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# Love, Lies and Murder

A Panel Discussion



There are few more compelling themes in the mystery genre than personal betrayal in the context of romantic entanglement. The Maltese Falcon, arguably the most singular work in the hardboiled mystery sub-category, was essentially a tale of love, lies and murder. It's an eternal subject, rooted in classic literature from Homer to Shakespeare to Raymond Chandler, and likely to endure into future millenia.

We'll examine books notable for their examination of deception and betrayal as seen through the distorted lens of romantic attraction, how what should be the loftiest of our emotions can turn into base motivation and primitive behavior. *See reverse for panelists' bios.*

Wednesday, May 18

7:00-8:30 p.m.



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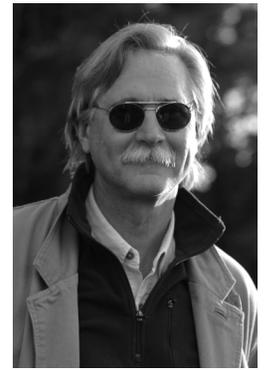
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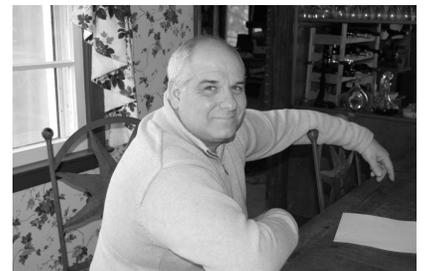


**PANELISTS:**



**EVELYN DAVID** is the pen name of two writers, Marian Edelman Borden who will appear on the panel, and Rhonda Dossett who lives in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The two met on an Internet Writers Forum and began collaborating on short stories and novels. They are the authors of the Sullivan Investigation Series which includes *Murder Off the Books*, *Murder Takes the Cake*, and *Murder Drops the Ball*. They are also the authors of the e-books series *The Brianna Sullivan Mysteries*. Although Marian and Rhonda have been collaborating for more than five years, they have yet to meet in person. [www.evelyndavid.com](http://www.evelyndavid.com)

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