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SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOKS
BULLETIN

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LINWOOD BARCLAY:

Linwood is a columnist with the Toronto Star and he has written four previous novels including "Mike Harris Made Me Eat My Dog" and "Last Resort, A Memoir" - just to name a few. His first mystery novel "**Bad Move**" received 4 out of 5 stars on Amazon.com and he was listed as an author to watch. Mr. Barclay will be in-store on Saturday July 2nd from 3 to 4 p.m. signing copies of "**Bad Guys**" his newest novel. Personally "Bad Move" is so far my favorite read for 2005.

KELLEY ARMSTRONG:

Wow. Back to back - my favorite mystery writer and my favorite horror writer. Kelley Armstrong is right now the "Queen of Canadian Horror". She is the author of the "Otherworld Series" - an interconnected series of witches, werewolves, and other such cursed beings lurking in the wide open.

SUMMER HOURS:

(JUNE, JULY & AUGUST)

Mon – Tues: Closed
Wednesday: 10 to 6 p.m.
Thurs – Fri: 10 to 8 p.m.
Saturday 10 to 6 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.
***Effective June 1st**

* Don't forget if you would prefer to receive our newsletter via email just let us know at murdermysterybooks@yahoo.ca.

SIDE NOTE:

We have the complete series of Kelley Armstrong novels on site so that you can start at the beginning and see what all the excitement is about.

I read **“Stolen”** and loved it.
Mrs. Armstrong will be in-
store signing copies of
her newest novel **“Haunted”**
on Saturday July 30th from
2 to 4 p.m.

NEW EVIDENCE:

What’s new at The Scene of the Crime ?

SIMON BRETT – “THE WITNESS AT THE WEDDING”

Stephen (Carole Seddon’s son) is to be married to Gaby Martin. But as wedding plans evolve the Martins seem intent on keeping the wedding as low-key as possible. That is until Harold Martin (Gaby’s father) disappears and is later found dead in a burnt-out car. What secrets are the Martins keeping? And is Gaby the #2 victim on the killers list? Carole enlists her friend Jude to discover the truth before the wedding day bliss is ruined. First edition hardcover, published by Macmillan. \$34.95

ALAFAIR BURKE – “CLOSE CASE”

This is Alafair’s third novel in the Samantha Kincaid series. A reporter is killed and hours later two youths are arrested. One confesses to the crime but later recants. The pursuing investigation puts Kincaid on the cops’ (clean or dirty) bad side. Kincaid must follow the line of clues left by a dead reporter and solve the case. First edition hardcover, published by Henry Holt. \$27.95

TORI CARRINGTON – “SOFIE METROPOLIS”

Okay, Tori Carrington is the pen name of Lori and Tony Karayianni - a husband and wife team of romance writers who have written over 25 Harlequin and Silhouette novels. Sofie finds her husband-to-be on their wedding day in the arms of her maid-of-honor. After trying to stuff her wedding ring down the trash compactor, she decides to keep it. No longer is she waiting on tables in her father’s Greek restaurant. Now she is working for Uncle Spyro’s Detective agency. Wait does this sound familiar ...? It sounds like an Elizabeth Bloom (Beth Saulner) or Janet Evanovich. The only thing missing so far is Grandma Mazur. By the way there is a Bounty Hunter called Jake Porter. First edition hardcover, published by Forge. \$29.95

MICHAEL CONNELLY – “THE CLOSERS”

Harry Bosch is back with the LAPD with the sole mission of closing cold cases. In 1988, a 16-year-old girl disappears and is later found dead with a gun shot wound to the chest. At first it appears to be suicide but some of the square pegs don’t fit properly into their round holes. No one is ever charged with the crime. Enter Harry Bosch. As Harry starts uncovering the facts, people around him start to become very uncomfortable. The closer Harry gets to the truth, the more he thinks someone near to him might have set him onto this case so it would be his last. First edition hardcover, published by Little Brown \$36.95

JANET EVANOVICH – “ELEVEN ON TOP”

Talking about Janet Evanovich - here is the latest. Stephanie Plum is thinking her career as a fugitive apprehension agent has run its course. She has been shot at, cussed at, fire-bombed, mooned and attacked by dogs. Stephanie thinks it's time for a change. Time to find the kind of job her mother can tell her friends about without making the sign of the cross. So she quits – only to find that a killer who has returned from the grave is stalking her and no matter what job she takes, danger follows Stephanie Plum.

