THE CRIME WRITERS' ASSOCIATION

# DAGGERS

# CWA DAGGER WINNERS 2026

## DIAMOND DAGGER
Sponsored by Karen Baugh Menuhin

**MARK BILLINGHAM**

## KAA GOLD DAGGER

**ABIGAIL DEAN**
*The Death of Us* (HEMLOCK PRESS)

## IAN FLEMING STEEL DAGGER

**SA COSBY**
*King of Ashes* (HEADLINE)

## ILP JOHN CREASEY FIRST NOVEL DAGGER

**LAURA McCLUSKEY**
*The Wolf Tree* (HEMLOCK PRESS)

## TWISTED DAGGER

**SARAH PINBOROUGH**
*We Live Here Now* (ORION)

## WHODUNNIT DAGGER

**MEL PENNANT**
*A Murder for Miss Hortense* (BASKERVILLE)

## HISTORICAL DAGGER
Sponsored in Honour of Dr Marilyn Livingstone

**NINA ALLAN**
*A Granite Silence* (RIVERRUN)

## ALCS GOLD DAGGER FOR NON-FICTION

**SUSANNAH STAPLETON**
*That Dark Spring* (PICADOR)

## DAGGER FOR CRIME FICTION IN TRANSLATION
Sponsored in Honour of Dolores Jakubowski

**ANTTI TUOMAINEN**
TRANSLATED BY **DAVID HACKSTON**
*The Winter Job* (ORENDA BOOKS)

## SHORT STORY DAGGER

**AMBROSE PARRY**
'The Apple Falls Not Far' (CANONGATE)

## BEST CRIME & MYSTERY PUBLISHER

**BITTER LEMON PRESS**

## DAGGER IN THE LIBRARY

**TIM SULLIVAN**

## CWA RED HERRING

**FIONA VEITCH SMITH**

## EMERGING AUTHOR DAGGER
Sponsored by Fiction Feedback

**MICHAEL NIKITIN**
*Blind Side of the Sun*

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