

# FANCY A STAB AT CRIME WRITING?



The CWA Debut Dagger Competition is open until 26 February 2021. Go on, take a stab at it – send us the opening 3,000 words and a synopsis of your crime novel.

Winning the Debut Dagger doesn't guarantee you'll get published. But even if you're shortlisted, it means your work will be seen by leading agents and top editors, who have signed up over two dozen winners and shortlisted Debut Dagger competitors. MW Craven, the 2019 winner of the CWA Gold Dagger for the best crime novel of the year was Debut Dagger shortlisted in 2013. Read his story on the Debuts blog and join our Debuts to get tips on entering the competition as well as ezines about the latest crime books. Maybe join our Facebook group of like-minded writers: /thedebugs.

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The Debut Dagger is open to anyone writing in English who has not yet had a novel traditionally published and has no agent on closing date. The winner takes home £500 and a CWA Dagger.

All shortlisted entrants receive a brief assessment of their entries and their work is sent to interested agents and publishers. Entry costs £36. Full details:

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