

#1 Internationally Best-Selling Crime Thriller Novelist, Karin Slaughter Wins the CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award for COP TOWN

New York, NY October 5 -- The Crime Writers' Association has announced that Karin Slaughter's Cop Town has won the prestigious Ian Fleming Steel Dagger Award. Random House released Cop Town, Slaughter's first stand-alone novel, last summer. The announcement comes right on the heels of this week's release of Karin's psychological thriller debut, Pretty Girls (William Morrow, \$27.99).

CWA comments on Cop Town, "The judges loved this fascinating story filled to the brim with rich and evocative period detail of Atlanta in 1974. Slaughter introduces us to Kate Murphy on her first day at work on the police force just as a brutal killing and furious man hunt rocks the city. The judges found the characters to be instantly real, engaging well-drawn and convincing helping the reader to be pulled through this dark and twisted story to the very end."

Cop Town was on the New York Times Best-Seller list within the first three weeks it was released. The novel was published in 2014 to universal acclaim and received an Edgar nomination for Best Novel from the Mystery Writers of America. Slaughter has been called "one of the best crime novelists in America" by The Washington Post. The Associated Press called Cop Town "Intense...engrossing...evocative" and O, The Oprah Magazine described it "with evocative writing... amazing characters...edge-of-your seat suspense and a riveting plot."

Kathryn Stockett, New York Times bestselling author of The Help hailed "Much more than a thriller...a masterpiece," and Gillian Flynn states "Karin Slaughter is simply one of the best thriller writers working today, and Cop Town shows the author at the top of her game."

About The Crime Writers' Association

The Crime Writers' Association promotes the crime genre, and supports their membership of professional writers. The CWA was founded in 1953 – that's sixty years of support, promotion and celebration of this most durable, adaptable and successful of genres. CWA runs the prestigious Dagger Awards, which celebrate the best in crime writing. For further information please visit <http://thecwa.co.uk/>

About Karin Slaughter

Karin Slaughter is one of the best-selling crime thriller writers today. She is a New York Times best-selling author, having sold over 35 million copies of her crime thrillers, worldwide. Her books are translated into 32 languages, #1 in the UK (8 titles), #1 in the Netherlands (5 titles)#1 in Germany, #1 in Ireland, #2 in Denmark, #3 in the United States, and #3 in Australia. For further information please visit www.karinslaughter.com.