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CRIME STORIES

Last year, “Ruby Red” and three other books were nominated for the coveted Edward Award for best mystery novel. By chance, each of the books, including the one written by Weston, features a tough private investigator (one protagonist’s first name is Nick) who unravels crime in a different U.S. city (one book takes place in Los Angeles). From this information and the clues below, can you determine each writer’s full name, book, his or her fictional detective’s full name, and the city where the story takes place?

1. St. Just, the writer of “Wise Guy,” is often asked by fans whether this last name is real or a pen name.
2. Melody, whose main character is named Cleo, isn’t Dekker.
3. In April’s book (which isn’t “Cat’s Eye”), a detective uncovers a money-laundering ring in Seattle.
4. Jeff and Hunter were both previously nominated.
5. Steve named his main character Matt after his older brother.
6. Detective Pushkin is the protagonist of “New Moon.”
7. The detective named Jay fights crime in the author’s home city of New York.
8. In one book, Detective Dante pounds the streets of Chicago.
9. Dekker (whose book doesn’t take place in Seattle) created the detective named Herrick (whose first name isn’t Jay).
10. “Cat’s Eye” stars the investigator named Browning.

Give a solution to the puzzle. Note that a solution consists of the explanation(s) and work that leads to the answer, as well as the answer itself.