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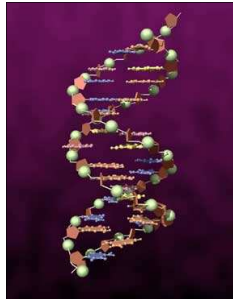
## *Forensics and the Mystery Writer* IS IT SCIENCE OR FICTION?

Harking back to how detectives of generations and centuries past went about their quest for forensic evidence is a passion among historical mystery and true crime writers. But what if there's hardly a clue as to what really happened? Can writers tell how old-time investigators convinced judges and juries with the science of the day? Or how early detectives analyzed and foiled perpetrator psychopathology? Do authors infer? Extrapolate? Create? Master historical mystery storytellers comment on their research methods – as well as their history-based plot– and character-building craft.

### FEATURING

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

- E. W. COUNT (MODERATOR)
- LYND SAY FAYE
- STEFANIE PINTOFF
- E. J. WAGNER



TUESDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2010  
6:30 P.M. ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR



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Panel moderator, **E.W. COUNT's** NYPD novel, *The Hundred Percent Squad*, is based on the exploits of a real upper Westside precinct detective team. For her book, *COP TALK - True Detective Stories from the NYPD*, she interviewed almost a hundred detective investigators from both local and specialized squads, including top 1980s crime scene detectives. MWA-NY program chair for over a decade, she often has invited forensics experts to speak to local mystery writers at Chapter meetings.



<http://www.ewcount.com>

**LYND SAY FAYE** is the author of *Dust and Shadow: An Account of the Ripper Killings by Dr. John H. Watson*. Her short stories have been published in the *Strand Magazine* and in the anthology *Sherlock Holmes in America*. She lives in Manhattan and is a former musical theatre actress.

<http://www.lyndsayfaye.com>

**STEFANIE PINTOFF's** Edgar®-nominated debut novel, *In the Shadow of Gotham*, also began a mystery series where early criminal science meets the dark side of old New York. A former attorney and teacher, she now writes full time and lives in New York City. Second in the series, *A Curtain Falls*, is published this month (May).

<http://www.stefaniepintoff.com/>

**E. J. WAGNER**, author of the Edgar®-winning "*The Science of Sherlock Holmes*," lectures on the history of forensics at many venues, including the American Academy of Forensic Science, the Northeastern Association of Forensic Science, and universities across the country. Her work has appeared in *Ellery Queen*, the *New York Times* and *The Lancet*.

<http://www.forensic.to/webhome/ejwagner/>

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