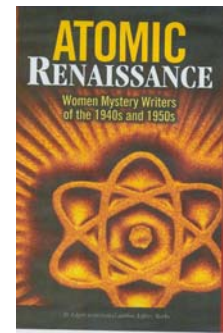


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Atomic Renaissance Nominated for Malice Domestic's Agatha Award

Author Jeffrey Marks' biographies of seven American women mystery authors is nominee for 2003

Atomic Renaissance: Women Mystery Writers of the 1940s/1950s

By Jeffrey Marks

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February 17, 2004: **WASHINGTON, DC:** The Malice Domestic organization, which is dedicated to the soft-boiled or cozy mysteries, announced the nominees for the 2003 Agatha awards. The awards are named after Agatha Christie, the best-selling author of all time. Among the nominees for Best Non-Fictional Work was **Atomic Renaissance: Women Mystery Writers of the 1940s/1950s** by Jeffrey Marks. Marks' collective biography of these women took four years of research to complete. Many of their lives had never been chronicled before. These seven women found a place in the male dominated world of spy fiction and private eye novels by publishing some of the most innovative and fresh fiction of those two decades.

This is the second Agatha nomination for Marks. In 2002, Marks received his first nomination for **Who Was That Lady?**, his biography of Craig Rice. The award will be announced the first week of May in a ceremony in Washington, D.C..

Marks was recently awarded the Helm Fellow from Indiana University for his work on a new project, a biography of mystery writer and reviewer, Anthony Boucher.

Jeffrey Marks is the author of the US Grant mystery series that began with **The Ambush of My Name** and **A Good Soldier**. He is also the editor and a contributing author to **Magnolias and Mayhem** and **Criminal Appetites** (Silver Dagger anthology). His work has been nominated for an Edgar, Agatha, Macavity, Maxwell award (from the DWAA) and Anthony awards from the World Mystery Convention. He writes from his home in Cincinnati, Ohio.