

## **European Crime Fiction Star Award**

### **Europäischer Preis für Kriminalliteratur**

### **(Ripper Award)**

awarded by Europe`s greatest International Crime Story Festival

### **Mord am Hellweg**

Kulturregion Hellweg, Nordrhein-Westfalen

#### **The Award**

The **European Crime Fiction Star Award** honours a female or a male crime fiction author who has rendered outstanding services to crime literature within Europe. The prize will be awarded to a living contemporary author whose work testifies responsibility for crime literature in a special way and stands for a lively and modern development of the genre. His/her work is of European importance and/or has received a significant reception within Europe. The author`s complete oeuvre or a single outstanding work may be decisive for the awarding. The prize will be awarded once every two years in the course of Europe`s greatest international crime story festival **Mord am Hellweg**.

The award is endowed with **11.111 euros**.

#### **Conditions | Procedures | Dates**

European publishing companies, literary institutions, editors, agencies, crime fiction authors, crime fiction journalists and literary agents are allowed to propose a female or male candidate for the award up to the qualifying date. It is not possible to propose oneself as a candidate. The qualifying date is **August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

Out of all proposals (longlist) a pre-jury will compile a shortlist of 11 candidates for the final voting. The pre-jury also nominates a main jury of seven German and international crime fiction authors. The main jury chooses five nominees from the shortlist.

The award will be presented in spring 2017. The winner's attendance is obligatory for the award Ceremony. The agreement to participate in the award ceremony in spring 2015 is a condition for a possible nomination.

The award winner will finally be chosen by public voting in the course of the festival (September to November 2016). Voting is possible via postcard, letter or online ([www.mordamhellweg.de](http://www.mordamhellweg.de)).

Authors who have already been proposed or nominated the years before may be proposed or nominated again. However, the prize can only be awarded once to an author.

In cases of doubt the final decision is made by the pre-jury respectively the organizing committee.

Staff members of the project **Mord am Hellweg** are excluded from voting.

Legal recourse is excluded.

## **R e s p o n s i b l e B o d y | O r g a n i z a t i o n**

**The European Crime Fiction Star Award (Unna)**  
is presented in the course of the festival **Mord am Hellweg**

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