

CASE FILE #6

SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOKS BULLETIN

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AUTHOR SIGNINGS:

RICK BLECHTA & JOAN BOSWELL

Come meet both these Toronto authors on Saturday May 28th from 2 to 5 p.m. books. Rick's latest book is called "**Cemetery of the Nameless**" and Joan has just published her first novel "**Cut Off His Tale**".

MAUREEN JENNINGS:

Maureen will be in on June 4nd from 3-5 p.m. signing copies of her latest Murdoch mystery "**Night's Child**". Many of you have already watched the Murdoch Mysteries on Bravo. It is honestly one of the best book- to- TV movies out there. I look forward to seeing the next installment previewed at Bloody Words.

CHRIS THOMPSON:

Jack Higgins, Alistair Maclean, Chris Thompson.....If adventure and corporate sabotage is your thing then come out and get your copy of "**What Comes Around**". Mr. Thompson will be appearing from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday June 18th.

STORE HOURS:

Closed: Monday & Tuesday

Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 10 a.m. -6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 12 -4 p.m.

NEW EVIDENCE:

What's new at The Scene of the Crime?

GILES BLUNT – “**Blackfly Season**”. Detectives John Cardinal and Lise Delorme have bigger problems than just the black flies. They have a young woman with a bullet lodged in her brain and no memory of how it got there. Then a drug-dealing biker turns up with no head, hands or feet. Are the two cases connected and is the woman less of a victim than she's letting on?

Published in England on January 17 - making the British edition the true first. I have copies coming in of the true first if your interested please let me know.

First Canadian Edition, published by Random House Canada. \$34.95

CALEB CARR – “**The Italian Secretary**”. The author of “The Alienist” and “Angel of Darkness” is one of the best historical writers in the field today. Now imagine the best historical writer picking up the pen to do a Sherlock Holmes story. Sherlock Holmes receives an encrypted message from his brother Mycroft. Instantly Watson and Holmes are traveling by train to the aid of Queen Victoria in Scotland. A famous architect and his foreman have been murdered as they make restorations on the forbidden Royal Palace of Holyrod in Edinburgh. Could it be the Ghost of the Italian Secretary that was murdered there almost three centuries earlier? Or could it be the Italian Secretary himself?

First Canadian edition, published by Harper Collins. \$29.95

MITCH CULLIN – “**A Slight Trick of the Mind**”. Talk about an interesting concept. Sherlock Holmes is now 93 years old, retired and living out the remainder of his life on a remote Sussex Farm. Out of the blue Holmes is confronted with a case involving Mrs. Keller - a long ago object of Holmes' infatuation. Can Holmes once again become the formidable hero he once was? Or has he been defeated by the one and only villain that not even he can't win against -old age.

First edition, published by Doubleday Books. \$33.95

ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH – “**In The Company of Cheerful Ladies**”. Okay, you got me. When I first opened the store in October I had people coming in all the time asking “Do you have any Alexander McCall Smith?” Of course I answered with the usual Chandler- tougher- than- nails reply: “Who?” This is the newest novel in the No. #1 Ladies Detective Agency series. If you like tea and small community cozies, this book is for you. It is set in Botswana, South Africa and it is one of the best series out there.

First Canadian Edition, published by Knopf Canada. \$29.95

DON WINSLOW – “**The Power of the Dog**”. Winslow is back. If you haven't read any of his early works, you have really missed out. His Neal Carey series is growing in popularity. Also his first novel “Cool Breeze on the Underground” was nominated for an Edgar and a Shamus award for best first novel. He took a break to work on writing scripts for a TV cop show that went bust. Now he has returned to writing. His new characters include a DEA agent, a drug lord, a call girl, a hit man and a priest in the jungles

of South American - mix in some bullets and what do you get? Dead people every where .
First edition, published by Knopf. \$35.95

PAPERBACK'S

CAROLA DUNN – “**Death at Wentwater Court**”. First novel in the Dalrymple series. \$7.99

CAROLA DUNN – “**The Winter Garden Mystery**”. Second in the Dalrymple series. \$7.99

P.J. PARRISH – “**Dark of the Moon**”. First novel in the Kincaid series. \$6.99

DON'S PICKS:

Just a reminder: don't forget about Bloody Words, Toronto's mystery convention in June. It is an awesome event - for more information please don't hesitate to call or email me. If you came out to see Vicki Delany on April 16th, you got to see me drown. I was swimming against the tide that day. I had brief vision of me running up the stairs of Philadelphia City Hall singing Eye of the Tiger. I was swamped. Close to one hundred people came in and it was our best signing yet. Thank you to everyone who came out. Secondly, our newsletter has grown to include over one hundred people. This is amazing and thank you to all the people who follow it.

My picks for this month include:

David Hewson – “The Scared Cut” which will be coming out in the beginning of May. It was fantastic. If you like Rankin, you'll love this novel. As we speak I am trying to get copies of his earlier works. He is planning to be at the Chicago Bouchercon this year and I think he's going to be big. He has written several novels: Semana Santa, Epiphany, Solstice, Native Rites, Lucifer's Shadow, A Season for the Dead, The Villa of Mysteries. The Scared Cut is only the third novel in his Nic Costa series. A Season for the Dead is the first and The Villa of Mysteries is the second.

