

Scene
of the
Crime Books



CASE FILE 5

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STORE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday - Closed
Wed to Fri - 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday - 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday - 12 to 4 pm

*Please note that we will be CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY (March 25)
and Easter Sunday (March 27). Happy Holidays!*

AUTHOR SIGNINGS:

INSOMNIAC PRESS:

Join us on Saturday April 2nd from 2 to 4 pm as we host three authors from Insomniac Press: John Swan (aka Kerry Schooley) Vern Smith and Jean Rae Baxter.

VICKI DELANY:

As many of you already know Vicki Delany has picked our store to launch her upcoming novel "Scare The Light Away." The party starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 5. The Book Club gave her first novel "Whiteout" a big thumbs up. So be here April 16th. I've read this novel and trust me it's just as good if not better than the first.

RICK BLECHTA & JOAN BOSWELL

Both Toronto authors will be in-store signing copies of their books. Rick's latest is called "Cemetery of the Nameless" and Joan has just published her first novel "Cut Off His Tale". They'll be appearing from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday May 28th.

NEW EVIDENCE:

What's new at The Scene of the Crime?

STEPHANIE BARRON – "JANE AND HIS LORDSHIP'S LEGACY". This is the eighth mystery in the Jane Austen series. If you like Carola Dunn, Agatha

Christie or Rhys Bowen, you'll love this series. The death of Lord Harold Trowbridge has left Jane with a heavy heart. So she retreats to Chawton Cottage in the Hamptons to write the memoirs of this gentleman rogue. But before she can get started she discovers a body in the cellar of her new home. First edition, published by Bantam. \$34.00

ELIZABETH BLOOM – “**SEE ISABELLE RUN**”. In Case File #2, I told you about this novel. Elizabeth Bloom is better known as Beth Saunier. I thought this book was the best she's written. Isabelle starts a new job at a major magazine - something like a Martha Stewart magazine. Isabelle finds out that the woman she's replacing was murdered. Then there's another murder. Is the company downsizing by killing off its employees and is Isabelle next? First edition, published by Mysterious Press. \$33.00

MICHAEL CONNELLY – “**MURDER IN VEGAS**”. This is a collection of stories by some of the best writers of today and tomorrow. Twenty-two writers in all including Rick Mofina, S.J. Rozan, James Swain, Tom Savage, Jeremiah Healy - just to mention a few. The only disappointing part of the book is that there is only an introduction by Michael Connelly. No story. Our copies are SIGNED by Rick Mofina. Trade paper edition published by Forge. \$22.95

VICTOR GISCHLER – “**SUICIDE SQUEEZE**”. This author's first novel Gun Monkeys is one of my all time favorites. I still haven't gotten around to reading Pistol Poets but it's high on my reading list. Conner Samson is a down on his luck repo-man. He's just confiscated a boat in Florida but what he doesn't know is that there is an autographed Joe DiMaggio card hidden on board. There is a one-million dollar bounty on the card, to which everyone is trying to collect. The bodies start to accumulate really fast. First edition, published by Delacorte Press. \$33.00

GEORGE PELECANOS – “**DRAMA CITY**”. If you are looking for a drop dead, in-your-face-with-a-Louisville-Slugger kind of book, this is it. Pelecanos may very well be the Jim Thompson of today. Lorenzo Brown is a dog catcher - at least it keeps him from going back to prison. Rachel Lopez is his parole officer -all business during the day and nothing but sex, alcohol and men by night. Brown needs help, a turf war is brewing and Lopez is the only person who can help him - if she's not too far gone herself. First edition, published by Little Brown. \$35.00

ANNE PERRY – “**LONG SPOON LANE**”. This is a Thomas and Charlotte Pitt mystery. Thomas suddenly learns there might be more to a terrorist attack than there appears to be - maybe a police protection racket. Suddenly he finds himself teaming up with an old enemy to bring down a Bow Street inspector. First edition, published by Ballantine Books. \$36.00

CHRISTOPHER RICE – “**LIGHT BEFORE DAY**”. Adam Murphy has just been fired, his lover has left and everything looks bleak. His newly-ex boyfriend disappears without a trace and Murphy decides to investigate. But it turns out his lover is not the only young gay male to disappear. Could there be a serial killer on the loose? First edition, published by Talk Miramax Books. \$33.00

MICHAEL C. WHITE – “**THE GARDEN OF MARTRYS**”. This is the fourth novel by Mr.White who received an Edgar Award for his first novel, A Brothers Blood. This story is about the conflicts and discrimination of two Irish Catholic boys back in 1805 who left Boston for greener grass in New York. But with the murder of a young Yankee farm boy, the boys are quickly arrested and sentenced in what we would consider a kangaroo court. Now their only friend is Father Cheverus, a priest who is plagued by his past narrowly escaping the French Revolution.
First edition, published by St. Martin’s Press. \$34.95

