

# SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOKS CASE FILE #20

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## STORE HOURS:

Mon & Tuesday – Closed

Wed to Friday – 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday - 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday - 1 to 5 pm

Please Note: The store will be CLOSED SATURDAY JULY 15<sup>th</sup> as my Grandfather Chuck Richardson is being inducted into the Dirt Track Hall of Fame.

Please be informed (as I have been telling customers at the store over the past month) that “Scene of the Crime Books” will be closing its storefront location in Oakville.

**We are NOT totally closing up** but the business will re-locate back to St. Catharines to operate on the internet, at trade shows and by appointment only. We are not disappearing, just down-sizing.

In the future we plan to continue our book club, publish a quarterly catalogue, host future author signings in Niagara on the Lake, develop a Canadian Mystery Magazine and of course sell books.

Soren and I have discussed the web site – which is going to undergo some changes but will continue. **The “Crime File” that you are reading today will change and become a catalogue.** You will have to contact me personally if you wish to receive this new publication by email or mail.

The catalogue will be similar to the “Collectors Corner” - no games, no Don’s Picks, no Most Wanted – nothing but books. On **Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting our final book club meeting at the store after which we plan to turn out the lights on Scene of the Crime Books in Oakville.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**VICKI DELANY:** Join us for Scene of the Crime’s final signing – the book launch of Vicki’s newest novel **“BURDEN OF MEMORY”** on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5 pm. If you attended last year’s event for **“SCARE THE LIGHT AWAY”**, you will remember that this was our biggest signing. Over 150 people visited the store in a 3-hour time period. This novel is a step away from Vicki’s last two – but it is still set in northern Ontario, making it a great cottage read. Make sure you turn out.

## **NEW EVIDENCE:**

### **JOHN BRADY: "PEARCHER'S ROAD"**

This is the first novel in the new Inspektor Kimmel series (before everyone starts emailing me that is how "Inspektor" is spelt in Austria. Sorry.) Two bodies are found on a path in the Austrian woods. A tattoo on one suggests one of the victims was with the Croatian Para-military. The day after the bodies were found, a fire kills the family who discovered them. Now it looks like Kimmel will be next.

First edition trade paper published by McArthur and Company. \$25

### **PHILLIPPE CLAUDE: "BY A SLOW RIVER"**

This is the first novel to be translated into English by this French author.

What connection can there be between three separate deaths? A school Mistress takes her own life; an eight-year-old girl is strangled; and a cop who is investigating little girl's death loses his wife in labor while he is out hunting for the killer. Twenty years later, an obsessed and desperate policeman struggles to make sense of these "cold cases" and soon his efforts lead to a widening of the unimaginable tragedy.

First edition hardcover published by Knopf. \$30

### **MICHAEL CONNELLY: "CRIME BEAT"**

This is a collection of news articles Michael Connelly wrote for the L.A. Times during his newspaper career. First edition hardcover published by Little Brown. \$35

### **VICKI DELANY: "BURDEN OF MEMORY"**

Copies of Vicki's latest book are available for the signing - as well as before and after. If you can't make the signing, please call to have a book personalized or reserved.

First edition hardcover published by Poisoned Pen Press. \$35

### **JANET EVANOVICH: "12 SHARP"**

This is from Janet's site, I thought it was a riot:

"Bails Bonds Enforcement Agent: must be able to lie, read, make phone calls and like having garbage thrown at you. High level of skill in running required. Ownership of car that you don't mind having trashed is a plus. Must own a set of professional handcuffs (the Pleasure Treasure does not carry "professional handcuffs"). Please apply at Vincent Plum Bail Bonding Company on Hamilton between Tender Loving Care Dry Cleaners and the used bookshop."

I only ordered a couple of copies, if you want one let me know.

First edition hardcover published by St. Martin's Press. \$37

### **VICTOR GISCHLER: "SHOTGUN OPERA"**

This is a paperback original of Victor's newest book. Victor is one of my favorite authors and his story "GUN MONKEY" is next to none. It was one of the best reads I've ever come across - if you enjoy tough talking, bullet ripping, gut wrenching action novels.

The tag line on the novel is: "It ain't over till the last bullet." Oh joy....

First edition paperback published by Dell. \$10

**JOHN HARVEY: "DARKNESS AND LIGHT"**

This is the final book in the Elder series. I am trying to get the other two in stock, so hold on.

Frank Elder is drawn from his Cornish hideaway by his ex-wife, Joanne, who wants him to find her widowed sister who has gone missing. What Elder finds is a quicksand of memories, at the centre of which is a murder case that has never been solved. First edition hardcover published by Heinemann. \$35

**MATTHEW PEARL: "THE POE SHADOW"**

Edgar Allan Poe is dead - the mystery begins.

There was a lot of noise made over Matthew Pearl's first novel "**The Dante Club**" and this follow up is sounding just as big.

First edition hardcover published by Random House. \$33

"**The Dante Club**", first edition hardcover published by Random House in 2003. \$60

**CRAIG RUSSELL: "BROTHER GRIMM"**

A serial killer is on the loose in Hamburg, Germany and he is using the folk stories of the Brothers Grimm to kill by. It's up to Jan Fabel of the Hamburg Murder Squad to stop him.

