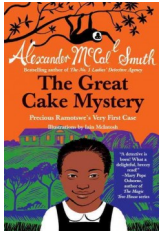


## Mystery

# The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case



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Five words on the cover of a new children's book caught my attention, and I knew I had to read it. One was Mystery (I really like mysteries), one was Cake (I adore cake!), and the other three were Alexander McCall Smith - a favorite author of mine! McCall Smith explains in an afterword that he felt compelled to explore the childhood of Precious Ramotswe, the heroine of the No. 1. [Read more](#)

Posted by Ellen A. on May 12, 2012

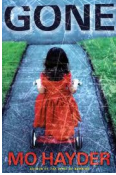
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## Edgar Awards 2012



The Edgar Awards are presented every year by the Mystery Writers of America and are often considered the most prestigious awards for the mystery genre. This year's awards were presented this week and the winners include:

Best Novel: [Gone](#) by Mo Hayder

Investigating a serial carjacker whose actual targets are young children in back seats, Jack Caffery teams up once again with police diver Sergeant Flea Marley, whose life is endangered by a discovery in an abandoned, half-submerged tunnel.

Best First Novel: [Bent Road](#) by Lori Roy

Celia Scott and her family move back to her husband's hometown in Kansas, where his sister died under mysterious circumstances twenty years before, and where Celia and two of her children struggle to adjust--especially when a local girl disappears.

Best Paperback Original: [The Company Man](#) by Robert Jackson Bennett

In 1919, the McNaughton Corporation is the pinnacle of American industry located in Evesden-a shining metropolis, the best that the world has to offer. But then eleven union men are butchered by hand in the blink of an eye. Now, one man, Cyril Hayes, must fix this and uncover the dark secret behind the inventions of McNaughton.

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It's 2011, there have been a series of deaths, they don't seem related to the police and this is what Scotland Yard is saying at their press conference. Suddenly there is the sound of cell phone after cell phone notifying each reporter and officer in the room they have received a text. It consists of one word only, "Wrong." No it is not an admission from a super criminal, it's [Sherlock](#) Holmes. The case is interesting and the game is afoot. Steven Moffat, the current producer of BBC's Doctor Who, has brought Sherlock into the 21 Century and he fits in very well indeed. [Read more](#)

Posted by Keith C. on February 2, 2012

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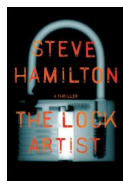
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# The Lock Artist by Steve Hamilton



Recently I decided to read a mystery that was either nominated for or won an Edgar

Award. I chose The Lock Artist, 2010 Best Novel winner, because it sounded interesting. I was not disappointed. The story is narrated by Mike, a "boxman"- someone who can open any lock without a key whether it's on a safe, a door, a window or a padlock. We know this talent has landed him in prison at the age of 18 and that from there he writes his life story. We also know Mike is known as "Miracle Boy" because he survived a family tragedy that is hinted at throughout the book. This tragedy rendered him unable to speak, which brings an interesting facet to the tale. When he falls in love he is only able to communicate with the object of his desire through his other talent- drawing. *The Lock Artist* is not just one mystery, but many within the life of Mike- which job finally landed him in prison, what happened to the girl he loves, who is the dangerous and mysterious man who employs him, what happened to him as a child? Each chapter jumps to a different point in time in Mike's life with many ending as cliffhangers.

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Posted by Elizabeth G. on October 22, 2011

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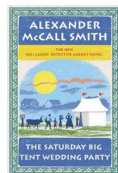
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# The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party



Wedding planning, ghost vans that mysteriously disappear into the veldt, a perfect pair

of heels for a wedding, what's not to like about Alexander McCall Smith's latest in the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series? If life has you feeling blue, this is the perfect book to lighten your mood and take you away from your problems. Botswana, is that far enough? A country where they measure wealth in cattle rather than dollars, and people still have the time to chat in a tree's shade.

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Posted by Dory L. on May 11, 2011

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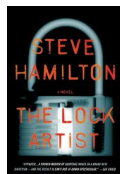
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Best First Novel: [Rogue Island](#) by Bruce DeSilva

Best Paperback Original: [Long Time Coming](#) by Robert Goddard

Best Fact Crime: [Scoreboard, Baby: A Story of College Football, Crime and Complicity](#) by Ken Armstrong and Nick Perry

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## Without A Clue



I've often wondered what Michael Caine would have done if he had been given the part of Sherlock Holmes. [Without A Clue](#) doesn't answer that question. It does, however, give me an idea what he would look like playing Sherlock Holmes. Instead [Without a Clue](#) answers a question I didn't even know I had. [Read more](#)

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