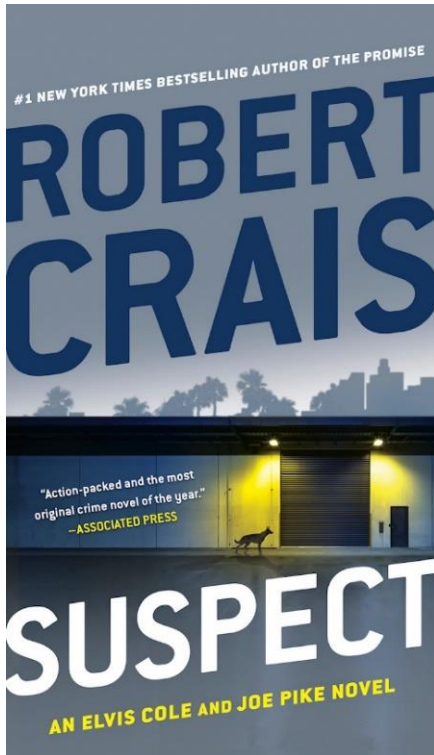


# SUSPECT, a novel by Robert Crais, wins Best Mystery/Crime Novel of the Decade!

The Barry Award for best mystery goes to **SUSPECT (Putnam)**. Originally published in 2013, *New York Times* #1 bestselling author Robert Crais' 19<sup>th</sup> novel captures the healing power of our bond with dogs.



The competition for this honor was fierce. Voted on by the readers of *Deadly Pleasures Mystery Magazine*, the award was announced Saturday, October 17th, 2020, at Bouchercon. The other nominees were *GONE GIRL*, Gillian Flynn, *NOVEMBER ROAD*, Lou Berney, *THE DRY*, Jane Harper, *THE BLACK HOUSE*, Peter May, and *THE CARTEL*, by Don Winslow. The last winner (2010) was *THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO* by Stieg Larsson.

The beloved star of this thrilling, emotional, intense novel is a German Shepherd named Maggie, a former soldier dog, who **Booklist** says may be "the most multifaceted and appealing new protagonist in crime fiction." **Dog Fancy Magazine** said, "It's clear that Robert Crais has done his homework in understanding dogs . . . the power of the human-animal bond, the amazing ways that dogs comprehend our world, have never been better portrayed than in *Suspect*."

**"Action-packed, deeply touching, and one of the best-written and most original crime novels of the year. Crais is one of the masters of modern crime fiction."**

– **Associated Press**

**"Robert Crais is one of those rare, treasured writers who combines genuine humanity with tales of crime and detection"**

– **The Philadelphia Inquirer**

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Meet Scott James, a Los Angeles cop nearly killed in the line of duty; meet Maggie, a military working dog who barely survived a bombing and sniper attack in Afghanistan. Read how both man and dog struggle with the psychic wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder; see how they each save one another.

Beloved master of crime fiction and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author **Robert Crais** is the author of twenty-two novels, seventeen of them featuring Elvis Cole and Joe Pike. He has won a Grand Master Award from the Mystery Writers of America as well as the Anthony, Barry, Shamus, Macavity, Gumshoe, and Ross Macdonald awards. His novels have been translated into forty-two languages and are global bestsellers. A native of Louisiana, he lives in Los Angeles.

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