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## *2012*



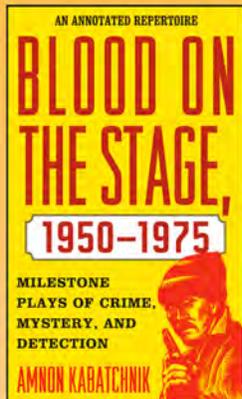
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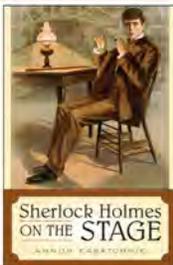
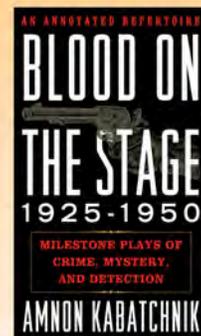
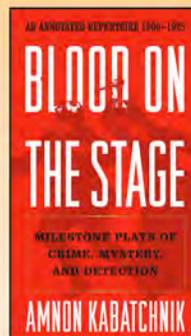
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## Welcome to Sacramento

“Thar’s gold in them thar hills. And a lot of skeletons, too.” Gold might be scarce these days, but there are certainly enough skeletons not yet discovered in the mining towns around Sacramento to keep mystery writers working double-time over their keyboards. Ever since I attended my first Left Coast Crime, I was certain Sacramento would be perfect for LCC, and I made a casual mention of that fact about six years ago to Tom and Enid Schantz. And so when Tom approached me at LCC in Hawaii, asking if I was still interested, I said yes.

Apparently I missed the part where I’d be the one running it. Tom missed the part where I was not an organized person. And Cindy Sample, my co-chair, missed the part where one shouldn’t make eye contact when someone asks, “Would you like to help me chair Left Coast Crime?” In truth, LCC 2012 Sacramento would not have been without Cindy Sample. Everything good about LCC 2012 is because of her dedication.

Cindy and I also had help from so many others over the last couple of years. The Schantzes for one, and we send our heartfelt blessings to Tom, and our fondest remembrances of his late wife, Enid. LCC will not be the same without her.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to our original core team: Noemi Levine, Sue Trowbridge, Joe Mallon. And to our committee chairs: Marlyn Beebe, Verna Dreisbach, Vallery Feldman, Pat Morin, Janet Rudolph, Lucinda Surber, Stan Ulrich, Jean Utley, Elaine Yamaguchi, Bryan Barrett. And those who gave time and/or advice: Donna Andrews, Pat Canterbury, Bill and Toby Gottfried, Andi Shechter. To Capitol Crimes and NorCal SinC for the hospitality room, and to the staff from the Sheraton Grand, especially Lynda Sagar and Anne Pang. I’ve undoubtedly forgotten someone who helped, but I’m certain to remember them right after this goes to print.

If there is any fault with any part of LCC 2012, it lies with me, as the volunteers all did their jobs exceptionally well. If this turns out to be the best LCC ever, it’s because of them.

LCC would not exist without the wonderful fans who come every year, and so we thank you for your enthusiasm in making every LCC a great time. To the authors, thanks for your understanding as

I shuffled you about, sent the wrong emails to the wrong people, lost panelists, and found panelists.

You’re all great, fans and authors alike. So let’s go out there, see some great panels, meet in the bar, have a good time. There might be gold in them thar hills, but LCCers know where the real treasure is: Right here in the midst of our friends at Left Coast Crime.

*Robin Burcell Co-chair*

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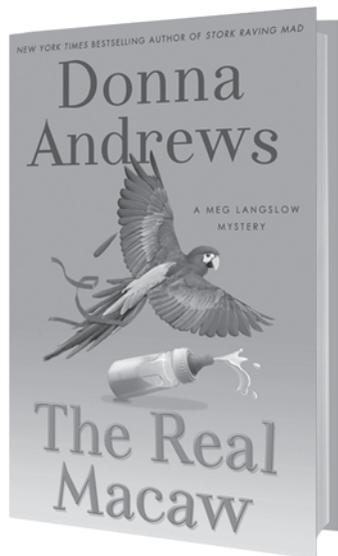
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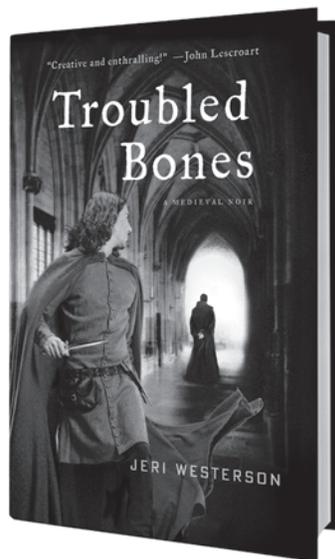
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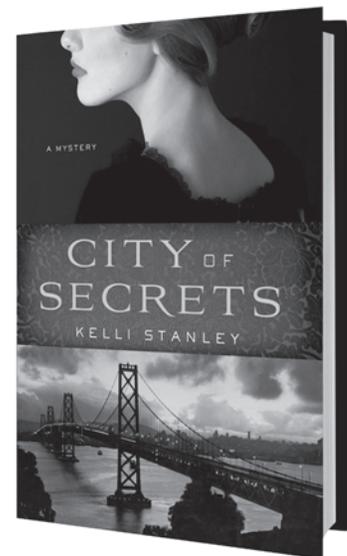
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by *Kelli Stanley*  
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# Schedule

**Wednesday, March 28** Early bird registration: 4–7 PM

**Thursday, March 29** Registration: 8 AM-5 PM

Writers' Workshop participants may register beginning at 7 AM, Writers' Workshop: 8 AM-2:15 PM  
Panels: 1:30–5 PM Welcome Reception at the Sheraton beginning at 6:30 PM in the Magnolia/Camellia room; included in cost of conference

**Friday, March 30** Registration: 8:30 AM-5 PM

Meet the New Authors with Mike Befeler - Continental Breakfast: 7:30-9 AM - Camellia Room  
Panels: 9 AM-5 PM

**Saturday, March 31** Registration: 8:30 AM-5 PM

Trivia Continental Breakfast hosted by James Rollins : 7:30-9 AM Camellia Room  
Panels: 9 AM-5 PM  
No-host cocktails and silent auction at 6 PM in hotel lobby  
Awards, Banquet, Live Auction 7 PM Magnolia/Camellia

**Sunday, April 1:** Panels: 9-11 AM

**Dealer's Room is the Gardenia Room** Hours Thursday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM Sunday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Book signings will follow author panels in the Gardenia room**

CDs and MP3s will be available for sale after each session.

**Hospitality Suite by Sacramento Sisters in Crime in the Carr**

Hours: Thursday 2-4 PM, Friday, Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM

**Silent Auction Friday and Saturday in Tofanelli on the 2nd floor**

Hours 9 AM - 4 PM Friday and Saturday Last bids just before the banquet on Saturday

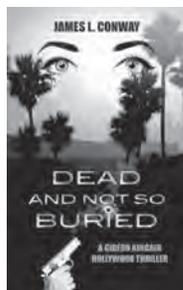
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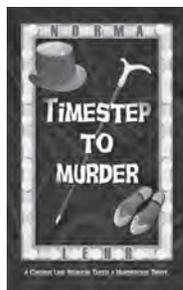
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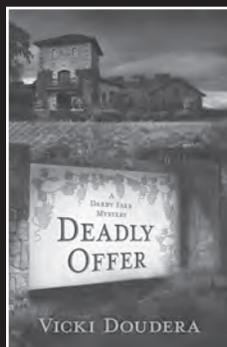


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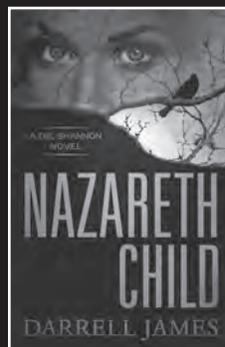
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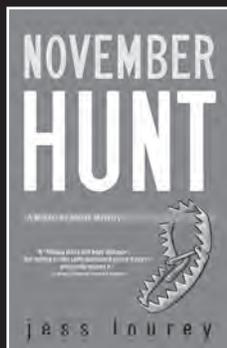


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*Darrell James*  
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As a field operative for Desert Sands Covert, Del Shannon has a knack for tracking down missing persons. Yet, she's never been able to locate the mother she's never known. While investigating a religious leader's compound in Appalachian Kentucky, Del discovers clues that may very well link her mother to the secretive Nazareth Church.  
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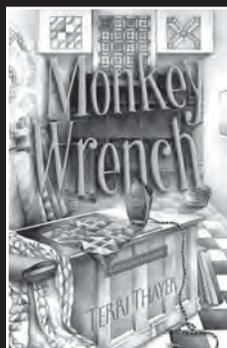


## November Hunt

*Jess Lourey*  
A Murder-by-Month Mystery (Book 7)

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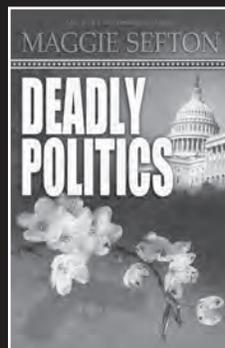
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## Monkey Wrench

*Terri Thayer*  
A Quilting Mystery (Book 4)

With two weeks left before the annual Quilters Crawl, Dewey Pellicano is excited to showcase her quilt shop. But Dewey's giveaway planning and Twitter promotion are cut short when her assistant manager is implicated in her boyfriend's untimely demise following a protest against a campus drug bust.  
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## Deadly Politics

*Maggie Sefton*  
A Molly Malone Mystery

Molly Malone was driven from Washington, D.C. by political backstabbing, threats, and personal heartbreak. But now she must return. Days after discovering that her niece, Karen, is intimately involved with a congressional chief of staff, Molly finds Karen shot to death. Investigating further puts Molly in the crosshairs of a shadowy group that's orchestrating a political plot.