First Canadian trade paper edition published by McArthur and Company. \$25

**WILL THOMAS: "THE LIMEHOUSE TEXT"**

Set in turn-of-the-century England, Barker and Llewelyn find a pawn shop ticket among the effects of Barker's late assistant. The ticket leads them to London's Chinese District and an infamous book that holds the secrets to a lethal martial art forbidden in the west. With the British Empire and Imperial China's relationship already strained, Barker and Llewelyn must safeguard the book against groups with their own agendas - never mind track down a killer intent on using the book's knowledge for himself.

First edition hardcover published by Touchstone. \$33

**PAPERBACK'S:**

**VICKI DELANY: "SCARE THE LIGHT AWAY."** Vicki's second novel in the Hope River series. \$20

**CAROLA DUNN: "STYX AND STONES."** This is the eighth mystery in the Daisy Dalrymple series. \$10

**CHRIS KNOFF: "THE LAST REFUGE."** Published by Vintage Canada, part of their World of Crime series. Past authors include P.D. James, Henning Mankell, and Giles Blunt – so we know this is a quality line of books. First novel in the Sam Acquillo series. \$18

**IAN RANKIN: "A GOOD HANGING."** 12 Rebus short stories. \$10

**IAN RANKIN: "TOOTH & NAIL."** The third Rebus novel. \$10

**IAN RANKIN: "STRIP JACK."** The fourth Rebus novel. \$10

**LEA WAIT: "SHADOWS AT THE SPRING SHOW."** Antiques and murder. \$16

## **DON'S PICKS:**

I recently read the upcoming Linwood Barclay novel "Lone Wolf." I don't believe it's his strongest novel. There were parts in it that left me just dying on the floor with laughter - and at one point he almost had me crying. But don't go blabbing that around.

I wasn't convinced about the actual story. After hearing him talk at the store, the publisher is forcing him to make changes. Changes that (in my view) make him disappear into a sea of mainstream writers. When I read "**Bad Move**" and "**Bad Guys**" I thought he had found his own voice and it was original. But with everything that's going on, maybe it's just me. Grab a copy and read it - make up your own mind.

The other novel I just finished is Victor Gischler's "Shotgun Opera". Sweet! Lots of bullets, lots of teeth getting knocked out – everything you look for in a tough guy novel. How long before Hard Case Crime gets together with Gischler to put out a novel? My guess is not long. I read Victor's earlier novel "**Gun Monkey**" and fell in love. Right now no one is tougher.

## **THE GAME IS AFOOTE:**

A big thank you to Mr. Buck last month's winner. Here are the answers: 1. Michael Slade, 2. Susannah Stacey or Elizabeth Eyre, 3. Robin Paige, 4. Richard Aleas, 5. Even Hunter or Ed McBain, 6. Michael Collins, William Arden, Nick Carter, John Crowe, Carl Dekker, Maxwell Grant, Mark Sadler, 7. Richard Stark, 8. Caroline Roe, 9. Ian Stuart, 10. Alexander Bruce.

This is our final contest, so make it count!

**I will give you the author's name, you give me the year his/her first novel was written.**

1. Agatha Christie
2. Robert B. Parker
3. Rick Mofina
4. Jason Starr
5. Martha Grimes
6. Peter Robinson
7. Rex Stout
8. Dennis Lehane
9. Ian Rankin
10. Stephen King

It has been fun running this contest for our monthly newsletter. Sometimes it was the only thing we discussed at the supper table. Our overall best sports were Patricia Pedersen, who won the first one contest and continued on to win seven more. Michael Buck came in second, with about five wins of his own. Thank you for making it fun!

## **BOOK CLUB:**

Our book club will continue. We will meet monthly at the **Woodside Library on the corner of Rebecca and Woodside, Oakville.** We will make details available through the Library and on our website.

Last month we read LINWOOD BARCLAY'S "BAD GUYS." I don't think there was one person in the club who didn't enjoy reading this novel. Personally, I thought he did exactly what he had to do. In the first novel he spent a lot of time building the character which was okay because he kept you entertained while doing it. The second novel plunged right into the mystery and I loved it. I thought it was a great second novel and having Linwood come out to the club was even better. It is awesome to enjoy someone's writing but even better to find out that he has the personality to go with it.

THURSDAY JULY 13<sup>th</sup>: ERIN HART'S "HAUNTED GROUND." 7 p.m.

THURSDAY AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>: JOHN D. MACDONALD'S "THE GREEN RIPPER." 7 p.m

Please note: following this meeting we intend to turn the lights out on the storefront in Oakville.

### **AFTER HOURS:**

I want to thank everyone that ever came out to **Scene of the Crime Books**. Some of you we spent hours talking to – either laughing or disagreeing on a number of subjects. Either way, I hope I was as entertaining to you, as you were to me. I really enjoyed my time at the store front and now I'm looking forward to traveling and reading what I enjoy only. (Good Bye M.C. Beaton) Some of you will come and see me in St. Catharines – don't hesitate to make an appointment. Some of you I'll see your name pop up on the odd internet order – please order directly from me for free shipping. Some of you will be lost forever ... and to you I say good bye.

**Thanks for the good times, Don, Jenn and Brody.**