

CASE FILE 7 SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOKS BULLETIN

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Author Signings:

MAUREEN JENNINGS:

Maureen will be signing copies of her newest Murdoch mystery "Night's Child". If you like a good old Victorian mystery set in Toronto at the beginning stages of forensics, don't miss this novel. Saturday June 4th from 3 to 5 p.m.

CHRIS THOMPSON:

What can I say? Excitement is this man's middle name. He will be in signing copies of his novel "What Comes Around." on Saturday June 18th from 2 to 4 pm. **WARNING:** If you have previously suffered from a heart condition don't read this book -- it could be hazardous to your health.

LINWOOD BARCLAY:

With his novel "Bad Move" just out in paperback and his latest book "Bad Guys" recently released in hardcover, Mr. Barclay is one of the hottest mystery writers out there today. He will be in-store Saturday July 2nd from 3 to 4 pm signing copies of his newest book.

Summer Hours:

(JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST)

Mon –Tues: Closed

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thurs – Fri.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 pm

Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.

* Effective June 1st.

OTHER EVENTS:

BLOODY WORDS:

June 10, 11 and 12th. Anne Perry, Maureen Jennings and Linwood Barclay plus about 80 more of your favourite Canadian authors -- all under one roof. For more info check out www.bloodywords.com or come to the store and see a complete list of who's going to be there.

BRONTE VILLAGE FEST AND CARNIVAL

Bring the family to Bronte's Village Fest to be held June 10, 11 and 12th. Hopefully the weather is good for this event as Jen and Brody will be tending a table in the park. If it's raining Jen might be able to forgive me but Brody

won't.
My parents will be watching
the store –so here's your chance to
get all the dirt on me you want.

NEW EVIDENCE:

What's new at The Scene of the Crime ?

KELLEY ARMSTRONG – “HAUNTED”. This is a paperback original and should be in the paperback section -- but Kelley Armstrong is one of the best horror-thriller writers out there. I read “Stolen” which is part of her werewolf series and absolutely loved it! “Haunted” is part of her witch series - in fact her series are connected into what's called The Otherworld series. A rebellious – and formally deceased – witch must cross into the darkest dimensions to stop a killer from destroying everything she loves....for all time.

First Canadian edition (published in the U.K. a month ago.) Published by Seal Books
\$10.99

LINWOOD BARCLAY – “BAD GUYS”. Zach Walker is back! He's moved the family again - this time back to the city. Zack is ready for whatever conflict the city, the suburbs or his imagination brings....or is he? Shortly after starting his new job with the city paper, Zack stumbles across a crime scene and finds himself in the middle of a violent crime wave and the focus of a Barbie-collecting crime boss called Barbie Bullock. First edition, published by Bantam Books. \$30.00

MATT BONDURANT – “THE THIRD TRANSLATION”. Walter Rothschild is an American Egyptologist working for the British Museum. His job is to unlock the riddle of the Stela Of Paser. Six days before his contract ends, Walter meets a young woman and ends up taking her back to the museum (after hours.) The next morning she says her good-byes and leaves - secretly making off with a precious antiquity. Now Walter's research, career and life are on the line.

First edition, published by Hyperion. \$29.95

JAN BROGAN – “A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE”. Hallie Ahern was a prize-winning investigative journalist until she fell in love with the wrong man and fatally compromised a major story. Now she lives out her life covering school board meeting in Rhode Island - until she witnesses the murder of a store owner. Once again she wants to prove herself, but as she uncovers the facts maybe there is more to the story than just a simple heist gone awry.

