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THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL

Black Orchid Novella Award Contest



The Return of the Puzzle

Each entry must be an original, unpublished work of fiction in the traditional deductive style exemplified by the Nero Wolfe series that:

- Does not include characters from the original series
- Emphasizes the deductive skills of the sleuth
- Contains no overt sex or violence

FIRST PRIZE: \$1,000 and publication in Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*

Entries must be 15,000 to 20,000 words in length, and must be postmarked by May 31, 2023 • The winner will be announced at The Wolfe Pack's Annual Black Orchid Banquet in December 2023. • Please visit www.nerowolfe.org for official rules and procedures to submit your novella • With questions, contact Jane K. Cleland: jane@janecleland.com • *If no acceptable candidates are received, AHMM and The Wolfe Pack reserve the right to declare no winner in any given year.