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# Panels / Events

**Note: Book signings take place in the Gardenia room after each panel**

## Thursday Afternoon March 28

### 1:30 - 2:15

**Where the Palm Trees Meet the Pines** Northern California Writers in *Compagno*

Margaret Lucke (M), Heather Haven, Bette Lamb, J.J. Lamb, Carole Price, Susan C. Shea

**In the Nick of Time** How authors get their protagonists in and out of danger in *Bataglieri*

Mar Preston (M), Audrey Braun, Robert O'Hannesson, Robert Spiller, Keith Raffel

**It's my first LCC, what do I do now?** Introduction to Left Coast Crime in *Kamilos*

Janet Rudolph Cindy Sample

### 2:45 - 3:30

**Murder in the Capitol** Politics and murder in *Camellia*

Joel Fox (M), Alison Brennan, Barry Broad, William Wood

**A Small Sampling (of Small Presses)** Small press writers discuss writing for small presses in *Compagno*

Vicki Doudera (M), Madeline (M.M.) Gornell, Clark Lohr, Marilyn Meredith, Susan C. Miller

**Four Legged Flatfoots** Sleuths and their animals in *Bataglieri*

Victoria Heckman (M), Lou Allin, Rebecca M. Hale, Ann Littlewood Sue Owens Wright

**Nuts & Bolts of E-Publishing** *Open to all Writers' Workshop and LCC registrants*

*in Kamilos* Elle Lothlorien

### 4:15 - 5

**Breaking The Rules** Authors or characters who "color outside the lines"

Kirk Russell (M), Rebecca Cantrell, Lee Goldberg, D.P. (Doug) Lyle, Gary Phillips

**Sacramento Authors**

James Guigli (M), Pat Canterbury, Peggy Dulle, Gloria Galloway, Mickey Hoffman, Nan Mahon

**Killer Crafts** Even quilters, knitters and miniaturists stumble across murder

Penny Warner (M), Annette Mahon, Camille Minichino, Maggie Sefton

## Thursday Evening 6:30 - 7:30

**Welcome Reception in ....everyone invited** *Magnolia/Camellia*

## Friday March 30

### Silent Auction in Tofanelli 9-5

**7:30 - 8:45**

**Continental Breakfast: Meet the New Writers** with Mike Befeler *Camellia*

**9:00 - 9:45**

**Cultures and Communities** in *Magnolia*

Deborah Ledford (M), Wayne Arthurson, Cara Black, Naomi Hirahara, Heidi Noroozy

**A Real Place or Not?** Pros/cons of real/fictional locales in *Campagno*

Jess Lourey (M), Norma Lehr, Susan C. Shea, Michael Siverling, Maggie Sefton

**I Wish I Knew...** Tina Whittle interviews the Eureka! Award nominees re what they wish they'd known about publishing in *Bataglieri*

Tina Whittle (M), Sally Carpenter, Darrell James, Tammy Kaehler, Rochelle Staab

**10:15 - 11:00**

**Men of Mystery** in *Camellia*

Including Lee Goldberg, Gar Anthony Haywood, Alan Jacobson, William Kent Krueger, John Lescroart, Thomas Perry, and Sheldon Siegel, plus 11 more, all on one stage!

**Tough Chicks** Women who kick butt in *Magnolia*

Sophie Littlefield (M), Lisa Brackmann, Denise Hamilton, Julie Kramer, Helene Tursten

**Tea and a Cozy** A discussion of cozy mysteries in *Compagno*

Camille Minichino (M), Patricia Driscoll, Barbara Graham, Elaine Macko

**Agents and Editors** Professional agents & editors share years of wisdom in field in *Bataglieri*

Dana Kaye (M), Kimberley Cameron, Claire Eddy, Keith Kahla, Chip MacGregor

**11:30 - 12:15**

**Your Hero Does What?** Unusual occupations for sleuths *Camellia*

Juliet Blackwell (M), Clem Chambers, Bill Fitzhugh, G.M. Malliet, Tina Whittle

**The Killer Thriller Panel** Robin Burcell interviews respected thriller authors *Magnolia*

Robin Burcell (M), William Kent Krueger, John Lescroart, Thomas Perry, James Rollins

**Musical Mysteries** Murders with music in *Compagno*

Lorie Ham (M), Peggy Ehrhart, Ken Kuhlken, Bill Moody

**The Future of Publishing** e-books? small press? Traditional? Which way to turn, and how to do it right in *Bataglieri*

Elle Lothlorien (M), Jennifer Fisher, Boyd Morrison, Kris Neri

## 12:15 - 1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

### Friday Afternoon 1:30 - 2:15

**On the Noir Side** Mean, dark streets with noir writers in *Camellia*

Mysti Berry (M), Gar Anthony Haywood, Russell Hill, Gary Phillips, Kelli Stanley

**All In The Name of Research** Sharing tales of valiant, hilarious, or not well-thought-out deeds committed in the name of research in *Magnolia*

Twist Phelan (M), Rhys Bowen, Jan Burke, James Rollins, Jacqueline Winspear

**Murder with Machismo** No cozies here. Guys write books about guys' guys in *Compagno*

Con Lehane (M), Bruce DeSilva, Alan Jacobson, John Rector, Kirk Russell

**Publicity, Reviewing & Social Media** What you need to know about getting the word out on your books & Blogs, etc. in *Bataglieri*

Sue Trowbridge (M), Hillary Davidson, Terry Jacobsen, Dana Kaye, Janet Rudolph

### 2:45 - 3:30

**Law Enforcement Experts** Real Life experts, cops to coroner investigators in *Camellia*

Robin Burcell (M), George Fong, Mike Giusto, Kim Gillis, Rick Reed

**Laugh Yourself To Death** Humor in mysteries in *Magnolia*

Parnell Hall (M), Donna Andrews, Deborah Coonts, Harley Jane Kozak, Cindy Sample

**Why We Love: Fan GoHs Share Favorite books** *Compagno*

Pam Dehnke (M), Vallery Feldman, Bill Gottfried, Toby Gottfried, Noemi Levine, Andi Shechter

**Writing IS a Real Job!** Writers who make a living at writing in *Bataglieri*

Simon Wood (M), Jill Amadio, John Daniel, Beth Henderson, L.J. Sellers

### 4:00 - 4:45 Interview

**Jacqueline Winspear** interviewed by **Rhys Bowen** *Magnolia/ Camellia*



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## **Saturday March 31**

### **Silent Auction in Tofanelli 9-5**

#### **7:30 - 9:00**

**Trivia Continental Breakfast** with James Rollins (MC) *Camellia*

#### **9:00 - 9:45**

**Anglophilia** Settings in Great Britain in *Magnolia*

Jacqueline Winspear (M), Rhys Bowen, Carola Dunn, Michael Kurland, Catriona McPherson

**Magical Mystery Tour** Mysteries involving the supernatural in *Compagno*

Kris Neri (M), Juliet Blackwell, Mertianna Georgia, Margaret Lucke, Linda Joy Singleton

**Shorts** Short Stories in *Bataglieri*

Gigi Pandian (M), Jack Erickson, Deborah Ledford, Richard Lupoff Tim Wohlforth

#### **10:15 - 11:00**

**Barely Legal** Lawyers writing mysteries in *Camellia*

Jonnie Jacobs (M), Teresa Burrell, Susan Goldstein, Twist Phelan, Sheldon Siegel

**All the News** Reporters go the extra mile to reporting crime. They solve cases, too. in *Magnolia*

Michelle Drier (M), Wayne Arthurson, Bruce DeSilva, Julie Kramer, Brad Parks

**Pre-20th Century History** From the Roman Empire to the Wild West. Murder through time.

Sue Tornga (M), Ann Parker, John M. Roberts, Priscilla Royal, Kenneth Wishnia

**The YouTubing of Film: The New World of Mystery Movie-Making** The New World of Mystery Movie-Making in *Bataglieri*

Lee Goldberg (M), Stephen Buehler, Chantelle A. Osman, Travis Richardson, Charles Rosenberg

