screenwriter**

--Produced:     Features     TV/Cable     Other

**Reviewer**     **Agent**     **Bookseller**     **Librarian**     **Reader**

**I would like to help with (check all that apply):**

**Publicity**     **Refreshments**     **Speakers**     **Raffle**     **Other:**

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