First edition hardcover, St. Martin's Press. \$35.95

CAROLE NELSON DOUGLAS – “CAT IN A HOT PINK PURSUIT”

A Midnight Louie mystery. Temple Barr is a freelance PR woman who is thirty going on nineteen. She agrees to do Homicide Lieutenant, Carmen Molina, a favor - to become a contestant on a new reality show called TEEN QUEEN where someone has been threatening contestants by leaving mutilated Barbies laying around. Suddenly, Temple Barr finds herself in her own in a world of fake blondes all willing to kill to become the next TEEN QUEEN.

First edition hardcover, published by Forge. \$34.95

JOSEPH FINDER – “COMPANY MAN”

Nick Conover had it all. He was a CEO for a major corporation and he was the most admired man in town. That was before the layoffs. Now Nick is being stalked. The police are investigating his connection to a murder and Nick is slowly uncovering a conspiracy against him by his closest fellow workers. Nick has only one chance to save his family and his company - himself.

Side note: Joseph Finder's novel High Crimes became the movie of the same name starring Ashley Judd and Morgan Freeman.

First edition hardcover, published by St. Martin's Press. \$32.95

DAVID HOSP – “DARK HARBOR”

Scott Finn left his troubled neighborhood behind and has now become a rising star in one of Boston's most elite law firms. That is until the body of one of his colleagues (and former lover) turns up dead in Boston Harbor - the seventh victim of a serial killer the city has dubbed “Little Jack”. Or is it a murder made to look like it's the work of Little Jack? Soon Finn finds himself the number one suspect in the murder investigation.

Leaving him only one choice: FIND JACK! Debut mystery.

First edition hardcover, published by Warner Books. \$33.95

STUART M. KAMINSKY – “DENIAL”

Lew Fonesca takes on two cases. One involves an elderly woman who claims to have witnessed a murder in her retirement home. No matter who she tells - her family, the police and the nurses- no one believes her. In the second case, Lew is trying to track down a hit-and-run driver who killed a fourteen-year-old boy. Lew takes this case to heart because he still is dealing with the loss of his wife after a drunk driver killed her.

Soon Lew finds out the two cases are connected in a way he would have never thought.
Soon someone is coming to shut Lew up for good.
First edition hardcover, published by Forge. \$33.95

JONATHAN KELLERMAN – “RAGE”

Troy Turner and Rand Duchay were barely teenagers when they kidnapped and killed a younger child. Troy Turner died behind bars but Rand survived and was released at the age of 21. Rand had one goal upon being released from prison - talking to Alex Delaware. But before he gets the chance Rand's life comes to a brutal end. Now Delaware and LAPD Homicide Detective Milo Sturgis are left to figure out if maybe they had made a mistake and left the real killer out there all this time. Has someone waited eight long years to finally get their revenge?

First edition hardcover, published by Ballantine Books. \$35.95

LAURIE R. KING – “LOCKED ROOMS”

Okay. Sherlock Holmes teamed up with C.S. Lewis is one thing but Sherlock Holmes teamed up with a young Dashielle Hammett! In this novel Mary Russell and her husband Sherlock Holmes are off to San Francisco to settle the Russell family estate. The closer the two get to San Fran, the more Mary starts to become unnerved with nightmares. It soon becomes apparent that more happened during the fire of San Fran in 1906 than Mary's conscience will allow her to remember. Once in San Fran, Mary learns she is not to go to the family manor without the rest of the family present. Someone breaks into the manor but takes nothing and later attempts to assassinate Mary. Together Holmes and Mary team up with a young Hammett to get to the bottom of what secrets Mary's memory holds. Find out how the past can come back to kill you.