#### **11:30 - 12:15**

**Bad to the Bone** Protagonists who work on the edge of the law. in *Camellia*

Michelle Gagnon (M), Alan Jacobson, Boyd Morrison, Thomas Perry, Simon Wood

**Criminal Minds** Writing the criminal mind in *Magnolia*

L.J. Sellers (M), Denise Hamilton, William Kent Krueger, John Lescroart, Rick Reed

**Start 'Em Young** Children's and Young Adult mysteries in *Compagno*

Marlyn Beebe (M), Bonnie H. Hill, Sophie Littlefield, Linda Joy Singleton, Penny Warner

**Retirement Can Kill You** You're never too old to play detective in *Bataglieri*

Andi Shechter (M), Mike Befeler, William Doonan, Naomi Hirahara, Rita Lakin

#### **12:15 - 1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)**

## Saturday Afternoon

### 1:30 - 2:15

**Forensics** Forensics and mysteries go hand in hand in *Camillia*

D.P. (Doug) Lyle (M), Jan Burke, George Fong, J.A. Kazimer, Steve Scarborough

**Action!** Authors improvising badly from their own books in *Magnolia*

Robin Burcell (M), Donna Andrews, Bill Fitzhugh, Parnell Hall, Harley Jane Kozak, Clive Rosengren

**They're Watching You: Private Eyes** in *Compagno*

Dick Lochte (M), Cara Black, Gayle Carline, Janet Dawson, Michael Siverling

**20th Century History Mysteries**

Kelli Stanley (M), Rebecca Cantrell, Carola Dunn, Ken Kuhlken, William Seil

### 2:45 - 3:30

**Sex in Mysteries** Authors discuss sex-yes, sex-in mysteries in *Camellia*

Denise Hamilton (M), Allison Brennan, Deborah Coonts, Terry Odell

**Been There, Wrote That:** A Game Show hosted by Gar Anthony Haywood, where authors answer questions about their own books in *Magnolia*

Gar Anthony Haywood (M), Lisa Brackman, Bruce DeSilva, Catriona McPherson, Brad Parks

**Location, Location, Location!** Why authors choose certain locales for their books in *Compagno*

Morgan St. James (M), Hilary Davidson, Nadia Gordon, Rebecca M. Hale, Helene Tursten

**Fangs for the Memories** The darker side of paranormal mysteries in *Bataglieri*

Danna Wilberg (M), Louise Crawford, Michele Drier, Christopher A. Poe, Alex Sokoloff

### 4:00 - 4:45 Interview

**John Lescroart** interviewed by **James Rollins** in *Magnolia/Camellia*

### 6:00 - 8:30

## Reception, Banquet, Awards

6 PM No-host cocktails and silent auction in the hotel lobby. Last look at silent auction items and to get your bids in.

7 PM Awards Banquet Live Auction Awards Ceremony in *Magnolia/Camellia*

## Sunday April 1

**9:00 - 9:45**

**It Never Rains** Southern California authors *Compagno*

Teresa Burrell (M), Kathy Bennett, Linda Quinn, Clive Rosengren, Johnny Shaw

**Spy vs. Spy** Spies in mysteries in *Bataglieri*

Barry Broad (M), Aileen G. Baron, Diana Chambers, Donna Del Oro, Keith Raffel

**10:00 - 11:00**

**Liars Panel** Writers who lie (in real life or fiction?) in *Camillia*

Rhys Bowen (M), Bill Fitzhugh, Rita Lakin, Alex Sokoloff, John Billheimer



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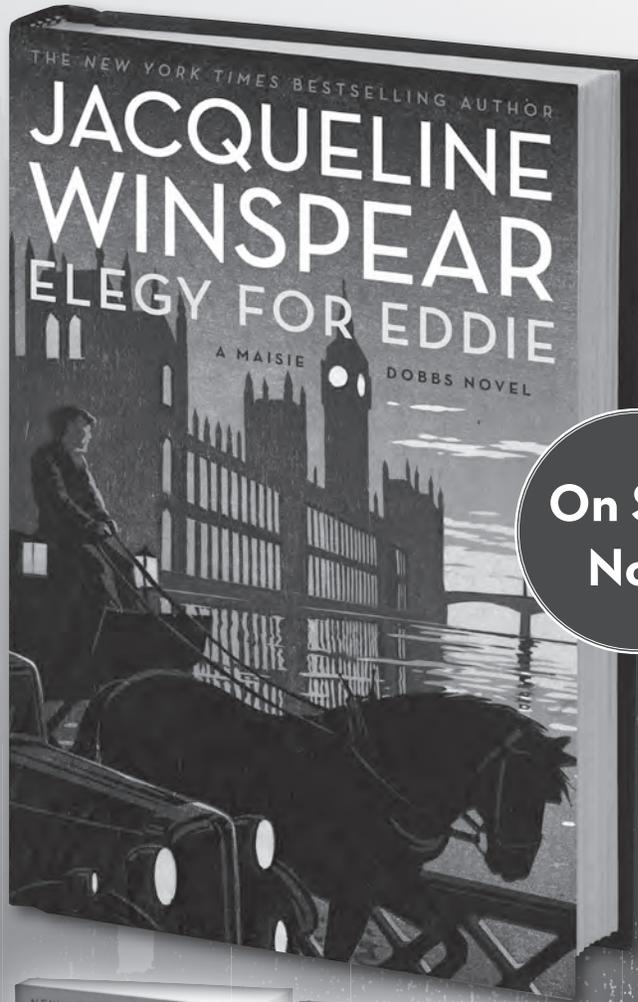
Hank Phillippi Ryan  
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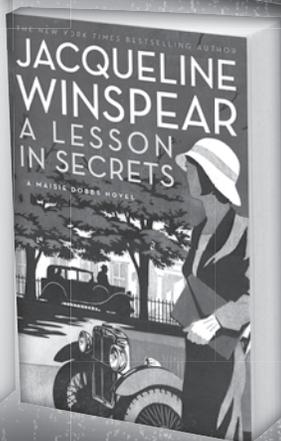
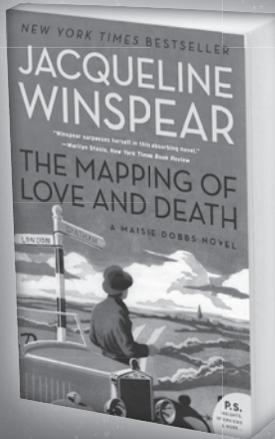
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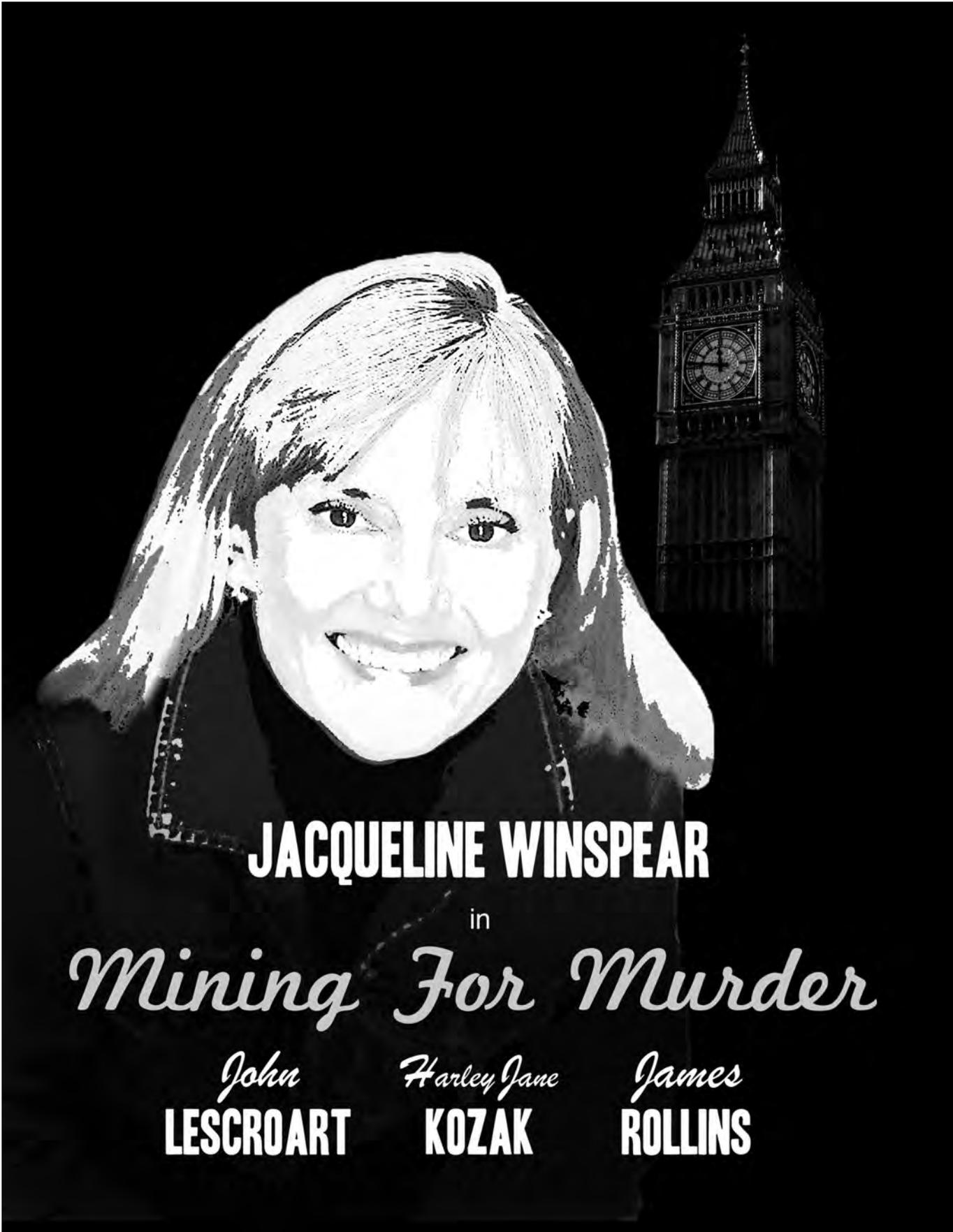


