



Tales of Suspense: The Boston Strangler, the Gardner Theft and More



Tales of Suspense: The Boston Strangler, the Gardner Theft and More - Local Authors and Storytellers Relate Boston's Most Intriguing True Crime Stories during an Evening of Storytelling to Benefit ReadBoston.

From a heart-stopping account of the Boston Strangler murders of the 1960s to a step-by-step analysis of the \$500 million Gardner Theft, some of the city's best storytellers come together for a night of mystery and intrigue at Hotel Commonwealth. Hosted by Emmy Award-winning reporter **Sara Edwards**, the evening features the tales of best-selling mystery author **Casey Sherman**, security director of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum **Anthony Amore** and investigative reporter-cum-mystery novelist **Hank Phillippi Ryan**, as

well as a reception of hors d'oeuvres and beer & wine. Following the suspenseful tales, Sara Edwards will moderate a Q&A session and panel discussion.

Local mystery and crime author **Casey Sherman** recounts the tense moments of his most recent novel, *The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue*, about the rescue of two ships off the coast of Cape Cod during a 1952 nor'easter. Casey also recounts the chilling murder of his aunt Mary Sullivan, the last victim in the Boston Strangler case of the 1960s, which he documents in his book *A Rose for Mary: The Hunt for the Boston Strangler*.

Twenty years ago, two amateur thieves disguised as police officers broke into the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and escaped with 13 priceless works of art. For the last five years, Director of Security Anthony Amore has investigated leads and pored over evidence of the heist, one of the FBI's greatest unsolved art thefts. Amore will lay out the events of that ill-fated night, drawing on little-known facts and a general sense of mystery that surrounds a 20-year-old crime with no promising suspects.

In a case of art imitating life, mystery novelist **Hank Phillippi Ryan**, a former reporter for *7 News*, shares real-life accounts of the crime stories that inspired her best-selling mystery novels featuring fictional heroine Charlie McNally. A recipient of more than 50 news awards, including 26 Emmys and 10 Edward R. Murrow Awards, Ryan is also the winner of the prestigious AGATHA Award for Best First Novel. **COST: \$30/person includes beer, wine and appetizers**

All proceeds to benefit ReadBoston, Hotel Commonwealth's literary charity partner.

Event Details

Website: <http://www.hotelcommonwealth.com>
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Phone: (617) 532-5017
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