



*Nevada Barr*

Nevada Barr was born in the small western town of Yerington, Nevada and raised on a mountain airport in the Sierras. Pushed out of the nest, Nevada fell into the theatre, receiving her BA in speech and drama and her MFA in acting before making the pilgrimage to New York City, then Minneapolis. For eighteen years she worked on stage, in commercials, in industrial training films and on the radio. During this time, Nevada became interested in the environmental movement and began working in the National Parks during the summers: Isle Royale in Michigan, Guadalupe Mountains in Texas, Mesa Verde in Colorado and then on the Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi. Nevada wrote and presented campfire stories, taught storytelling and was a travel writer and restaurant critic. Her first novel, *Bittersweet*, was published in 1983. The Anna Pigeon series, featuring a female park ranger as the protagonist, started when she married her love of writing with her love of the wilderness.



*Mary Kay Andrews*

A former reporter for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Mary Kay Andrews is the author of ten critically acclaimed mysteries, including the *Callahan Garrity* mystery series, published under her real name, Kathy Hogan Trocheck. Her mysteries have been nominated for the Edgar, Anthony, Agatha and Macavity Awards.

Mary Kay's other fiction books include *Hissy Fit*, *Savannah Blues*, *Blue Christmas*, and *Little Bitty Lies*.

In 2006, her book *Savannah Breeze* was nominated for a Quill award for best romance novel of the year.

After a three year hiatus in Raleigh, NC, she and her husband recently moved back to their old neighborhood. As a lifelong "junkie," Andrews claims to know the location of every promising thrift store, flea market, and junk pile in the Southeastern United States, plus many parts of Ohio.

*Stuart Kaminsky*



Stuart Kaminsky is the author of 50 published novels, five biographies, four textbooks and 35 short stories. He also has screenwriting credits on four produced films. He is past president of Mystery Writers of America and has been nominated for six prestigious Edgar Allen Poe Awards. He has been nominated for both a Shamus Award and a McCavity Readers Choice Award. Kaminsky writes several popular series including those featuring Lew Fonesca, Abraham Lieberman, Inspector Porfiry Petrovich Rostnikov, and Toby Peters. He left his professorship at Florida State in 1994 to pursue full-time writing.