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## Guest of Honor: Jacqueline Winspear

Jackie's a natural born storyteller – in life as much as in the pursuance of her craft. Her stories are always intriguing, but again and again I find there's much more to them than that. They openly explore the eternal question of why it is people do what they do. And this in turn leads to a much deeper and certainly more satisfying experience of those singular events that drive individuals – and whole societies too sometimes – to their actions. As a reviewer for *USA Today* commented about Jackie's novels: "They are less whodunits than why-dunits, more P. D. James than Agatha Christie". I couldn't agree more.



And that I think is the essential key to their appeal. Jackie's stories invite us to delve deeper into our own psyches, too, and far more than one might expect of a more traditional mystery novel. And here I must borrow from a couple of the greats. Borges points us towards: 'Looking for lines of meaning amid leagues of cacophony and incoherence, reading the history of the past and of the future, collecting our thoughts and the thoughts of others, and every so often glimpsing mirrors'. What invaluable mirrors they are, too, if and when we're lucky enough to find them: to see ourselves in glimpses of our past. And, yes, I too, believe, as Jackie obviously does, that – in the immortal words of Faulkner – "the past isn't dead and what's more it isn't even past."

Perhaps it's these 'glimpses of the past' that go to explain why so many of Jackie's readers respond to her as if to a close and trusted friend. Her stories, dealing as they do with the human condition in the face of huge and enduring tragedy and its aftermath, have obviously touched people very greatly. And I suspect that's in no small measure due to a growing awareness that the forces unleashed across the world in 1914 still demonstrably affect us today.

The First World War – with its monstrous levels

of violence, destruction, and death – is at the very core of Jackie's novels. It was a war on a previously unimaginable scale and it made an indelible mark on all who survived it, civilians as well as soldiers. It left people emotionally and spiritually damaged, and in some cases completely 'shell shocked' and unable to function for years afterwards. And it's against this backdrop of the long and lingering aftereffects of 'the war to end all wars' that Jackie sets the stories of her heroine, Maisie Dobbs.

Jackie writes about Maisie Dobbs and those turbulent times past with a rare and abiding passion. And it's this obvious passion that I'm sure moves her readers to the extent it does and draws such huge audiences to her book readings and signings. The audiences in turn made up men, women; young and old; nurses; veterans; college students; history buffs; even the odd avowed feminist or two.

I've appeared with Jackie at one or two such events – a bit like opening for The Beatles – and seen women of all ages; eyes bright as buttons, minds as sharp as proverbial razors; question her, very pointedly, seeking to find out more about the events and times that they've increasingly come to realize have so shaped their own lives, as well as those of their mothers and grandmothers. I once witnessed a girl, in her teens, literally moved beyond words, thank Jackie repeatedly for the inspiration she'd found in Maisie Dobbs. I've also seen men, an errant tear or two sliding down their cheeks, regale her with their own tales of war; family stories, deeply held episodes, recalled by those touched by the real human cost of war. All of which Jackie handles with astonishing grace.

And so what is it that makes Maisie Dobbs such an intriguing and inspirational character? To begin with: she's a preternaturally bright young working class woman who starts life as a maid in a grand, pre-war, aristocratic London household, who with application and hard work slips between the blocks of the British class system with aplomb and manages against all the odds to achieve a place at Cambridge University. Only for her then to cast

everything aside and risk all by volunteering to serve as a nurse in ‘the war to end all wars’. And, in that, echoing Vera Brittain from whose memoir of her time as a nurse in the War – surely one of the inspirations of Maisie Dobbs – one wonderfully memorable line could well stand as an epigraph to all of Jackie’s books. “*A passionate pity.*” That overarching sense of humanity – that passionate pity – is ever present in all that the character of Maisie Dobbs is and does in her adventures, thereafter, as she resumes her studies at Girton College, Cambridge, and evolves from consulting psychologist and sometimes ‘sensitive’ to consulting investigator. A mystery series is usually defined by the things the novels continue to have in common: characters, events, even the echoing of substantially similar plots. What I think is striking about the Maisie Dobbs series, is the element of real change that occurs, not only in Maisie Dobbs herself, but with all the other major characters, as well.

There’s Maisie’s benefactor and patron, Lady Rowan Compton, titled lady and suffragette; Maurice Blanche, the uncommonly wise and astute gentleman scholar who becomes Maisie’s tutor and mentor. Then of course there’s Maisie’s assistant, Billy Beale and his Cockney family, the honest common man, writ large. All well cast. Even the detectives from Scotland Yard and Special Branch that we’re introduced to - Robert MacFarlane and Richard Stratton - are drawn with a deftness and wit way beyond the usual ‘cardboard cut-out’ characters that get trotted out in so many novels, from both sides of the Atlantic.

You of course come to expect a rich cast of supporting characters in any mystery series – their singular purpose of course to provide ever more acute reflections of our chosen hero or heroine – or you’d never return to the books, year after year. Similarly, you expect the settings, backgrounds, and incidents that go to make up each story, and the dilemmas faced by the individuals unique to that plot, to be well thought out and constructed. And in this Jackie never fails to deliver. But what I also find so very compelling are the thousand tiny attendant details, the little bits of social and political history that mark the many seismic shifts that occurred in Great Britain and Europe between the

two world wars. Gimlet-eyed observations that speak of meticulous research and that have a tendency of staying with you long after all memories of plot have faded.

But Maisie Dobbs is not Jackie Winspear, although inevitably there’s a lot of Jackie in Maisie. Which brings me to one final thought, less to do with Jackie the writer and more to do with Jackie herself. If you have a moment, ‘Google search’ ‘*A Lady in Brown*’ and take a look at the portrait of Lady Gwendoline Churchill painted by Sir John Lavery, back in 1915. Lady Gwendoline was the wife of “Jack” Spencer-Churchill, Winston Churchill’s brother, and was a leading society beauty in Edwardian London, widely acknowledged as being one of the city’s best-dressed women. According to a diary entry from the time: “*she was the most marvelous peg for clothes. Everything looks superlatively chic on her – things that might appear dowdy on others*”. It’s Jackie, to the life.

*The New York Times Book Review* called Maisie Dobbs “A heroine to cherish.” I believe as much could be said of Jackie and we are all the richer for it.

Tony Broadbent is author *The Smoke; Spectres in The Smoke; Shadows in The Smoke*.