First edition, published by Mysterious Press. \$33.95

HARRY HUNSICKER – “STILL RIVER”. I have been racking my brain all week as to what I have read so far this year – but it doesn’t matter, this novel is at the top of the list. The line they used to promote the book is: “It isn’t easy living in Dallas when your name is Lee Henry Oswald.” This just caught my eye. If you like old Robert B. Parker, John Connolly or James Lee Burke you’ll love this one!
First edition, published by Thomas Dunne Books. \$33.95

MAUREEN JENNINGS – “NIGHT’S CHILD”. Murdoch is called in to look for a missing thirteen-year-old when she fails to show up for school. Complicating the problem is the discovery of several photos (sexual in nature) and one including the young girl Murdoch is searching for. Meanwhile, someone is writing poisoned pen letters to Inspector Brackenreid about Sergeant Seymour. Murdoch is put to the task of finding out what coward would write such things but things become complicated when Enid Jones (Murdoch’s lover) becomes involved. Too involved!
First edition, McClelland and Stewart. \$24.99

IRIS JOHANSEN – “COUNT DOWN”. After a bizarre attack in a back alley Jane MacGuire is thrown into a world of mystery and murder. Does Jane have the answer to a two-thousand-year-old mystery? Quickly Jane slips from the real world into the Mark Trevor world where not even Joe Quinn or Eve Duncan can help.
First edition, published by Bantam. \$33.00

JOSEPH KANON – “ALIBI”. It is 1946 when Adam Miller visits Venice to see his widowed mother and tries to forget the horrors he has seen as a U.S. Army War Crimes Investigator. He quickly falls in love with Claudia, a Jewish woman scarred by her experiences during the war. The more time Adam spends in Venice, the more hurt he sees in the city. Finally the past rears its ugly head erupting into violence. Adam finds himself questioning everything he has lived for. When is murder acceptable?
First edition, published by Henry Holt \$35.95

PAPERBACK’S

RICHARD ALEAS – “Little Lost Girl”. Author’s first novel. Nominated for an Edgar and a Shamus award for best first novel. \$8.99

LINWOOD BARCLAY – “Bad Move”. Author’s first novel. \$10.99

LAWRENCE BLOCK – “Grifter’s Game”. Originally published as “Mona”. \$8.99

MAX ALLAN COLLINS – “Two for the Money”. Originally published as two novels “Blood Money” & “Bait Money”. \$8.99

DAVID DODGE – “Plunder of the Sun”. Originally published as “To Catch a Thief” and turned into the movie of the same name. \$8.99

ERLE STANLEY GARDNER – “Top of the Heap”. \$8.99

ALLAN GUTHRIE – “Kiss Her Goodbye”. First edition paper back original (PBO). \$8.99

MAUREEN JENNINGS – “Except the Dying”. First novel in the Murdoch series. \$9.99

MAUREEN JENNINGS – “Under the Dragons Tail”. Second Murdoch mystery. \$9.99

DAY KEENE – “Home is the Sailor”. First publication in over 30 years. \$8.99
DENNIS LEHANE – “A Drink Before The War”. Author’s first novel and winner of the Shamus Award for best first novel. \$10.99
P.J. PARRISH – “Paint It Black”. Third novel in the Louis Kincaid series. \$9.99
MAX PHILLIPS – “Fade To Blonde”. First Edition this author’s first novel. \$9.99
DOMENIC STANSBERRY – “The Confession”. Winner of an Edgar Award for best paperback original. \$8.99
DONALD E. WESTLAKE – “361”. One of Westlake’s most original tales. \$8.99

DON’S PICKS:

I have read a couple of books this month that are worth mentioning -first of all the Henry Hunsicker novel “Still River”. Good old American kill them all until all you left with is the guilty party mystery. I thought it was a good cross between Dennis Lehane and John Connolly. Very good.

Secondly the compilation novel entitled “Murder Is My Racquet”. This book is due to come out June 2nd. It features stories by Lawrence Block, Kinky Friedman, James W. Hall, John Harvey, David Morrell, Ridley Pearson, Lisa Scottoline and Daniel Stashower and more. All the stories focus around tennis and it’s very interesting to see what story ideas these authors come up with. Just remember my favourite line was “Sorry,” he says, in his carrying voice. “Try to cover your clay.” “If you say that one more time, I will kill you,” she says. “I swear to God.” Who could think tennis could become a contact sport?

