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WHO WAS THAT LADY? Nominated for MWA's Edgar Award

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Who Was That Lady? Craig Rice: The Queen of Screwball Mystery

By Jeffrey Marks

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February 4, 2002: **NEW YORK CITY**: The Mystery Writers of America announced the nominees for the 2001 Edgar awards, named after Edgar Allan Poe, the father of the modern mystery story. Among the nominees for Best Critical/Biographical Work was **Who Was That Lady? Craig Rice: the Queen of Screwball Mystery** by Jeffrey Marks. Marks' biography of Rice took three years of research to come to fruition. The manic author of some twenty novels and untold short stories had lived life by the seat of the pants. Records and documentation of her life and loves was nearly impossible to come by.

Ironically, Marks owes a debt to Craig in receiving his nomination. "Craig was one of the founding members and a driving force behind the genesis of Mystery Writers of America. She's the one who suggested their motto: *Crime Doesn't Pay – Enough!* Sadly, Rice was never honored with her own Edgar for her works."

The release of the biography has fueled a resurgence in Rice's reputation which has languished in recent years. A new collection of her short work, edited by Marks, is due out this month from Crippen and Landru. **Murder Mystery and Malone** will be the first new release of Rice's work in thirty-eight years.

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** (Silver Dagger anthology) and the upcoming **Criminal Appetites** (Silver Dagger anthology). His work has been nominated for a Maxwell award (from the DWAA) and an Anthony award from the World Mystery Convention. He writes from his home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Every writer may deserve such a dedicated biographer, and Rice's life is interesting (especially for hardcore mystery fans . . ." Publishers Weekly 3/26/2001.