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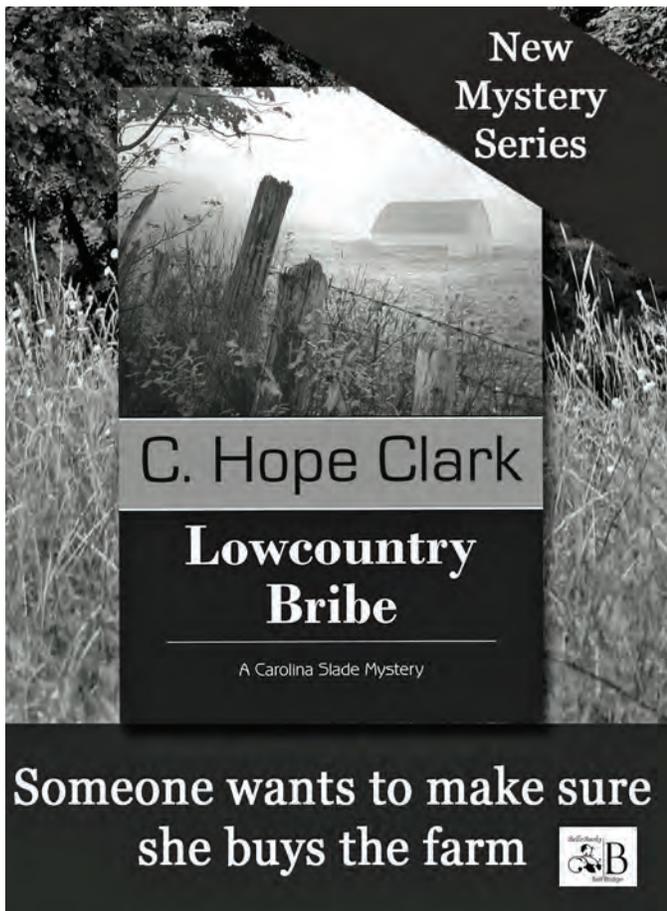
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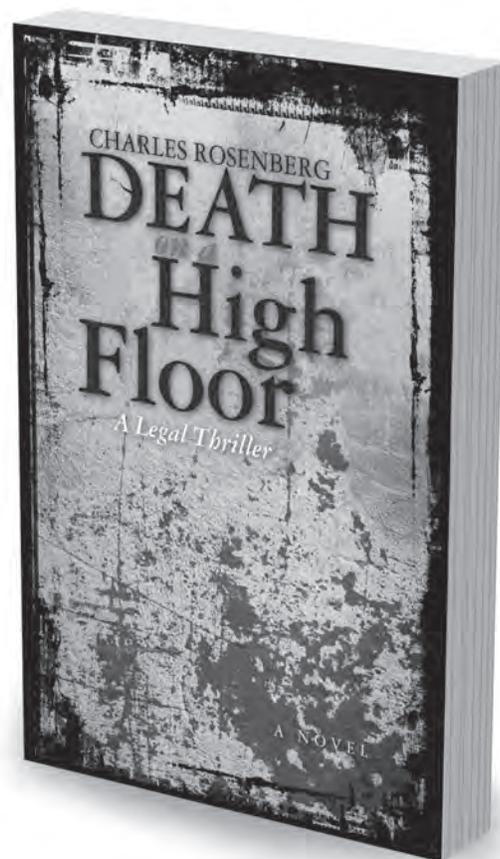
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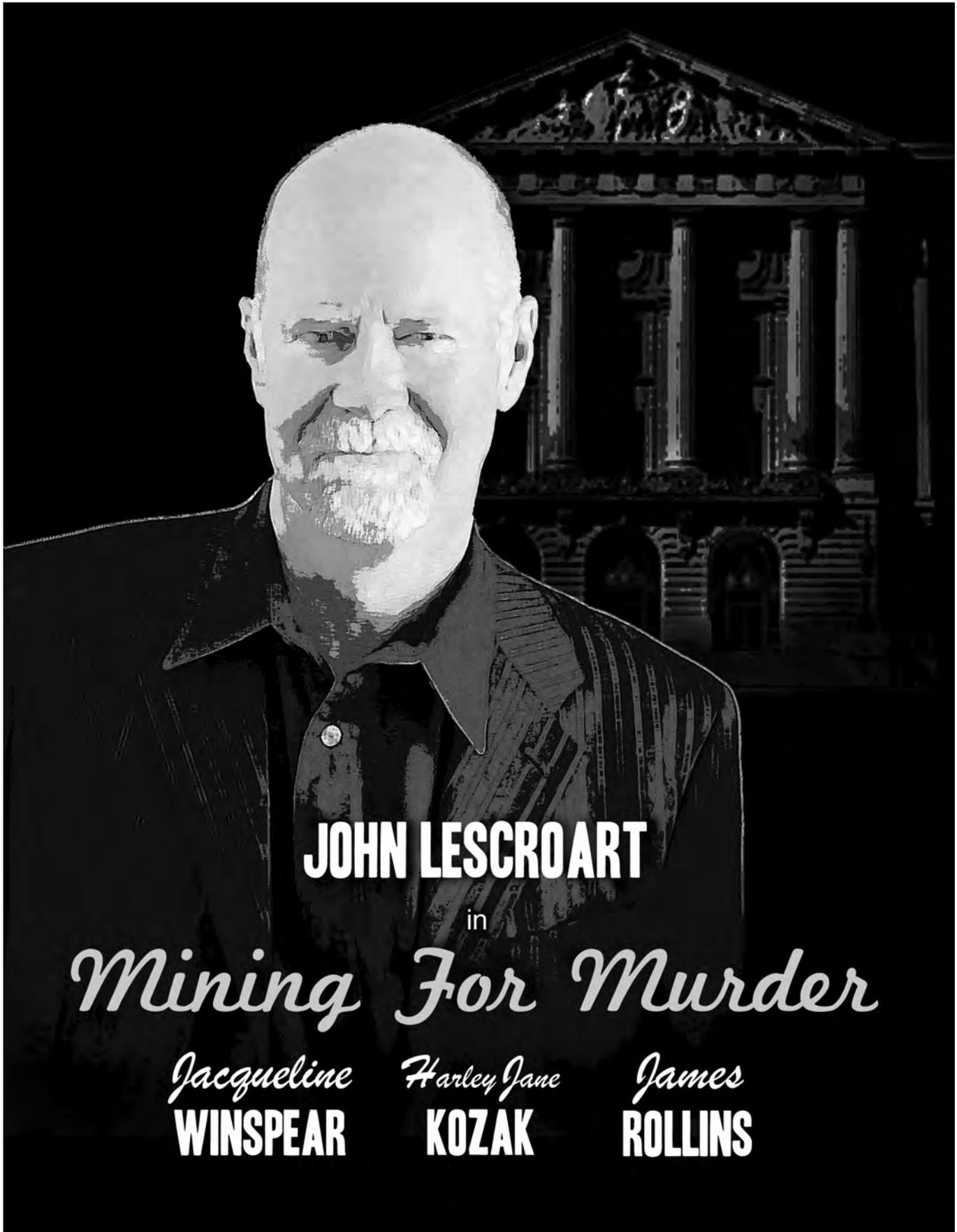
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## Guest of Honor: John Lescroart

**Q. You're the author of 23 books and a perennial New York Times Bestseller. Yet I've heard you say that it took you ten years and a half-dozen books to become an overnight success. Could you describe your transformation from a part-time writer to a New York Times Bestseller?**

A. The complete description could be a book in itself, with enough plot twists, chicanery, betrayal, good and bad luck, lawsuits, and – literally – even brushes with death to make that book a thriller. The basic situation was that I was ignorant about the book business. I loved writing, and vaguely wanted to be a working author, but I had no idea of how to go about it. Over a six-book period from 1987 to 1993, I started publishing and gradually learned some hard but important lessons, particularly about contracts and option clauses. But the main thing I learned is that I had to keep writing, keep turning out good material. So I put aside a certain number of hours every day and just kept at it, even if the commercial reward seemed elusive . . . hell, impossible. But I wrote every morning, first two hours, then four. Finally, after a brush with spinal meningitis nearly killed me, I devoted myself full time, and the second book in that phase (my seventh published novel) became my first bestseller, *THE 13<sup>th</sup> JUROR*.

**Q. Your new book, *The Hunter*, is the fourth book featuring San Francisco private investigator, Wyatt Hunt. The storyline involves a search by Hunt for his birth parents, whom he barely knew. It's a story packed with suspense and raw emotion--perhaps the most personal story you've written so far. Can you describe how you got the idea for *The Hunter* and how the story evolved?**

A. *The Hunter* was born from the ashes of its predecessor, *Damage*. I finished writing *Damage* in early May and I felt I was on a great creative roll, so instead of my usual few weeks of time off when I finish a book, I just dove right in to this next one. I had the general idea I'd like to work with Wyatt Hunt again, and it was time I looked at his adoptive background. Once that idea had sprouted, I started sending outline pages to both my agent, Barney Karpfinger, and my chief consigliere and consultant, Al Giannini. Barney thought a technical element – cell phone technology – would be



cool, and I agreed, and then Al and I came up with the pivotal historical element that's in the center of the book, and when that all came together, I knew I had a winning idea.

**Q. While many of your books have featured San Francisco criminal defense attorney Dismas Hardy, you have also written books featuring Abe Glitzky, Wes Farrell, and now, Wyatt Hunt. How do you decide which character will be at the center of your stories?**

A. Actually, this is a fairly unplanned part of my work. I'm not really sure of the exact mechanism. I just get a sense that it's time to visit with Wyatt, or Diz, or Abe, or Gina. And then the story that I'm outlining kind of holistically coalesces around one of two of these characters. I'm currently writing another Hardy book which, after the last two which were Glitzky/Farrell and Wyatt Hunt books, respectively, and because I've left Hardy alone for a while, it feels fresh and newly invigorated. Maybe that's what really drives the decision – who has been sitting in the wings long enough and is ready to carry the next load.

