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## **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUFFOLK MYSTERY AUTHORS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES 2023 HEADLINER**

**SUFFOLK, VA (September 30, 2022)** Suffolk Tourism is pleased to announce that best-selling author **Hank Phillippi Ryan** will headline the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival, slated for Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Suffolk Conference Center at the Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront. This unique festival appeals to avid readers and aspiring writers alike, with events such as book signings, author meet & greets, and moderated panel discussions. This popular event will feature an additional 49 best-selling authors of mystery, suspense/thriller, paranormal, horror, historical, romance, and women's fiction. In addition to kicking off the Opening Session, where she will be interviewed, Phillippi Ryan will be signing her latest and most popular titles during the afternoon signing sessions, along with all Featured Authors. **Applications to be a Featured Author are now available and will be accepted until November 15.**

Hank Phillippi Ryan is the *USA Today* bestselling author of 13 psychological thrillers, winning the most prestigious awards in the genre: five Agathas, five Anthonys, and the coveted Mary Higgins Clark Award. She is also the on-air investigative reporter for Boston's WHDH-TV, with 37 EMMYs and dozens more journalism honors. Book critics call her "a master of suspense," "a superb and gifted storyteller"; she's the only author to have won the Agatha in four different categories: Best First, Best Novel, Best Short Story and Best Non-Fiction. Her newest is *Her Perfect Life*, a chilling psychological standalone about fame, family, and revenge. It received starred reviews from both *Kirkus* and *Publishers Weekly*, calling it "a superlative thriller." B.A. Paris says, "Shocking, suspenseful... kept me guessing until the end." and Julie Clark says, "You will read this in one sitting!" It is now nominated for the Agatha Award for Best Contemporary Novel. Her next is *The House Guest*, coming February 2023. Hank is a founder of MWA University, host of CRIME TIME on A Mighty Blaze, and co-host of First Chapter Fun

and The Back Room. She is past president of National Sisters in Crime. Visit her website at [www.HankPhillippiRyan.com](http://www.HankPhillippiRyan.com).

To learn more about the Suffolk Mystery Authors Festival, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130, visit [www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com](http://www.SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival.com), or follow us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival](http://www.Facebook.com/SuffolkMysteryAuthorsFestival).

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