



Portrait of Nero Wolfe by Kevin I. Gordon

**Does your sleuth
measure up
to this master?**

**The Wolfe Pack & Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine
Proudly Announce
Our Twentieth Annual
Black Orchid Novella Award contest**

We are looking for original works of fiction in the traditional deductive style exemplified by Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe. Your entry must:

- Contain no overt sex or violence
- Emphasize the ratiocinative skills of the sleuth
- Not include characters from the Nero Wolfe series

First Prize: \$1000 . . . And publication in Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*

Entries must be 15,000 to 20,000 words in length, and must be submitted by May 31, 2026. The winner will be announced at The Wolfe Pack's Annual Black Orchid Banquet in New York City on December 5, 2026 • Please visit www.nerowolfe.org for official rules, procedures, and guidelines • For questions, contact Jane K. Cleland, Chair of the BONA contest, at 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.