**Q. Many people (myself included) think Abe Glitzky is your most beloved character. You've also put him through an unending series of challenges, both professional and personal. It seems that you can't resist putting Abe into difficult situations. Do you do this on purpose? Are you ever going to write a book where things get a little easier for Abe?**

A. First, let me say that I love Abe. I never really mean to do him any harm. But he's one of those guys to whom bad stuff seems to accrue. In the book I'm currently working on, I can tell you that Abe shows up in the very first scene – in fact, in the prologue – and I must say he's already looking like things are going to be hard on him. I can't figure it out, but he makes the books come alive in a way that my other characters don't. If he's got to suffer for my art, I'm afraid that's just his lot in life.

**Q. You've written some of the most compelling courtroom scenes in contemporary crime fiction. Yet you're not a lawyer (although you once worked at a big law firm). How do you write such realistic legal drama?**

A. This is where I give all due credit to my pal Al Giannini, who is a lawyer with nearly forty years

experience as a prosecutor. So Al knows all the ins and outs, not just about the formal law, but about the interrelationships between all the various adversarial counterparts. What I find very interesting, though, is that I'll typically write the whole book without reference to too many of these niceties, and then Al will help me "fix" the law stuff, and I don't think it's ever changed an actual plot point. It's a lot of fixing, but it's almost never a rewrite, which I think means that the basic stories seem to work – I tend to write first draft courtroom scenes as dramatic conflicts between characters – and while the law stuff provides great verisimilitude, the basic flow of what's happening doesn't change. It's based in human conflict, and that's why it works.

**Q. You've published a book a year for more than 20 years. What is your process? How do you do it and how do you keep it fresh?**

A. The way I can put out a book a year is that I treat it as a job. The way I keep it fresh is pretty by acknowledging how much it takes out of me every year, so I usually give myself at least a couple of months of down time without letting myself feel guilty about it. The other trick, if that's the word, to keeping things fresh is that I tend to believe in scenes. I consciously avoid thinking too much about the big picture of a book, believing that I can go back and fix stuff later if it's bad. Instead, I focus on scenes and just let me inclinations take me where they will. I sometimes call this "genius mode," where I just let 'er rip regardless of how closely I'm hewing to a fore-ordained plot. The plot meanders along and as long as the individual scenes are fun and compelling, I feel like I'm on the right track. Then I just go back and cut out all the stuff that sucks.

**Q. You were an English literature major at Cal and your writing is widely regarded as stylish and elegant. Because of your devotion to the craft of writing (reflected in your work), other writers frequently refer to you as a "writer's writer." have you noticed that your literary background finds its way into your work? Do you have aspirations to write a literary novel someday?**

A. I find it incredibly gratifying to be called a "writer's writer," especially by talented guys like yourself. I don't consciously try to be "literary," in the sense of high-falutin' or precious. What I try to do is write colloquially and with some intelligence, and then avoid clunkiness and the yuck factor – you'll know it when you see it. Sometimes an elegant phrase or a cool word will just show up and I don't try to edit that out in the interests of appealing to the least common denominator.

And sometimes, the scene I'm writing just flat out inspires something universal in me and I follow that thread as far as it leads.

**Q. You're a San Francisco guy who once tended bar at the Little Shamrock. How much of Hardy, Glitzky and Hunt come from the life and times of John Lescroart?**

A. In some plays, I've been both blessed and cursed with what the Chinese call "an interesting life." I've worked in a ton of jobs, both menial and not; I've traveled widely; I'm blessed with many interesting, smart, often sardonic friends. So I think you'll see reflections of me and my experiences showing up in my characters. The way Hardy and Frannie deal with and think about their children certainly comes from my own parenting with Lisa. One of my brothers and a couple of my pals are jocks much like Hunt. My former bass player, Alan Heit, is half Jewish and half black, like Glitzky. So I borrow from reality when I need to, and of course the reality I borrow from is my own.

**Q. Over the years, you've quietly mentored many up-and-coming writers. You've also endowed a scholarship for aspiring writers at UC-Davis. Could you describe these activities for us?**

A. When I was just getting started, I won a literary award that all at once made me believe in the possibility that I could be a working writer. It was a huge life moment for me. Now that I've had some success, I thought it would be great to help out other talented writers who needed something to boost their confidence and careers, and so I endowed the \$5,000 Maurice Prize at UC Davis to recognize the best long form fiction written by a Davis creative writing alumnus every year. It's been very, very cool, and I'm proud to say that five of the six winners so far have gone on to be published. It's a very talented pool. As to mentoring younger or beginning writers, it's just something I feel it's important to do. Early on in my publishing career, Jon Kellerman, Richard North Patterson, Nelson DeMille and several other well-known authors went out of their way to blurb me and my books, and it really can make a difference in a career, so I try to give back whenever I get the opportunity.

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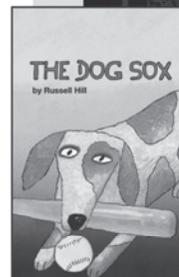
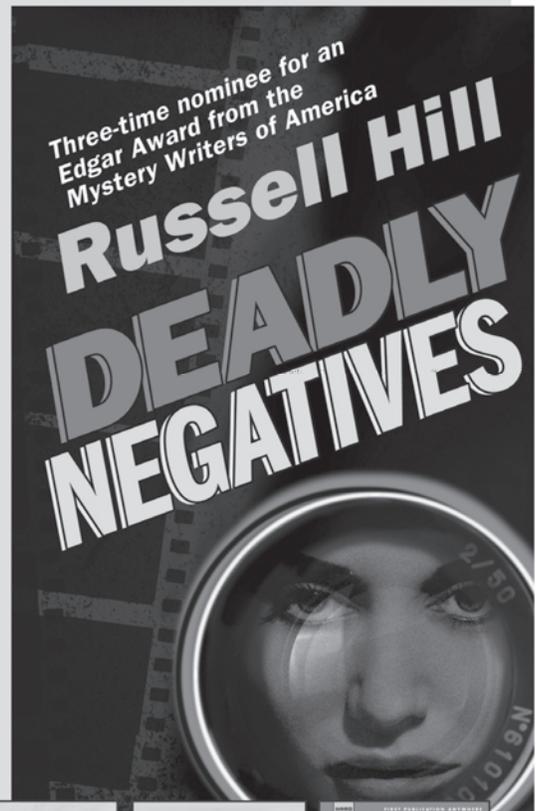
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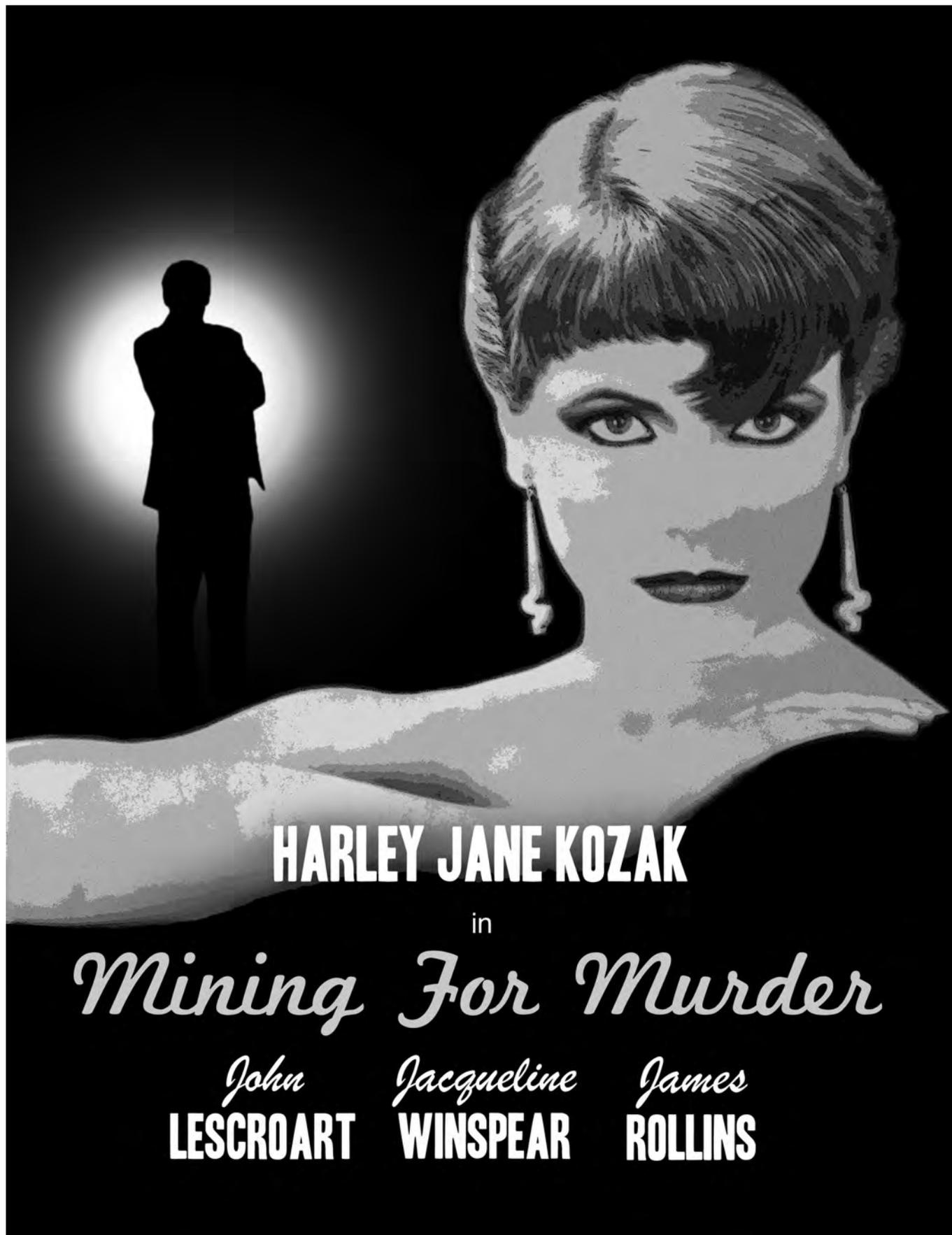
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## Toastmaster: Harley Jane Kozak