First edition hardcover, published by Bantam Books. \$34.00

KELLY LANGE – “GRAVEYARD SHIFT”

Maxi Poole has just been bumped to the graveyard shift - a television news reporter's worst nightmare. And what's worst Maxi's neighbor's housekeeper's toddler has just been kidnapped in broad daylight. Just when things couldn't get any worse, the neighbor herself turns up dead. Maxi finds herself on the trail of a serial killer and to her surprise Maxi figures out she might be the missing link to everything that is going on. Maxi spends her nights searching for a serial killer who in return might want to make sure Maxi never sees the light of day....

First edition hardcover, published by Mysterious Press. \$33.95

L.E. MODESITT, JR. – “GHOSTS OF COLUMBIA”

This is a collection of two earlier works by Modesitt. They are an Alternate American series which revolve around Dr. John Eschbach, a professor in a small northeastern college in New Burges (New England) and a secret agent for the nation of Columbia. It is an alternate-history timeline shaped by the fact that ghosts are real and have a literal physical reality.

First edition trade paper, published by Tor. \$21.95

PERRI O'SHAUGHNESSY – “CASE OF LIES”

Nina Reilly's love life has come to a crashing halt. She is now retreating to Lake Tahoe where she is a successful, tough attorney. Soon after her return, she has a new client who is shot and killed in the casino district. Everyone has something to hide. Nina discovers a mathematics student has made a discovery that turns the case totally upside down.

First edition hardcover, published by Delacorte Press. \$35.00

JAMES PATTERSON & MAXINE PAETRO – “4th OF JULY”

In a brief split second, Detective Lindsey Boxer makes a decision in self-defense and fires her weapon setting off a chain of events that leaves a police force disgraced, a city divided and a family destroyed. Soon, Boxer finds herself explaining her actions to 12 jurors. To escape the media scrutiny, Boxer retreats to a small town called Half Moon Bay. Not even there can Boxer rest -- soon bodies start popping up every where and the murders stir something in the back of Boxer's mind -- something related to an unsolved case that could be haunting Boxer in more ways than one. She calls on the help of The Women's Murder Club to help her get through the trial and get to the bottom of the killings.

First edition hardcover, published by Little Brown. \$37.95

DOUGLAS PRESTON & LINCOLN CHILD – “DANCE OF DEATH”

“Two brothers: one a top FBI agent, the other a brilliant, twisted criminal -- and an undying hatred between them. Now, a perfect crime and the ultimate challenge. Stop me if you can....” WOW. This one just rocketed to the top of my reading list.

First edition hardcover, published by Little Brown. \$34.95

RICK RIORDAN – “MISSION ROAD”

Tres Navarre is back. He is the only thing standing between Ralph Arguello, the police and the Mob. Ralph is an ex-con who has put his trouble past behind him. He married SAPD detective Ana DeLeon. Ana has reopened an old cold case and was about to bring charges against a suspected killer - Ralph. But Ana gets gunned down before she can. Now the cops only have one person in their sites. For fans of P.J. Parrish and James Lee Burke, you'll find this author in their company.

First edition hardcover, published by Bantam. \$34.00

CYNTHIA RIGGS – “THE PAPERWHITE NARCISSUS”

Victoria Trumbull is ninety- two-years-old and finds herself embroiled in a series of murders after she is fired from her job as a West Tisbury correspondent for the Island Enquirer (the editor claims the newspaper needs a younger look). The editor starts receiving obituaries naming himself as the deceased. A cruel joke that he would normally ignore except with every obituary someone close to him dies. Begrudgingly, he hires Trumbull back to find out who is sending him the obituaries before he honestly needs an obituary himself.

First edition hardcover, published by Thomas Dunne Books. \$32.95

DAVID ROSENFELT – “SUDDEN DEATH”

Excerpt from the book: “Is there anything else we need to discuss?” Judge Timmerman asks, clearly hoping that the answer will be ‘no’. I could come up with other diversions, but that’s all they would be and they really wouldn’t divert. The fact is, I could strip naked and sing ‘Mammy’, and it wouldn’t be the lead story on the news tonight. The lead will be that Kenny Schilling, football star, is facing the death penalty.” I couldn’t say it any better than that.