BOOKCLUB REVIEWS

Future selections on our book club’s reading list are:

DENISE HAMILTON – “The Jasmine Trade” on June 16th special guest Lyn Hamilton.
LINWOOD BARCLAY – “Bad Move” on July 28th special guest Linwood Barclay.
JASON STARR – “Tough Luck” on August 18th.

The following review is by Janet Costello, organizer of our book club:

JOHN SAUL “The Manhattan Hunt Club”.

Jeff Converse, a college student with a bright future and great girl friend, ends up in jail for chasing off a woman’s attacker. Her mistaken identification of Jeff is completely understandable and John Saul establishes an immediate sympathy for Jeff. But this is only the beginning of his troubles. A powerful society arranges for Jeff to be released into the underground tunnels of Manhattan to be hunted. Everyone in the book club agreed this book is a real page-turner with a great sense of place.

The overall reviews were mixed...from one person finding it too coincidental to another feeling they’d been placed in the dark tunnels themselves! You’ll just have to read it to see what you think.

THE GAME IS A FOOT

I would like to thank Patricia Pedersen and Jeff Scholfield for winning the last contest. Congrats!

This month's contest involves tough guy lines. Match the line to the character or author. (I've given you a clue and written either C (for Character) or A (for Author) behind each phrase)

Quote

Character/Author

1. A Good man always knows his limitations.(C)
2. It was the kind of a place where if you didn't spit on the floor at home you could go down there and do it.(A)
3. Keep on riding me and they're gonna to be picking iron out of your liver.(C).
- 4 You know what he'll do when he comes back?
Beat my teeth out, then kick me in the stomach for mumbling.(C)
5. Look, you work you're side of the street and I'll work mine.(C)

Number #5 didn't have many lines in the whole movie. But it is one of my all time favorites and the one picture Jen HATES!

AFTER HOURS

I suspect June is going to be a very busy month. I have spoken to Linwood Barclay and he's agreed to attend the July 28th book club. We will be reading "Bad Move" - his first mystery. Also author Lyn Hamilton will be attending the June 16th book club as a guest member / author. Mrs. Hamilton is the author of the Lara McClintoch Archaeological mystery series. So if you have been thinking about attending the book club and haven't made it out yet -- these are two meetings you won't want to miss. I think it's wonderful to be able to speak to the author about his/her book and ask any questions you might have. So far my favorite book club meeting was our first - we read "Whiteout" by Vicki Delany and she came, read, answered questions and gave us her whole publishing history. I loved the book but I loved it even more when I heard that there was almost no editing - which meant you were hearing the author's true voice. This made the book all that much more exciting.

Once again, don't forget Bloody Words – as a result my parents will be watching the store on the weekend of June 10, 11 and 12th. That same weekend come out and have some fun at the Bronte Village Fest and Carnival – and say hi to Brody and Jenn at our Scene of the Crime Table.

Finally **DON'T FORGET DAD!** It's Father's Dad on Sunday June 19th. Why not get Dad a book? We have some great suggestions. Every Father needs a good book to read at the cottage or while sitting in the backyard stoking the barbeque. Here are a couple of suggestions:

LINWOOD BARCLAY "Bad Move" – paperback \$10.99 Funny, Linwood's character reminds me of my father.

HARRY HUNSICKER "Still River" - Hardcover \$34.95 Nothing but knuckles and knees. Hard-boiled.

ALLAN GUTHRIE "Kiss Her Goodbye" – paperback \$8.99 There is nothing more beautiful than a brunette armed with a baseball bat.

DONALD E. WESTLAKE "361" – paperback. \$8.99 The men in the tan and cream Chrysler came with guns blazing. When Ray Kelly woke up in the hospital, it was a month later -- he was missing an eye and his father was dead. Then things started to get really bad. Ouch!

DAVID DODGE "Plunder of the Sun" – paperback \$8.99. Made into the movie "To Catch a Thief". Hidden treasure and fighting bad guys are all in a days work. These are just a few suggestions but we have plenty more.

See you soon.

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