

INDEPENDENCE, MO, September 20, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Lady Justice and the Cruise Ship Murders by award-winning author, Robert Thornhill, has been awarded the Pinnacle Achievement Award for 'Best New Mystery Novel', Summer of 2013, by the National Association of Book Entrepreneurs.

This is the sixth such award for the Lady Justice mystery/comedy series. Lady Justice and the Sting, Lady Justice and Dr. Death, Lady Justice and the Candidate, Lady Justice and the Vigilante and Lady Justice and the Book Club Murders won the Pinnacle Achievement Award in previous quarters.

The series has also been awarded 'Honorable Mention' at the Southern California Book Festival and the "Indie Approval" designation from IndieReader.com.

Lee Ashford of Reader's Favorite writes, "Lady Justice and the Cruise Ship Murders" by Robert Thornhill is Episode #11 of the 'Lady Justice series', an ongoing collection of comedy/mystery stories spawned in the creative mind of the author. In this story Walt, a Kansas City Police Department officer and member of City Retiree Action Patrol (C.R.A.P.), and his wife Maggie join Walt's patrol partner Ox and his new bride Judy both of whom are also police officers, on an Alaskan Cruise intended to be Ox and Judy's official honeymoon. The four friends greatly anticipated this opportunity to get away together for some peace and quiet, and enjoy an experience none had ever had before . . . a cruise. They did have an experience none of them had ever had before, but the cruise was merely a small part of it. Peace and quiet never entered the equation at all.

The title of this story gives a great big clue about what to expect in this adventure. Somebody aboard ship murdered two people and tossed their bodies overboard. Much to their surprise, the people they murdered had just changed rooms with the people they intended to murder, so the perpetrators still had two people to kill. This story is laugh-out-loud funny in many places, while still being a somewhat serious murder mystery. In addition, much actual history of the Alaskan gold rush was woven into this tale, lending a great deal of historic accuracy to the entire story. Robert Thornhill has found and filled a niche in the world of fiction that quite obviously had not been discovered prior to the day his wife told him he should write a book. His talent for creating real people, serious crimes, and humorous situations in a cogent story is a national treasure. I heartily recommend this tale to everybody with a sense of humor who also enjoys a well-told tale.

Robert has also authored the seven volume Rainbow Road series of chapter books for children.

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Written by Australian Business

Award-winning author, Robert Thornhill, began writing at the age of sixty-six and in four short years has penned fourteen novels in the Lady Justice mystery/comedy series, the seven volume Rainbow Road series of chapter books for children, a cookbook and a mini-autobiography.

Lady Justice and the Sting, Lady Justice and Dr. Death, Lady Justice and the Vigilante, Lady Justice and the Candidate and Lady Justice and the Book Club Murders won the Pinnacle Award for the best new mystery novels of Fall 2011, Winter 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2012 and Spring of 2013 from the National Association of Book Entrepreneurs.

Many of Walt's adventures in the Lady Justice series are anecdotal and based on Robert's real life. Although Robert holds a master's in psychology, he has never taken a course in writing and has never learned to type. All 25 of his published books were typed with one finger and a thumb!

His wit and insight come from his varied occupations, including thirty-three years as a real estate broker. He lives with his wife, Peg, in Independence, Missouri.