

SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOKS BULLETIN

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AUTHOR SIGNINGS:

None. We decided to give the authors a rest for the month of August.

STORE HOURS:

Mon & Tues - Closed
Wed. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thurs & Fri 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

*ATTENTION PLEASE:

Summer hours will end on August 28th at which time We will return to our regular hours:
Mon & Tues - Closed
Wed to Fri - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bouchercon 36. Now some of you are asking what kind of name is Bouchercon? The show is named after sci-fi & mystery writer Anthony Boucher, who was also a well-known mystery reviewer. It is an award ceremony where mystery fans vote and award the Anthony for Best Novel, Best First Novel, Best Paperback Original and Best Short Story. Also mystery-related movies and television shows are recognized. This year it is held in Chicago during the week of September 1st to 4th. It is a really great event that draws about 2000 fans and over 300 authors. But one thing is sure - this is a great event to obtain lots and lots of autographs. For more information visit their site at: www.bouchercon.net.

While I'm away my parents will be running the store -- come in and say hello.

Mystery Dinner Theatre Our second event is the murder mystery dinner that I've been promising everyone for so long. It will be held on Saturday September 24th at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Centre (Bronte and Wynecroft). For people unfamiliar with this hotel, it can easily be accessed from the QEW Highway whether you are coming from Toronto or Hamilton as it is located just south of the highway. Tickets are \$60.00 per person and seating is limited for our first event. Let me give you a brief history of the mystery troop - "Murders Tastefully Executed" - that will be performing at the event. This group has been performing murder mysteries for over 25 years and got their start at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara on the Lake. Their first play was written by Dick Francis (just for them) and at that time Max Haines was one of their actors. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the ticket includes a three-course meal, a murder and prizes for the person who can solve the mystery. Alcoholic drinks are extra. Please give us a call to reserve your tickets now.

NEW EVIDENCE:

KEITH ALBOW - "THE ARCHITECT" West Crosse is a Yale-educated architect and a member of the ultra-elite Order of Skull and Bones. But he can't stop at designing the perfect dwellings; he has to reshape your whole life - even if it kills you in the process. Enter FBI forensic psychiatrist Dr. Frank Clevenger. As Clevenger starts into the case, he realizes he is being drawn into an ultimate game of cat-and-mouse.

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

MARY JANE CLARK - "DANCING IN THE DARK" Diane Mayfield is doing a story for the season premiere of the T.V. news show "Hourglass". The show's feature focuses on girls who cry wolf. Diane lands an interview with the victim of abduction and the authorities believe it didn't happen. But no sooner than the interview over, a second girl goes missing. Diane and the authorities now turn to the first girl who is their only witness. Is it too late to save Diane and her family from being the next victims?

First edition, hardcover published by St. Martin's Press. \$29.95

Also in stock by this author.

"Nobody Knows" - first edition hardcover \$30.00

"Let Me Whisper In Your Ear" - first edition hardcover \$30.00

"Do You Promise Not To Tell" - first edition hardcover \$30.00

MARK COHEN - "BLUETICK REVENGE" This book has rocketed to the top of my reading list. Karlynn Slade is testifying for the U.S. Marshals about

everything she knows about the Sons of Satan, a dangerous biker gang in Colorado. When she left Thaddeus Bugg (her biker boyfriend), she helped herself to three hundred thousand dollars of the bikers' money. But she left behind her dog Prince. Private eye Pepper Keane has never dog-napped before but can't turn down the chance to steal something from the Sons of Satan. The FBI sticks Keane babysitting Karlynn until they can get her into witness protection. Everything seems real cozy until Bugg comes to Pepper and asks him to find his wife.

First edition hardcover published by Mysterious Press. \$33.95

*I will be seeing this author at Bouchercon so if you want a signed copy please call and reserve one before August 17th.

Also in stock:

"The Fractal Murders" - first edition hardcover. \$30.00

JENNIFER COLT - "THE BUTCHER OF BEVERLY HILLS" Kerry and Terry McAfee are identical twins who decide to open an investigation business. Their first case is to find a young man who has stolen ten thousand dollars worth of jewelry from his Sugar Mama. So as the Sugar Mama goes on a plastic surgery binge, the twins jump on their pink Harleys and start hunting. But before long the two sisters find themselves wading through dead husbands, purloined cash, crotchless panties, mystery pills and a body count that would make even the toughest P.I. squirm.