NEW IN PAPERBACK

NANCY TAYLOR ROSENBERG – “**SULLIVAN’S LAW**”. Already overworked Carolyn Sullivan, a probation officer, has had one of her probationers arrested for rape and the courts are out for blood. Then she’s assigned to a highly sensitive case – supervising convicted killer Daniel Metroix. On file, Metroix appears to be unpredictable and dangerous. What’s more he claims he’s still innocent of the murder of a teenage boy more than 23 years ago. But when a routine meeting almost kills both of them, Carolyn decides there has to be more to the story than there appears. \$9.99

RON CUTLER – “**ANGEL OF VEGEANCE**”. Cutler was nominated for an Edgar for his novel The Seventh Sacrament. He also writes under the name Cary Morgan. Holly Alexander is a psychologist called in as a consultant on a case where a convicted abuser is released from prison only to be killed. Holly finds out the killer is copying a book from the Inquisition on torture. The only way Holly can find the killer is if she makes herself a target.
First edition paperback original. Published by Pinnacle. \$8.00

TRUE CRIME

PHILIP CARLO – “**THE NIGHT STALKER**”. This novel is about the life and crimes of Richard Ramirez. The book comes with a new chapter and photos from his shocking death row marriage. Enough said. \$8.50

JOY WELLMAN – “**RATTLESNAKE ROMEO**”. As seen on 48 Hours, this is the story of the disappearance of Vicki Lyn Robinson a successful realtor in Tampa, Florida. Along with her disappearance, it is the story of Valessa (Vicki’s 15 year old daughter), Adam (Rattlesnake) Davis, (Valessa’s 19 year old boyfriend and drug dealer) and Jon Whispel (Davis’ 19 year old best friend). Tripped out on acid Valessa suggests that the trio killed her mother for trying to break up her relationship with Davis. Next the three find themselves caught in a multi-state dragnet and high speed car chase through Texas. \$8.99

DON S PICKS:

Every year the mystery writers and fans get together at various conferences. The Edgars are put together by the Mystery Writers of America in which they present an Edgar Award for Best Novel, Best First Novel, Best Paperback Original etc

There are many conferences throughout the States, Bouchercon (which many of you know was held in Toronto last October), Left Coast Crime, and Sleuthfest - just to name a few.

In Canada, we have two (that I know of) and Bloody Words is the big one. We have been a part of Bloody Words for past three years and find it to be one of the best run Crime Festivals around. Some of the authors we've had the chance to meet are Loren Estleman, Val McDermid, and Jeremiah Healy. This year, the festival will play host to Anne Perry, Maureen Jennings, Giles Blunt, Kelley Armstrong and our own Vicki Delany. Tickets are \$175 for three days - this includes the banquet dinner at Mysteriously Yours. Tickets for a dinner at Mysteriously Yours alone would run from \$75 to \$80 per person, so this is a great deal. Check out their web site at www.bloodywords.com -- who knows maybe you'll have time to stop by the book room and have a chat with me.

BOOK CLUB REVIEWS:

P.J. Parrish – A Killing Rain on April 21st.

John Saul – The Manhattan Hunt Club on May 19th.

Denise Hamilton – The Jasmine Trade on June 16th.

The following is written by Janet Costello our book club organizer.

The Last Red Death by Paul Johnston is a densely political thriller, set in Athens and the Pelopannese region. The myths of Hercules, the atrocities of World War II, and the current tempest of Greek politics, provide a reflective backdrop for Alex Mavros' investigation. His American client is seeking the man who killed her father in Greece twenty-five years before. As the investigation unfolds, details on the disappearance of Alex's brother are also uncovered. Rich with a sense of place, dark with no end of traumatized characters, this is a meaty and satisfying sequel to Deeper Shade of Blue.

THE GAME IS AFOOT:

This month we have a contest – the first person to correctly identify all ten movies to their author and get into the store with your copy of the newsletter will win an advance reading copy.

<u>Movie</u>	<u>Author</u>
Blade Runner	
Burglar	
The Alphabet Murders	
Clockwork Orange	
Billion Dollar Brain	
After Dark, My Sweet	
Presumed Innocent	
Cater Street Hangman	
This Gun for Hire	
Don't Look Now	

I would like to congratulate Patricia Pederson in winning the J.A. Konrath's advance reading copy last month.

AFTER HOURS:

As the book club continues to grow, I have enjoyed reading the books chosen by our club members – especially some of the authors I wouldn't normally read. Everyone has liked the tea supplied by Thyme in a Basket and no one has complained about the snacks we've been supplying. If this sounds like your cup of tea (sorry, for the pun) then come out.

Also, please mark your calendars for Vicki Delany's book launch. It should be a great time. She is a great author and this book is sure to be an award-winner. I think an Ellis for sure maybe even an Anthony. So you won't want to miss out.

* Also if you wish to receive your newsletter via email, just let us know.

UP COMING RELEASES:

Donald Westlake – "Watch Your Back!"

Jan Brogan – "A Confidential Source"

Joseph Finder – "Company Man"

David Hewson – "The Sacred Cut"

Don Winslow – "Power of the Dog "

And many more! I only order a couple of copies of each book so if there is something you just can't live without call and let me know. I'll put it off to the side for you.

Thanks again,
Don Longmuir