Harley Jane Kozak is smart, beautiful, and multi-talented. She's been a Beefsteak Charlie's waitress, an obscenely rich geologist, and an Indian maiden. She's been a wife, a divorcee, and a single mother raising three kids. She been pursued by serial killers, terrorized by giant spiders, and haunted by ghosts. She's lived with a genie and, for quite a while, was a devoted nun in Santa Barbara.

Oh, and she's also been an award-winning mystery writer.

She has been all of those things, and many more.... some in real life and some in her rich, diverse and colorful fantasy life. It doesn't really matter what's real and what's imagined about her, because my friend Harley has a super-power (and she doesn't even have to wear body-tight neoprene and a cape to wield it, though I think many of us would like to see her try anyway). She can entertain, captivate,

and enthrall us with her imagination, her humor, and her role-playing, whether she does it on the stage, on the screen, on the page, or in an elevator at the Sacramento Sheraton.



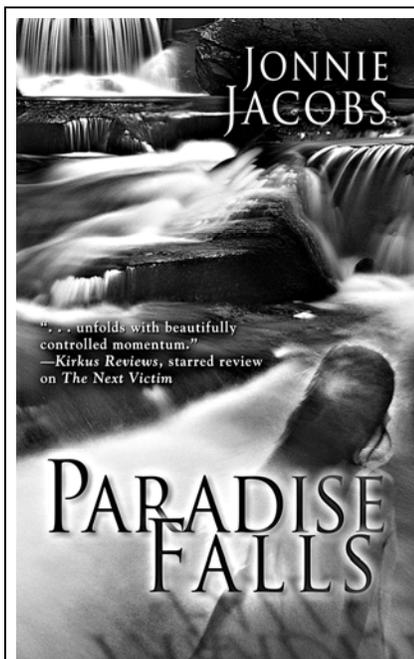
So while you're here, and even after you've gone back home, let yourself be swept up in the fantasy worlds of Harley Jane Kozak. You won't be sorry.

*Lee Goldberg*

Harley's debut novel *Dating Dead Men*, won the Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity awards, and was followed by *Dating Is Murder*, *Dead Ex* and *A Date You Can't Refuse*. Her short prose has appeared in Ms. Magazine,

Soap Opera Digest, The Sun, The Santa Monica Review, and the anthologies *Mystery Muses*, *This Is Chick Lit*, *A Hell Of A Woman*, *Butcher Knives* and *Body Counts*, *The Rich and the Dead*, and *Crimes by Moonlight*.

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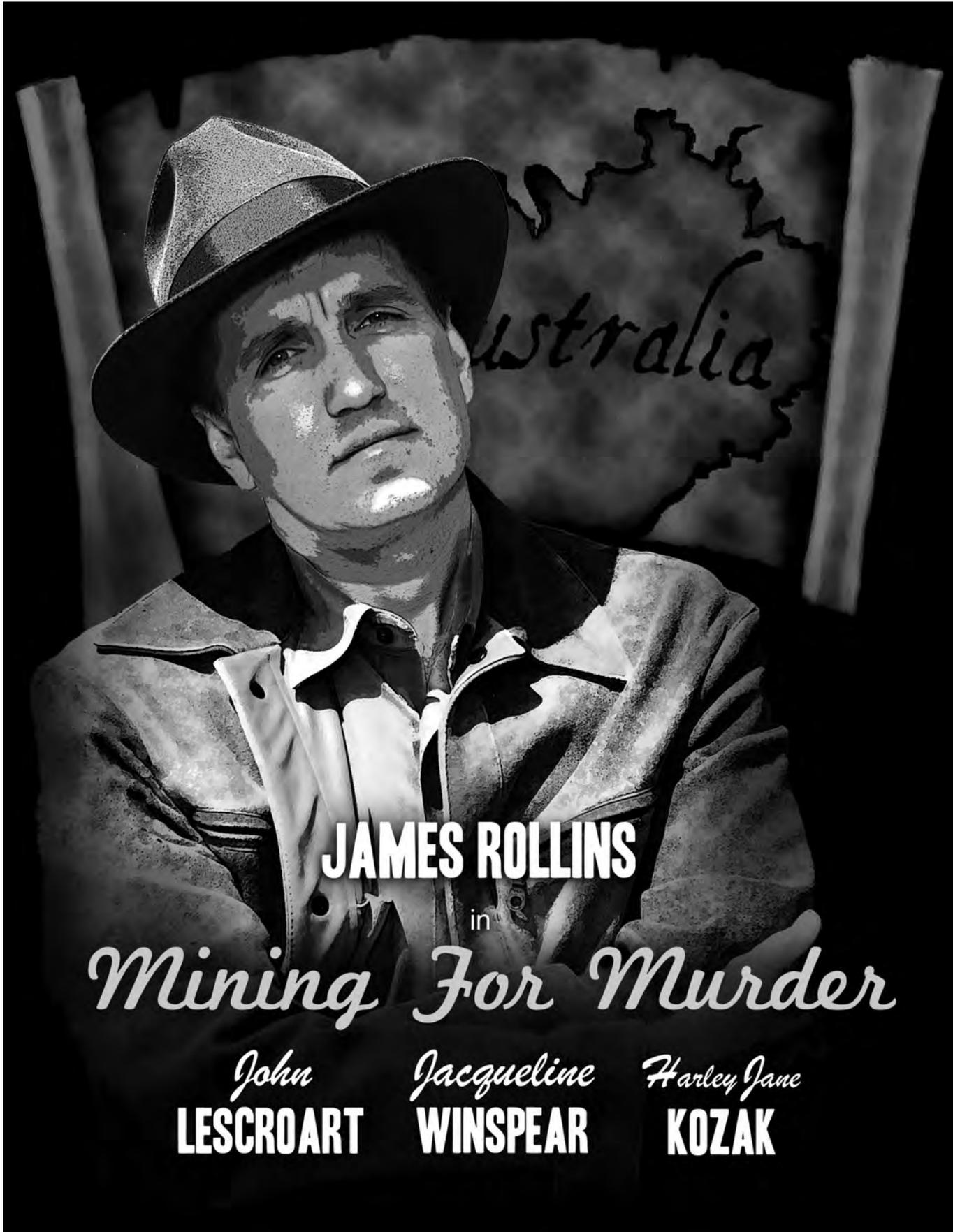


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## Spotlight Guest: James Rollins

I first met James Rollins back when we were both fairly new authors signing at a Barnes and Noble. Shortly thereafter he started the Sigma Force series, and he went from relatively unknown to New York Times Bestseller. No wonder, since his books (often billed as “scientific thrillers”) have plenty of action, adventure, great locales, and what we at LCC love most, murder and intrigue. And when the safety of our nation hangs in the balance, Rollins sends in Sigma Force, a team of former Special Forces soldiers who’ve been retrained in various scientific disciplines to protect the world against global threats. In short, scientists with guns (who can kick butt when necessary). But before you say I only read mysteries, do note that I was a diehard mystery fan, and didn’t tend to read thrillers along the lines of what Jim wrote. I thought they were about armies and warfare. And while someone is always gathering troops somewhere in the world for some nefarious purpose, that isn’t the case at all. It wasn’t until I finally opened a James Rollins novel that I’d realized what I’d been missing by skipping over this genre, and I credit his books for starting me on my love of thrillers.

Of course, I happen to prescribe to the belief that a good book is a good book, no matter the genre—and Rollins writes good books.