Second edition trade paperback, published by Broadway Books. \$16.95

LINDSEY DAVIS - "SEE DELPHI AND DIE" I don't need to explain how popular this series is. Just know that when it comes to historical fiction, there are few authors who compare to the talent of Lindsey Davis. Marcus Didius Falco's countrymen have become voracious tourists and one of the favorite hotspots is Greece, a favorite locale of the Seven Sights (a seedy travel company). A young woman and a newly-wed woman both turn up murdered. Falco, knowing the local authorities aren't going to properly investigate the case, rushes in to find the killer. Soon he finds himself up against the Seven Sights tour company, its missing tour guide and some of its customers - all who seem to have something to hide.

First edition hardcover published by Century. \$38.95

Books also in stock by this author:

"Shadows in Bronze" - first American edition, signed with a remainder dot.
\$30.00

"Two for the Lions" - first American edition, signed with a remainder mark.
\$30.00

"Three Hands in the Fountain" - first American edition, signed with a remainder mark. \$30.00

"A Body in the Bath House" - first edition, signed. \$60.00

"One Virgin Too Many" – first edition, signed. \$60.00

LOREN ESTLEMAN - "THE UNDERTAKER'S WIFE" Loren Estleman is a long-time mystery writer who started his career writing two Sherlock Holmes stories that, even today, are considered among the best. But every so often he writes a western and does it well. His westerns are the only westerns I buy for the store.

His character "The Undertaker" uses his hands to create forms of art from bullet-ridden, war-ravaged bodies. Now he's been called on to use his artistic talents on the body of one of America's top financiers. If it is found out that this man is dead, the American financial markets could crumble. But in the end, it's the Undertaker's wife who may be the only one who can transcend death.

First edition hardcover published by Forge. \$33.95

Also in stock by this author:

"White Desert" – first edition western, hardcover. \$30.00

"Sinister Heights" – first edition mystery, hardcover. \$30.00

"The Witchfinder" – First edition mystery, hardcover, remainder marked, Signed. \$30.00

"Peeper" – First edition mystery, hardcover, Signed. \$30.00

"King of the Corner" – First edition mystery, hardcover, Signed. \$30.00

"Lady Yesterday" – First edition mystery, hardcover, remainder dot. \$30.00

"The Glass Highway" – tradepaper mystery. \$15.00

"Sherlock Holmes vs. Dracula" – tradepaper mystery. \$15.00

"The Adventure of the Sanguinary Count (simplified Sherlock Holmes vs. Dracula)" – Later edition mystery hardcover. \$20.00

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Holmes" – tradepaper mystery. \$15.00

KAY HOOPER - "CHILL OF FEAR" A Bishop /Special Crime Unit mystery. FBI agent Quentin Hayes knows he has a special gift but to this day one crime still haunts him. Twenty years ago there was an unsolved murder at The Lodge, a secluded Victorian-era resort. Now Diana Brisco has come to The Lodge hoping to crack the case. Instantly she is plagued with nightmares and visions of a child who disappeared from The Lodge years ago. It's up to Quentin to convince her that she isn't going crazy and that she also has a special gift that may crack this case wide open.

First edition hardcover published by Bantam. \$33.00

SIMON KERNICK - "A GOOD DAY TO DIE" Ex-cop Dennis Milne hears that his old friend Asif Malik has been gunned-down in a restaurant. Now it's time for Dennis to leave the Philippines where he's been hiding under an assumed identity and return to London to hunt down his friend's murderer. No one knows of his return but soon it becomes apparent that someone does -- and they'll stop at nothing to get him out of the way.

Peter Robinson recommends putting this book at the top of your list. First edition hardcover published by Bantam Press. \$34.95

Simon Kernick is another author attending Bouchercon so reserve your signed copies by August 17th.

