

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Membership in ACWL requires the publication of at least one full-length book or three short stories, the most recent published within two years of application. The work(s) must be published in the USA in print form. The publisher of the works must be on ACWL's Approved Publisher List, found on the website.

ACWL reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone. Dues are \$25 per calendar year. For new members joining after October 1, the \$25 pays for the last three months of one year and the entire next year.

A membership application may be found at  
<http://www.acwl.org/appl.htm>

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ARE YOU A PROFESSIONAL  
WRITER CURRENTLY ACTIVE  
AND PUBLISHED IN THE  
USA IN CRIME FICTION  
OR TRUE CRIME?

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO  
TALK TO A GROUP OF SIMILAR  
PROFESSIONALS AND KNOW  
THAT WHATEVER YOU SAY,  
WHATEVER YOU ASK, WILL BE  
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL?

THE AMERICAN CRIME  
WRITERS LEAGUE  
WANTS YOU!

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# AMERICAN CRIME WRITERS LEAGUE

The American Crime Writers League was formed in the late 1980s by a group of writers who wanted a private forum for exchanging ideas.

We have a confidential Internet discussion group. Talk over your contract (or lack of contract), how you're being treated by your publisher/editor/agent, your frustrations and joys with writing. Post your mistakes and your successes, and learn from those of others.

We talk freely, because we know that whatever's said among us won't go any further. Period. We prize our confidentiality and have a bond of trust. If you've got loose lips, try some other organization.

We're all professional, active (recently published) writers in crime fiction or true crime. You have to show your stuff to get into the American Crime Writers League.



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The Ellen Nehr Award was established by the American Crime Writers League to show appreciation for mystery reviewers who demonstrate a solid knowledge of the field and provide unbiased and informed criticism. We also wish to recognize people who sign their reviews, allowing both reader and author to know who is commenting on the work.

## Past Winners

- 2005 Hallie Ephron  
Boston Globe
- 2004 Robert Wade  
San Diego Union-Tribune
- 2003 Dick Lochte  
Los Angeles Times
- 2002 Katy Munger  
Washington Post
- 2000 Jon Breen  
Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine
- 1999 Oline Cogdill  
Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinal
- 1998 Virginia R. Knight  
Mostly Murder