



**Bloody Scotland**

Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival  
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## **WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **SCOTTISH CRIME BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Organisers of the Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival today announced that the 2015 Scottish Crime Book of the Year Award is open for submissions.

The award seeks to recognise and reward excellence in Scottish Crime Writing. The requirements for a book's entry to the competition are that the author is domiciled in Scotland or was born in Scotland or that the work is set in Scotland. Crime fiction, crime non-fiction and anthologies of short crime stories are all eligible.

2015 will be the fourth year of the award which is made during the Bloody Scotland festival in September. Previous winners include Peter May with *Entry Island* in 2014, Malcolm Mackay with *How A Gunman Says Goodbye* in 2013 and Charles Cumming with *A Foreign Country* in 2012.

Publishers are encouraged to submit eligible titles by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at no charge. A shortlist will be announced by the Bloody Scotland festival in July 2015 and marketed through a campaign delivered in-part through Waterstones.

The winner will be announced during a dinner on Saturday 12 September 2015 as part of the Bloody Scotland Festival.

For prize rules and the entry form please visit [www.bloodyscotland.com/crime-book](http://www.bloodyscotland.com/crime-book)

## **COMMENT**

**Festival Manager Dom Hastings** said 'Bloody Scotland exists to celebrate the very best Scottish crime writing and what better way to do that than through this increasingly prestigious award. We receive more and more submissions each year and it's amazing to be able to see the breadth of crime writing coming out of Scotland of year.'

## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

The **Scottish Crime Book of the Year Award** was founded in 2012 to recognise and reward excellence in Scottish crime writing. Crime fiction, crime non-fiction and anthologies of short crime stories are all eligible, provided that the author is domiciled or born in Scotland, or that the work is set in Scotland. The award includes a prize of £1000. Previous winners include Peter May with *Entry Island* in 2014, Malcolm Mackay with *How A Gunman Says Goodbye* in 2013 and Charles Cumming with *A Foreign Country* in 2012.

**Bloody Scotland** is Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival and takes place in a number of venues in Central Stirling each September. Established in 2012, the festival aims to showcase the very best Scottish and international crime writing, nurture the next generation of writers through masterclasses and provide opportunities to highlight Scottish crime writing on an international stage.

The 2015 Festival runs from 11-13 September 2015 and the full programme will be announced on Wednesday 3 June 2015. Tickets for the Festival are available from [www.bloodyscotland.com](http://www.bloodyscotland.com), by phone on 01786 27 4000, or in person from the Tolbooth Theatre Box Office, Stirling (phone and box office: Tuesday to Saturday 10am–6pm, closed Sunday and Monday). High res images from the festival weekend are available on request.

**ENDS**

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