First edition hardcover, published by Mysterious Press. \$32.95

SANDRA SCOPPETTONE – “THIS DAME FOR HIRE”

New York 1943, Woody Mason and every other man is off fighting the war - leaving Faye Quick, the secretary at A Detective Agency, to play the detective. When she stumbles across a dead girl in the street, she gets her first case.

First edition hardcover, published by Ballantine Books. \$29.95

PAPERBACK'S:

MICHAEL CONNELLY – “THE BLACK ECHO” The first Harry Bosch!
\$10.99

JANET EVANOVICH – “TEN BIG ONES” The newest Plum paperback. \$10.99

RICK MOFINA – “DYING HOUR” The first in a new series by one of our favorite authors. \$9.99

MINETTE WALTERS – “THE ICE HOUSE” Minette’s first novel. \$9.99

DON'S PICKS:

Bloody Words is out of the way. What an experience - I got to see some old friends including Lyn Hamilton and Maureen Jennings and was able to finally put some faces to a chain of emails -- Kelley Armstrong for example whom I’ve been talking to for about six months but have never met. Of course, getting to see Anne Perry was a real treat. June disappeared in a flash and we are now entering into July. I realize I have the Chicago Bouchercon in only two months. What a guest list! Dennis Lehane, Harlan Coban, Mark Billingham, Ken Bruen, Jonathan Gash, Marcia Muller, Laura Lippman and many more. Check it out at www.boucher.net

If you’re an Anne Perry fan, I still have signed copies of Long Spoon Lane as well as Maureen Jennings Night’s Child.

BOOK CLUB REVIEWS:

LINWOOD BARCLAY – “Bad Move” on July 28th. Special guest Linwood Barclay.

JASON STARR – “Tough Luck” on August 18th.

LYN HAMILTON – “African Quest” on September 15th. Special guest Lyn Hamilton.

Janet is pretty tied up, so I thought I would handle this part.

This month we read Denise Hamilton’s novel” The Jasmine Trade” with special guest reviewer, Lyn Hamilton. Jasmine Trade is Denise Hamilton’s first novel and was nominated for a Creasy award, an Edgar award and an Anthony award for best first novel. What first appears to be a car jacking gone wrong, plunges Eva Diamond head first into the dirtiest corners of L.A. where young women are forced into sexual slavery and money can buy almost anything.

Personally, I enjoyed the novel and I thought she was one of the most believable tough-guy women out there. Another member of the book club thought the main character cried too much. The book club was split. In the end, we agreed that most of us enjoyed the novel and enjoyed having the input of author Lyn Hamilton. Thanks again, Lyn!

THE GAME IS A FOOT.

Thanks to Patricia Pedersen who won last month’s advance reading copy.

This month match the pseudonyms to the actual authors. Good Luck!

Jill Emerson

Lee Martin

Susannah Stacey

Elizabeth Bloom

John Camp

Leigh Nichols

Bruce Alexander

Stephanie Barron

Mary Westmacott

Ian Stuart

John Sanford

Anne Wingate

Dean Koontz

Jill Staynes & Margaret Storey

Beth Saulnier

Agatha Christie

Lawrence Block

Bruce Cook

Francine Matthews

Alistair Maclean

Be the first person to bring in a copy of the newsletter to the store with the correct answers and win an advance reading copy. Please take the pressure off Patricia -- she has won more times than that Jeopardy fellow. HA! HA!

AFTER HOURS

By now I’m sure you are tired of hearing my non-stop jabber. So I’ll keep this short. Enjoy the summer. Find some shade somewhere near the water and read to you heart’s content. Already, Jen and I are asking ourselves where is the summer going? I know we are spending one day at Ontario Place, Brody will be logging some time at the cottage

and he's enrolled him in a kids CSI day camp - have to start them early. So we will be plenty busy. Enjoy your summer reading and see you soon, Don Jenn and Brody