

## Evan Hunter

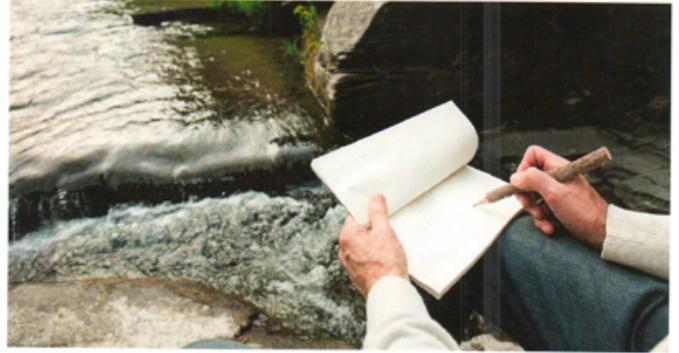
Salvatore (Sal) Albert Lombino was born in New York City in 1926. He began his prolific writing career by authoring novellas for pulp magazines. He used a private investigator in them as his protagonist. (Later, he realized that criminals were more properly pursued by the police.) Lombino wrote several short stories while serving aboard a destroyer in World War II, but they weren't published until the 1950's when Lombino was an established author. He graduated from Hunter College (one of the constituent colleges of the City University of New York) in 1950, and held various short-term jobs, such as playing piano in a jazz band, and teaching in a number of vocational high schools.

Lombino wrote under a variety of pen names. (They included John Abbot, Curt Cannon, Ezra Hannon, Richard Marsten, Evan Hunter and Ed McBain). In 1952, under the legally assumed name of Evan Hunter, Lombino wrote *Blackboard Jungle*. The story was made into a high school angst film starring Glenn Ford. The publisher of the story's paperback edition (Pocket Books, Inc.) wanted to know if Lombino had any ideas for a mystery series. Thus was born the canon of stories revolving around the detectives of New York's 87th Precinct. Lombino (excuse me, Evan Hunter) wrote the popular novels under the pen name, Ed McBain. They've since become a staple for police procedural dramas. In 1963 he wrote the screenplay for *The Birds*, a [horror-thriller](#) directed and produced by [Alfred Hitchcock](#).

Evan Hunter died from [laryngeal cancer](#) in Weston, Connecticut in 2005.

*Essay by Bill Lounsbery*

*KRL has many of Ed McBain's books.*



## Art in Residence: Fresh Air Art Class

This four-week series will get you outside with artist Paul Nuchims to learn and practice nature drawing skills. Supplies provided.

MANCHESTER

Thursday, June 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

### BOOK WORMS (monthly, 7 pm)

On Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, we discuss *Hag-Seed: William Shakespeare's The Tempest Retold* by Margaret Atwood. On July 15, we discuss *The Triumph of Seeds* by Thor Hanson.

### Technology

**Drop In Tech Help** every Friday, 2:00-3:30 pm

Drop in to learn basic computer skills with the help of volunteers and library staff. All Ages

ONGOING SALE: Pre-owned Books are  
On Sale every day during normal Library Hours.

### Qa'Qad Stormwater Park Events – All Ages

Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2:30–3:30 pm: **Instrument Petting Zoo**

Have fun listening, touching, playing and learning about musical instruments from the musicians who play them.

Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2:30–3:30 pm: **Gansango Music & Dance**

This interactive performance will entertain and educate, blending contemporary and traditional West African dance with drumming.

PLANT & BOOK SALE RESULTS: over \$12,000

