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## Magnolias and Mayhem nominated for Anthony Award

Collection of short stories is one of 5 nominees for best mystery anthology

Winners of the Anthony Awards will be announced at the World Mystery Convention, Bouchercon, in November 2001.

- Washington D.C., June 11, 2001: The World Mystery Convention named the nominees for best mysteries of the year. Included in the list of nominees for best mystery anthology (short story collection) was *Magnolias and Mayhem* by author Jeffrey Marks. The convention (known as Bouchercon for the late mystery reviewer Anthony Boucher) meets in November and awards the Anthonies for the best in crime fiction. Marks attributes his success to the quality of stories in the collection. Authors Deborah Adams, Dean James, Taylor McCafferty and the late Liz Squire. "With Southern mystery authors like the ones at Silver Dagger, it was easy to collect a great anthology," Marks said. Marks' story in the collection "Under Siege" is a precursor to his mystery novel about Ulysses Grant released last week from Silver Dagger.

### Busy Year for Marks

In addition to the nomination, Marks has released two new books this year. The first is a biography of mystery writer Craig Rice, entitled *WHO WAS THAT LADY?* from Delphi Books. The second is a full-length novel featuring Ulysses S. Grant from Silver Dagger Mysteries, *THE AMBUSH OF MY NAME*. Marks, has won multiple awards for his work including The Barnes and Noble award, the Malice Domestic Grant, and a Maxwell award nomination. He currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio where he works as a public relations and marketing coordinator for Intrive, Incorporate, a financial technology firm.

**Silver Dagger Mysteries** is the suspense and mystery fiction imprint of Overmountain Press, the well-respected publisher from Johnson City, Tennessee. 2001 marks their second year as a publisher of Southern mysteries, having garnered awards for their short stories and novels during their first year of operation.

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