Semana Santa was made into the movie “Death of an Angel” starring Mira Sorvino. It recently came out on DVD - it is not an old movie. I rented it, watch it and thought it moved at a good pace but character development was next to nil. You are just thrown into the story and expected to survive. It builds tension and suspense and just when I was getting into it, it ended. Let's put it this way, on the author's web site he apologies for it. THAT CAN'T BE GOOD.

BOOK CLUB REVIEWS

Upcoming books on our book club's reading list are:

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

Denise Hamilton – The Jasmine Trade on June 16th.

Linwood Barclay – Bad Move on July 21st.

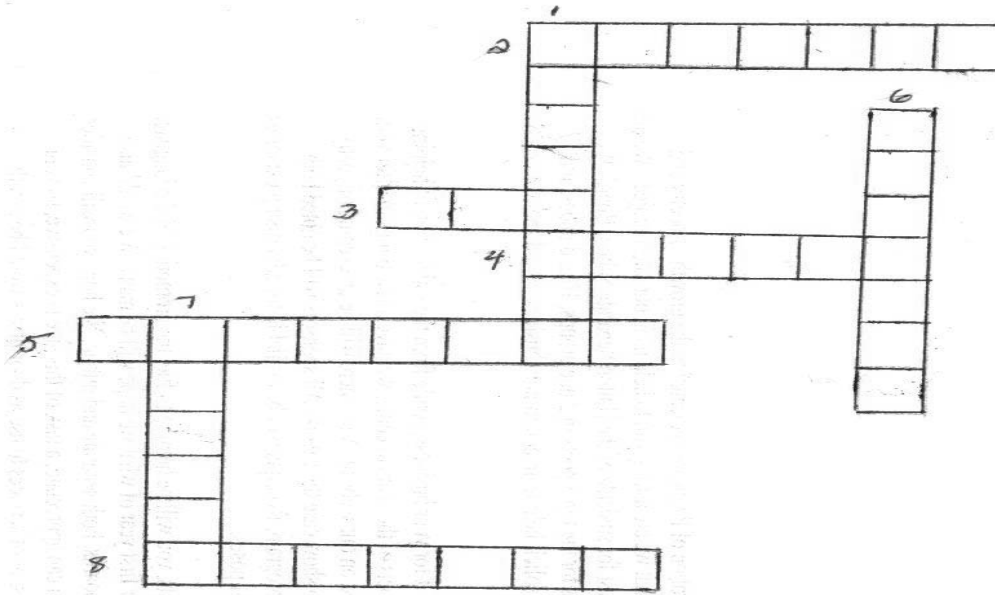
A Killing Rain – (the following is written by Janet Costello our book club organizer):

Louis Kincaid, P.I. arrives at the home of Susan Outlaw, public defender, for their first date. Anticipation is high and Susan's son Ben is very happy they are finally getting together. The arrival of Susan's long-absent husband, Austin, abruptly dampens the romance. Austin's business dealings and his lack of moral fiber result in the kidnapping of Ben. Louis is permitted to investigate. This book introduces Miami police officer Joe Flynn, a determined female officer. The way Louis and Joe connect keeps the pages turning! There's a lot of violence, but it is delivered swiftly.

P.J. Parrish has a real strength in presenting characters and their inner workings. Joe was the favorite character here for the book club and she will be getting her own series -so this sixth book is key for the series.

THE GAME IS AFOOT:

You be the sleuth. The first person to correctly complete the following crossword puzzle and bring it into the store will win an advance reading copy.



Authors Last Names Only

1. Died on the Titanic (Down)
2. Knows a thing or two about horse racing. (Across)
3. Wrote "Murder in the Rogue Morgue" (Across)
4. Sean Penn and Tim Robbins won Oscar Awards for the movie made from this author's novel (Across).
5. Robert Mitchum, Elliot Gould, James Garner, Robert Montgomery, Humphrey Bogart, Dick Powell – all played this writer's Private Eye. (Across)
6. Tremayne, Duthas, Apostolou, Clynes and Grace are all the pen names of this author (Down).
7. Sookie Stackhouse, Lily Bard and Aurora Teagarden are the characters used by this author. (Down)
8. Wrote two novels under the name John Camp. (Across)

I would like to congratulate Patricia Pederson on winning the advance reading copy last month.

AFTER HOURS:

I'm very excited about having Maureen Jennings at the store. Maureen has always been a good friend. I remember when she stopped in at the St. Lawrence Market Book Fair to see if anyone had a copy of "Except the Dying". She was so excited to find one on our shelf. If you have never met Maureen your in for a treat - she is one of my favorite people in the industry.

The book club is doing well - the ladies enjoy the tea and coffee, Brody and I enjoy the snacks. So drop in, even if you haven't read "**The Manhattan Hunt Club**" and share your thoughts with us on past books or help us to pick future books. It doesn't matter.

By the way, Brody did his solo speech for the Speech Festival and received a "Very Good" standing. Both his mom and I are very proud of him.

Thanks again, Don Longmuir