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1986 When the Bough Breaks by Jonathan Kellerman

1985 Strike Three, You're Dead by Richard Rosen

1984 The Bay Psalm Book Murder by Will Harriss

1983 The Butcher's Boy by Thomas Perry

1982 Chiefs by Stuart Woods

1981 The Watcher by Kay Nolte Smith

1980 The Lasko Tangent by Richard North Patterson

1979 Killed in the Ratings by William L. DeAndrea

1978 A French Finish by Robert Ross

1977 The Thomas Berryman Number
by James Patterson

1976 The Alvarez Journal by Rex Burns

1975 Fletch by Gregory McDonald

1974 The Billion Dollar Sure Thing by Paul E. Erdman

1973 Squaw Point by Ruth H. Shimer

1972 Finding Maubee by Albert H. Z. Carr

1971 The Anderson Tapes by Lawrence Sanders

1970 A Time of Predators by Joe Gores

1969 (tie) The Silver Street by E. Richard Johnson

1969 (tie) The Bait by Dorothy Uhnak

1968 Act of Fear by Michael Collins

1967 The Cold War Swap by Ross Thomas

1966 In the Heat of the Night by John Dudley Ball

1965 Friday The Rabbi Slept Late by Harry Kemelman

1964 Florentine Finish by Cornelius Hirschberg

1963 The Fugitive by Robert L. Fish

1962 The Green Stone by Suzanne Blanc

1961 The Man in the Cage by John Holbrook Vance

1960 The Grey Flannel Shroud by Henry Slesar

1959 The Bright Road to Fear by Richard Martin Stern

1958 Knock and Wait a While by William Rawle Weeks

1957 Rebecca's Pride by Donald McNutt Douglass

1956 The Perfectionist by Lane Kauffmann

1955 Go, Lovely Rose by Jean Potts

1954 A Kiss Before Dying by Ira Levin

1953 Don't Cry for Me by William Campbell Gault

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1951 Nightmare in Manhattan by Thomas Walsh

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