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"FOG CITY NOCTURNE" - ONE DETECTIVE, SIX AUTHORS

Bay Area Writer's Group releases an anthology of original detective fiction, adding a post-modern twist to the "hard boiled" tradition.

San Francisco, CA - In the grim days following the end of WWII, San Francisco is a rough place to try to make a living as a detective. Paying clients are few and far between, corruption is rampant in the highest echelons of city government, and no one seems to be interested in justice any more.

This is the world of Nick Chambers, the detective you turn to when you can't afford anyone else. He's only one step from being on the streets himself, but manages to scrape by on his wits, perseverance, and a steely conviction that despite all the evidence to the contrary, there are still a few good people left who deserve to have someone watching their backs.

Nick is the brainchild of a Bay Area writer's group who, meeting over cocktails, jointly created a noirstyle anti-hero, with a decidedly post-modern nihilistic outlook that borders on misanthropic. They defined his backstory, psychological profile and current situation, and established two unbreakable rules:

1: Thou shalt not kill Nick. But you can beat him to within an inch of death.

2: *No "Big Wins."* When the story is done, Nick's situation shouldn't be markedly improved in any permanent way.

The group then went their separate ways to put the poor bastard through his paces. The results are both comfortably familiar and refreshingly original, ranging from traditional murder investigations, to psychological introspection, to skirmishes with the occult.

So bundle up in your trench coat, pull your fedora down low, and step out into the cold, dark, fog shrouded streets of San Francisco. Nick may not be the best, highest priced or most famous of private detectives, but when he takes a case you can bet that the truth will be revealed, no matter what the cost to all concerned.

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