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Notable Maryland Author

Maryland Author: Laura Lippman

Genre: Detective Fiction

"I am who I am today because of libraries."

Laura Lippman



Ms. Lippman grew up in Baltimore and attended city schools through ninth grade. Her family moved and she graduated from Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Md., and then attended Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. After she earned her degree, she became a reporter for papers such as the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and the *San Antonio Light*. In 1989, Ms. Lippman returned to Baltimore to report for *The (Baltimore) Sun*. She has remained in the state.

Ms. Lippman followed in the footsteps of her newspaper and literary parents. Her father, the late Theo Lippman Jr., was a *Sun* editorial writer who retired in 1995, and her mother, Madeline Mabry Lippman, was a former Baltimore City school librarian. Her sister, Susan, is a local bookseller.

Ms. Lippman began writing novels while working full-time and published seven books about "accidental PI" Tess Monaghan before 2011 when she left daily journalism to write. She is the first-ever recipient of the Mayor's (Baltimore) Prize for Literary Excellence and the first genre writer recognized as Author of the Year by the Maryland Library Association. Her work has been awarded the Edgar®, the Anthony, the Agatha, the Shamus, the Nero Wolfe, Gumshoe and Barry awards.

Genre: Detective Fiction – A subgenre of crime fiction and mystery fiction in which an investigator or a detective—either professional, amateur or retired—investigates a crime, often murder. The detective genre began around the mid-nineteenth century and has remained extremely popular, particularly in novels. Some of the most famous heroes of detective fiction include C. Auguste Dupin, Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot, and now Tess Monaghan.

A partial reading list of Tess Monaghan novels includes: *Hush Hush*, *The Girl in the Green Raincoat*, *Another Thing to Fall*, *No Good Deeds*, *By a Spider's Thread*, *The Last Place*, *In a Strange City*, *Charm City*

Writers Prompt - Fun With Words - Maryland Writers' Association (MWA) invites you to have fun writing part of a Detective story using just 100 words. Include these factors in your story. Your setting is an Emergency Room in the 1960's and your character is a Bookie. A Parent-Teacher conference is involved as well as a moustache. Have Fun!