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Late Bloomers Dream Big

PUBLISHING THE FIRST MYSTERY IN MIDLIFE

Join five talented authors who turned to crime in their 50s, 60s, and 70s as they discuss how living and having lived helps you write your mystery and get it published.

FEATURING

- ELIZABETH ZELVIN (MODERATOR)
- HELEN BARER
- JAMES R. BENN
- JANE K. CLELAND
- MITCH SILVER



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Mystery writers whose first novels come out late in life bring not only age but a wealth of experience and expertise to the field. Some turned to writing late in life; others went through years of struggle to achieve their lifelong dream. How did they do it? With talent and persistence, irreverence and faith.

ELIZABETH ZELVIN is a New York City psychotherapist whose first mystery is *Death Will Get You Sober*. She has directed alcoholism treatment programs throughout New York, has lectured widely on addictions, codependency, and online mental health, and currently practices therapy on the Internet. Publications include a book on gender and addictions and two books of poetry. Visit her at www.elizabethzelvin.com.



HELEN BARER was born and bred in Brooklyn, NY. She graduated from Bennington College in Vermont, returned to New York City, and never left. Happily ensconced in a rent-controlled apartment with her lawyer husband, she does most of her writing at her home in Water Mill, NY. Her first novel, *Fitness Kills*, was published in 2007. The second book of the Nora Franke series is *Families Are Murder*.

JAMES R. BENN is the author of the Billy Boyle WWII Mystery Series. The 2006 debut title, *Billy Boyle*, was a Booksense Pick for 2006, a finalist for the 2007 Dilys Award, and one of *Kirkus Review's* Autumn/Winter Preview 30 "highly anticipated, must-read titles". The 2007 follow-up, *The First Wave*, received a starred review in *Library Journal* and was featured in Marilyn Stasio's Crime column in the *New York Times Book Review*. Benn lives in Lyme, Connecticut.

Antiques to Die For is the third in **JANE K. CLELAND'S** traditional mystery series featuring Josie Prescott, an antiques appraiser. The first in the series, *Consigned to Death*, which has been referred to as an "Antiques Roadshow for mystery fans," was nominated for an Agatha Award, a Macavity, and a David for Best First Novel and was an IMBA bestseller. Ms. Cleland is the president of the Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter and the chair of the Wolfe Pack's literary awards.

MITCH SILVER was born in Brooklyn and grew up on Long Island. He attended Yale and Harvard Law School and moved on to be a writer for several New York ad agencies. He and his wife Ellen, a graphic artist, lived in Paris for a year while he was a creative director there before returning home to Rye, New York. Mr. Silver won the American Song Festival Lyric Grand Prize for "Sleeping Single in a Double Bed." *In Secret Service* is his first novel.



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