J.A. KONRATH - "BLOODY MARY" This is the second Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels mystery. Jack receives a report that there are some extra body parts showing up in the Cook County morgue. Worst yet, the body was found wearing Jack's handcuffs. Some one has plans for Jack --very bad plans.

First edition hardcover published by Hyperion Books. \$29.95

Konrath is also a Bouchercon attendee - so reserve your signed copy by August 17th.

We also have by this author's the first Jack Daniels mystery, "**Whiskey Sour**" - first edition, Signed. \$40.00

JEFF LINDSEY - "DEARLY DEVOTED DEXTER" Carol O'Connor fans listen up! Dexter is an ethical serial killer. When not at work as a blood-splatter analyst for the Miami police department, he is out killing other psychopaths. But now Dexter is being watched. Sergeant Doakes has Dexter pretty much figured out, but doesn't have the proof. So Dexter goes into his "regular guy" act. But there's a psycho cutting a path across Miami and Dexter's sister, a detective for the Miami Police, is pulled head-first onto the case. Soon it becomes clear, only a monster can catch this monster.

Second edition hardcover published by Doubleday Press. \$29.95

MARY LOGUE - "POISON HEART" Daniel Reiner is a wealthy part-time resident of Pepin County and he's buying up a lot of land. Patty Jo Tilde, who recently married a widower twenty years her senior, is looking to sell her new husband's land and leave Pepin County in her past. Only problem is -- her husband must die first.

First edition hardcover published by Ballantine Books. \$33.95

Another Bouchercon author - so reserve your signed copy before August 17th.

MARCIA MULLER - "CAPE PERDIDO" The Perdido River runs through Cape Perdido from the mountains of the Soledad County. A company moves in and wants to drain the river dry, shipping the water to the southern California cities. Legal action seems useless and the company looks as if their going to get what they want despite the protests of the town. But then the crack of a sniper's rifle sounds and sends the town into a tail spin.

First edition hardcover published by Mysterious Press. \$33.95

This is another Bouchercon author so reserve your signed copy before August 17th.

Other titles in stock by this author are:

"There Hangs the Knife" – first edition, a Joanna Stark mystery. \$45.00
"Trophies and Dead Things" – first edition, a Sharon McCone mystery. \$40.00
"Pennies on a Dead Woman's Eyes" – first edition, a Sharon McCone mystery.
\$30.00
"A Walk Through the Fire" – first edition, a Sharon McCone mystery. \$30.00
"Listen to the Silence" – first edition, a Sharon McCone mystery. \$30.00
"While Other People Sleep" – first edition, a Sharon McCone mystery. \$30.00
"Both Ends of the Night" – first edition, a Sharon McCone mystery. \$30.00
"Dead Midnight " – first edition, a Sharon McCone mystery. \$30.00

JAMES PATTERSON & ANDREW GROSS - "LIFEGUARD" Andrew Gross and Patterson worked together on the novel 3rd Degree in the Woman's Murder Club series.

Ned Kelly lives on a beer-and-burger lifestyle. The woman he has hopelessly fallen in love with is a caviar-and-manolo-blahniks kind of woman. So when his cousin offers to bring him in on a break-and-enter job worth \$5 million, Ned can't say no. But something goes wrong and now Ned is on the run with no idea who's on his tail.

First edition, hardcover published by Little Brown. \$36.95

Also in stock by this author:

"London Bridges" – first edition. \$40.00
"Big Bad Wolf" – first edition. \$30.00
"Cradle and All" – first edition remainder marked. \$20.00
"Four Blind Mice" – first edition. \$30.00
"Violets are Blue" – first edition. \$30.00
"Roses are Red" – first edition. \$30.00
"Pop Goes the Weasel" – first edition. \$30.00
"Kiss the Girls" – first edition. \$50.00
"Honey Moon" – first edition. \$40.00
"Beach House" – first edition. \$30.00
"Suzanne's Diary" – first edition. \$30.00

