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## European Crime Fiction Star award 2020/21

### Main Jury completed: top-crime writers from seven countries involved

Europe will celebrate the jubilee of the largest international Crime festival "Mord am Hellweg" in 2020: the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the crime festival will take place from September 19 to November 14, 2020 in the Hellweg-region. The planning for this highlight is running at full blast. herefore a prominent main jury for the European crime fiction star award (Ripper Award) 2020/21 has been selected.

The festival is proud to attract seven top-crime-writers from seven European countries for the main jury, **Alex Beer (Austria), Simone Buchholz (Germany), Anna Grue (Denmark), Antonio Manzini (Italy), Anita Terpstra (Netherland), and also** the winner of the European crime fiction star award 2018/19 **Simon Beckett (Great Britain) and Arne Dahl (Sweden)** agreed to contribute on the jury work.

The RIPPER AWARD is currently being awarded again for its seventh time in 2020/21. The prize will be awarded to an internationally successful crime author who has contributed outstanding service to crime literature with his or her previous work on a European or international extent.

Until April 11, 2019, publishers, literary institutions, libraries, editorships, agencies, crime authors, crime media and blogs may nominate crime writers throughout Europe for the prize, authors whose works have contributed to the lively and contemporary development of crime literature in Europe. After the expiration of the deadline, a preliminary jury will be formed consisting of the festival management and the Bremen crime novelist and creator of the prize, Jürgen Alberts, will form a longlist of 11 candidates. From this, the main jury will again draw up a shortlist of 3-5 nominees, who will have to present themselves with a reading at the festival. In the 2020 festival period, the audience and readers will ultimately decide on the winner via **online voting** and **postcard voting**.

"Mord am Hellweg" continues to live up to its very good reputation: In autumn 2020, crime thriller fans can look forward to a multifarious program with murderously good readings by renowned crime thriller authors at unusual locations. It remains to be exciting!

## **Mord am Hellweg ist ein Projekt der Kulturregion Hellweg**

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