

Celebrating Edgar Allan Poe
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One of my duties at the New Ulm Public Library (NUPL) is selecting and purchasing Adult Fiction books. I use many tools to decide what to buy but I find curated lists to be some of the most helpful. So, when I saw that the Mystery Writers of America had announced the 2023 Edgar Allan Poe Award Nominations and had a list posted on their website, I was excited. Not only did I want to make sure I hadn't missed adding a choice book to the library's collection, I also wanted the information to use for readers' advisory.

Celebrated yearly in honor of writer Edgar Allan Poe, The Edgar Allan Poe Awards honor the best in mystery fiction, nonfiction and television published and produced in 2022. Because a high percentage of library users nationwide—and in New Ulm—love a good mystery, I decided to share titles from three categories of the award nominees. All of the included titles are available at NUPL or regionally in the Traverse des Sioux Library System. Stop by the library, the NUPL website www.newulmlibrary.org, or give us a call to place a hold on any of these titles.

Best Novel

Devil House by John Darnielle
Like a Sister by Kellye Garrett
Gangland by Chuck Hogan
The Devil Takes You Home by Gabino Iglesias
Notes on an Execution by Danya Kukafka
The Maid by Nita Prose

Best First Novel by American Author

Jackal by Erin E. Adams
Don't Know Tough by Eli Cranor
Shutter by Ramona Emerson
More Than You'll Ever Know by Katie Gutierrez
Portrait of a Thief by Grace D. Li

The Lillian Jackson Brown Memorial Award

The Shadow of Memory by Connie Berry
Buried in a Good Book by Tamara Berry
Smile Beach Murder by Alicia Bessette
Desert Getaway by Michael Craft
The Marlow Murder Club by Robert Thorogood

See the entire list at www.mysterywriters.org

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