CHRISTOPHER REICH - "THE PATRIOTS CLUB" Thomas Bolden grew up in the streets. Bit by bit, he's been able to put that behind him. He has found a woman that he wants to spend the rest of his life with and carve out a successful career on Wall Street. Then, in a blink of an eye, there's a bizarre kidnapping that sends Thomas fleeing for his life. Now his face is being broadcast on the news and a violent, shadowy organization is trying to frame him for a crime he did not commit. Thomas must hunt down the truth. The truth behind a woman wanted for murder and a secret rooted in the history of the country's Founding Fathers. First edition, hardcover published by Delacorte Press. \$35.00

DON'S PICKS:

This heat wave reminds me of a classic Twilight Zone story where the earth is getting closer and closer to the sun and a starving artist is dying of heatstroke. She passes out at the end of the show because she can't take anymore but then the camera pans back and you see her friends all gathered in her apartment all wearing parkas and scarves because in reality the earth is falling out of orbit and moving away from the sun. It creeps up on me because as I'm outside making the dash to the car, praying for the air conditioner, I can remember praying for this heat in February.

Anyways my picks: Linwood Barclay is quickly becoming one of our best sellers and if you haven't read his novel "**Bad Move**" you really are missing out. He is funnier than Janet Evanovich.

Coming in a close second, is Canadian horror writer Kelley Armstrong. I have read "**Stolen**" and was recently told by a student of Kelley's that "**Bitten**" is often considered her best novel. But I think "**Stolen**" is honestly the best -- too much romance in "**Bitten**".

I am also reading "**Dearly Devoted Dexter**" which I mentioned above. At first I thought the story line was too much of a leap -- psychos are everywhere. But once I got into the novel, I'm really enjoying the amount of fun the writer is having with such an odd-ball character.

BOOKCLUB REVIEWS:

The book club was held on Thursday July 28th do to the fact that Linwood Barclay could attend that day. And trust me it was worth the wait. I will always hold Vicki Delany's book club appearance as being one of the best and having Linwood there was just as much fun. It gives the book club a whole different perspective. I am looking forward to Lyn Hamilton's appearance on Thursday September 15th as we plan to read her novel "**The African Quest**". I recommend these authors to everyone.

*Please note that the book club meetings have been moved to the second Thursday of the month. So the schedule looks like this:

Jason Starr - "Tough Luck" on August 11th.

Lyn Hamilton - "The African Quest" on Thursday September 15th with special guest appearance by Lyn Hamilton.

Agatha Christie - "Cat Among the Pigeons" on Thursday October 13th.

THE GAMES IS AFOOT:

Well I put out the challenge in the last newsletter and guess what -- Four people came forth with the answers to last month's contest. Bravo to all. Last month's

winners include Ms. Buck, Patricia Pederson, Jeff Schofield and Janet Costello.
Thank you so much.
This month's contest is going to age some people, but here it is. I'll name the book you match it to the movie. Good Luck!

The Book:

Farewell, My Lovely
Red Harvest
Semana Santa
The Body
The Light of Day
Circus of Fear
Deadly Honeymoon
Christmas with the Kranks
A Matter of Conviction

The Movie:

Skipping Christmas
Nightmare Honeymoon
The Young Savages
The Three Just Men
Topkapi
Stand by Me
Road House Nights
The Falcon Takes Over
Angel of Death

AFTER HOURS:

Just a couple of things I want to mention. Stop by to see the "Basket Case" - our store, along with **Thyme and a Basket**, has put together a Crime / Tea Basket. Instead of taking flowers to the hospital or as a gift for that voracious reader in your life, why not try one of our baskets. Pick 5 books (for the price of 4) and four teas (these are tea bags, the price will vary for loose teas.) We will take your books and teas and wrap them up in a basket. Very classy -- and they will live longer than flowers. The total price comes to \$60.00 It will make a great Christmas gift --- but we don't want to talk about that yet.

Also, come check out our \$10.00 and under table. There are some great little gems to be found on that table.

Finally, a man I wish I had the chance to meet, Evan Hunter or Ed McBain, recently passed away on July 6th. I had spoken to Evan several times over the internet. I would go to his fan site and email him and within a week I would get a response. We often spoke about future plans for a television series involving the 87th precinct in Toronto. I would ask him if he had heard anything relating to the project and I would always get a response. "No, have you?"

Good bye Evan.
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