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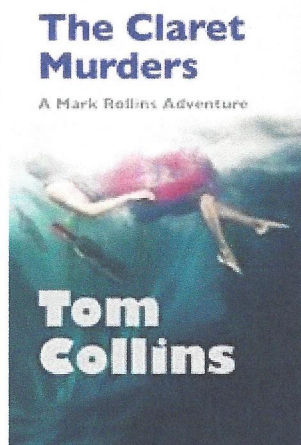
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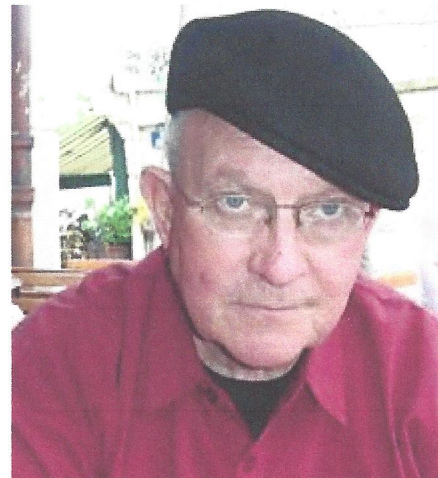
Tom Collins' *The Claret Murders* Receives High Marks from 21st Annual *Writer's Digest Self-Published* *Book Awards*

Judges Praise Author's Effective Use of Historic 2010 Nashville Flood to Enhance Suspense; Mystery

Nashville, TN - - (TBD) Some of America's most recognizable literary minds are taking notice of *The Claret Murders* and are making room for its author, **Tom Collins**, to join their elite ranks. The prestigious *Writer's Digest Self-Published Book Awards* just delivered *The Claret Murders* a score of **four out of a possible five**.

"That's phenomenal!" Collins says of the judge's evaluation of his latest book. "Five is considered outstanding, so a four out of a maximum of five isn't bad."

"The author cleverly deals with puzzles and the solving



thereof on multiple levels, not only the murders, but also a secret identity, and even more so, an hold house with a dubious history and secret rooms,” the judges wrote in their critique. “All these layers make the novel more entertaining.”

Writer’s Digest grades every book in the competition on **structure and organization, grammar, production quality and cover design, plot, and character development**. A score of one means the book needs improvement. A score of five means judges found the book to be an outstanding read.

The Claret Murders is believed to be the first work of fiction to incorporate Nashville’s historic 2010 flood into its storyline. But Collins’ employs his masterful style of storytelling to ensure *The Claret Murders* appeals to people far beyond Nashville’s city limits. “Even though the novel is set in Nashville, the author cleverly avoids country music cliches and focus on a natural event and its impact on a community and on individual lives,” the judges wrote.

“All of my books feature Nashville as a backdrop,” Collins explains. “But this story is different because the city’s historic flood of 2010 plays a central role in the story. It becomes an adversary that even main character Mark Rollins’ money and powerful friends are no match for.”

The Claret Murders – the fourth installment in a series of books – tells of yet another unforgettable Mark Rollins adventure. In *The Claret Murders*, Rollins becomes entangled in the life of attractive, young attorney Ann Sims, who has “gotten herself in over her head.” Collins effectively weaves the essentials of a great mystery – greed, lust, and crime – into what some critics are calling a “Tom Collins with a twist.”

The Mark Rollins Adventure series of books – including *The Claret Murders* – is available at Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and other online retailers, for \$15.99. An e-book edition is also available, for \$2.99.

The Writer’s Digest Self-Published Awards is an annual competition sponsored by highly-acclaimed Writer’s Digest magazine and Book Marketing Works, LLC. It awards prizes to self-published authors in a variety of categories, including fiction, nonfiction, inspirational, reference, children’s and poetry.

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