



Bloody Scotland

Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival

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STRICTLY EMBARGOED UNTIL THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016

LOGLIST ANNOUNCED FOR THE McILVANNEY PRIZE SCOTTISH CRIME BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016

'I went to Bloody Scotland and I was just knocked out.... I've been at literary events where a lot of people have knives sticking out their back that they don't know are there and this event was so friendly, so supportive I was honestly overwhelmed'

William McIlvanney – speaking on BBC Scotland, 2012

This year's Bloody Scotland International Crime Writing festival is the first since the death of the great William McIlvanney, the man who, more than anyone, established the tradition of Scottish detective fiction. Bloody Scotland 2016 is dedicated in his honour and the winner of the Scottish Crime Book of the Year will now be awarded The McIlvanney Prize at an awards ceremony on the opening evening, Friday 9 September, in Stirling. The award recognises excellence in Scottish crime writing, includes a prize of £1000 and nationwide promotion in Waterstones.

The longlist which has been chosen by an independent panel of readers and features 6 male and 4 female writers, established authors and debut writers, small Scottish publishers and large London conglomerates, is released today:

Even Dogs in the Wild (Orion)
Open Wounds (Luath)
The Damage Done (Michael Joseph)
The Special Dead (Macmillan)
In the Cold Dark Ground (Harper Collins)
Black Widow (Little, Brown)
The Jump (Faber)
Splinter the Silence (Little, Brown)
Beloved Poison (Little, Brown)
A Fine House in Trinity (Sandstone)

Ian Rankin
Douglas Skelton
James Oswald
Lin Anderson
Stuart MacBride
Chris Brookmyre
Doug Johnstone
Val McDermid
E. S. Thomson
Lesley Kelly

The judges will be journalist, Lee Randall, award-winning librarian, Stewart Bain and former editor of The Scotsman and The Times Scotland, Magnus Linklater. Hugh McIlvanney OBE, brother of Willie, will travel from London to present the award.

Previous winners are Craig Russell with *The Ghosts of Altona* in 2015, 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.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Bloody Scotland is Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival, providing a showcase for the best crime writing from Scotland and the world, unique in that it was set up by a group of Scottish crime writers in 2012. The festival uses a number of atmospheric, historic venues in Stirling's Old Town, setting it apart from other literary festivals. Full information at www.bloodyscotland.com

Pictures from this years launch including longlisted authors Val McDermid, Chris Brookmyre, Doug Johnstone and Lin Anderson holding implements of murder can be used free of charge and requested from fiona@brownleedonald.com with credit to Eoin Carey

TICKETS

Tickets priced at £9.50 (£8.50) for events at the Albert Halls and £7.50 (£6.50) for all others, are on sale at www.bloodyscotland.com or at the Box Office in the Tolbooth Stirling (Tue-Sat 10am-6pm) or in the Albert Halls (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). **Free standby tickets are available to the unemployed or those on a low income**, on the day of the event if there is good availability. Proof of eligibility is required and tickets are limited to one person. Visit www.bloodyscotland.com/standby for full details. **A 10% discount is available to people residing in the Stirling Council area.** You must give your address at the time of booking. Visit www.bloodyscotland.com/localdiscount for details

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