So what makes his novels stand out? For one, his dedication to detail. Jim was a practicing veterinarian with a background in the evolution of biology when he started writing, and that certainly adds authenticity to the science-based points in his stories. But what about the action and adventure? It so happens that he’s also an accomplished diver and caver, never mind that he travels the world in his research, using his knowledge and experience to bring a sense of realism and excitement to his stories. To me, half the fun of his books is seeing how he’s woven



in some new and sometimes obscure scientific or historical fact or premise, then reading his Author’s Notes at the end of the book to discover where these fascinating details came from, and what parts are true and in what parts he used poetic license.

Aside from his great writing, he’s also an amazing person, friendly and generous with his time, whether he’s talking about novels or volunteering at the spay and neuter clinics now that he’s no longer working full-time as a veterinarian. In other words, as new as he might be to Left Coast Crime, he fits right in to the mystery community, and I hope you’ll take the time to introduce yourself to him—and pick up one of his books to see just what you’ve been missing!

*Robin Burcell*

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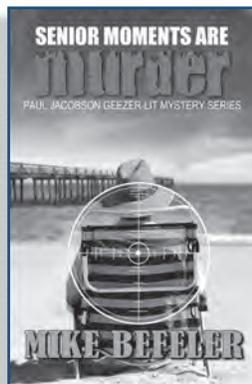
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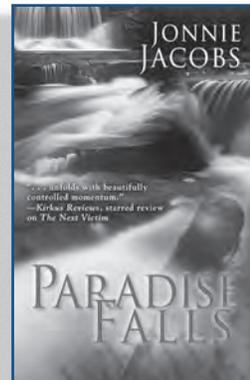
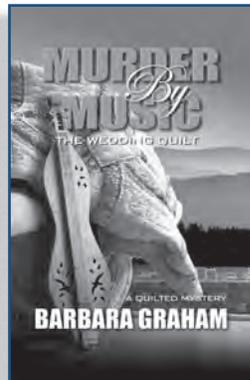
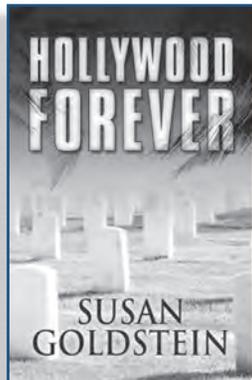
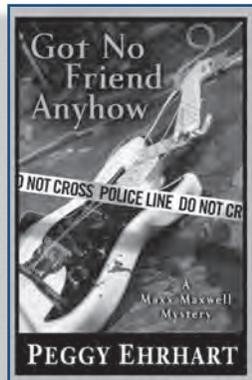
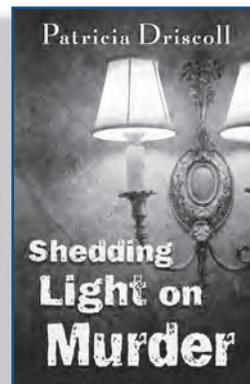
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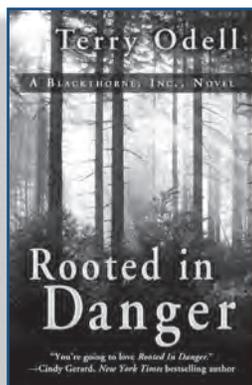
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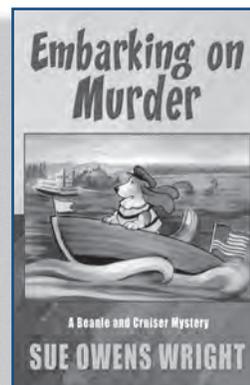
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## Fan Guest of Honor: Noemi Levine

Noemi Levine's involvement with mystery conventions began at an organizational meeting for 1997's Bouchercon (Monterey, CA). "Vallery (Feldman) and Janet (Rudolph) brought me to the initial meeting for assigning jobs, and (co-chair) Bruce Taylor said the most important job is the person who takes care of the money," said Noemi. "I'm hopeless with programming – I'm not an idea person – so I thought I could do that."

"I seem to be the only one who isn't scared of money. I stopped doing math in second grade, but I've always been good with money, ever since I was a kid."

So Noemi, whose day job is working in Practice Support for a San Francisco law firm, became the convention's treasurer, a role she has also filled at three Left Coast Crime conventions – Monterey, Hawaii and now Sacramento. She has also served as registrar at the LCCs, because "the registrar has all the fun. You're involved with who's coming and who's going."

Perhaps it's fitting that somebody who has spent so much time managing money wound up marrying an accountant. Noemi tied the knot with Jeff Grund in 2010.

Noemi is a lifelong mystery fan who grew up reading Nancy Drew and Scholastic juvenile mysteries by authors like Mary C. Jane. The first adult mystery she ever encountered was Patricia Moyes' *Many Deadly Returns*. She loved the book, but didn't realize Moyes had penned many other books about Inspector Henry Tibbett. "It didn't occur to me that there would be more of them." Then, when Noemi was 13, a counselor at Camp Kinderland introduced her to Agatha Christie by giving her a copy of *What Mrs. McGillicuddy Saw* (also known as *4:50 From Paddington*). "I just tore through it," says Noemi, so the counselor offered to



continue bringing her Christies to read. "The next week, she brought me *And Then There Were None*," and I was hooked. I went through all the Agatha Christies."

A few years later, Noemi's mom married a man with a large collection of mysteries. "He told me, 'You'd like these and these and these,' pointing out the Emma Lathens, the Ngaio Marshes, Dorothy L. Sayers."

Noemi still prefers the classics, though she also enjoys some contemporary authors such as Tana French, Erin Kelly, Colin Cotterill and

Sara Paretsky. She is famous (or infamous) in her weekly mystery book group for often only reading the first and last chapter of the assigned novel, but says "I always read enough to defend my decision not to read the book. It's usually a matter of time. If I'm enjoying a book, and I have time to read it, I will read the whole thing."

After working on four mystery conventions, is there a fifth in her future? "No, no, no!" she exclaims, before adding, "Well... not 'til I retire." Thank you, Noemi, for working tirelessly to keep track of all our registrants, and making sure LCC always comes in on budget!

*Sue Trowbridge*

Left Coast Crime is a convention by and for fans, meaning you and me and everyone else here. If you think you don't have what it takes to work on or even run an LCC, talk to the people who have, and just in case, because you never know what persuasive person you'll sit next to at the banquet, you should know about Left Coast Crime Convention, Inc., or LCCCI.

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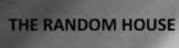
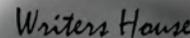
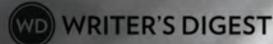
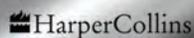


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## In Memorium: Enid Schantz

This Left Coast Crime will be the first that there won't be a Rue Morgue presence. Enid died on Aug. 12 from pancreatic cancer, a disease that limited her activities at Left Coast in Santa Fe, though she managed to make it into the book room to say good-byes to a few old pals. Ironically, John Leininger, who with his wife Alice Ann Carpenter, helped spell Enid at our booth would himself succumb to a liver cancer that was discovered after their return to Cincinnati. We were looking forward to Sacramento and following it with a trip to a favorite inn on the coast south of Mendocino, near a secluded sea glass beach where she could indulge her latest passion.

Books, especially mystery books, were her first passion. We met at the famed Iowa Writers Workshop in Iowa City in 1968 where she invited me for Thanksgiving dinner. I never left. And except for a brief teaching stint while I was waiting out the draft and the Vietnam War, we would be together 24/7 for most of the next 43 years.

In 2001, we were awarded the Raven from the Mystery Writers of America. We couldn't make the dinner, having to set up our booth for Malice Domestic that night, so we sent a short acceptance speech via our co-honoree, Barbara Peters. "We'd like to thank all of you for allowing us to be a small part of what John Dickson Carr once called the grandest game."

The game for us started in Freeville, New York, where we spent the first years of our marriage. In the spring of 1970 we started selling used mysteries by mail. Doing business then as The Aspen Bookhouse, we at first listed general used books, discovered at the many book sales and secondhand bookshops we haunted around the area, but our mystery customers were so much nicer and more interesting than our others — and bought so many more books — that we soon narrowed our focus to detective fiction only. It was perhaps an odd specialty for a woman who at the age of 30



had never read a Sherlock Holmes story. I told her to start with "The Red Headed League" and a half hour later she stormed into the room demanding to know why I hadn't recommended Doyle to her earlier. We would go on to start a small press that reprinted classic Sherlock Holmes pastiches, many of which Enid would illustrate. Her drawings are now in several private collections.

In those days, used mystery books from the Golden Age were plentiful and cheap and not in wide demand, except by thrifty readers. Booksellers kept first editions in dusty back rooms and rejoiced when we came to town looking for them. Book sales had tables full of them, priced at a quarter apiece regardless of edition or condition. We would come back from buying trips with our Volvo station wagon crammed with boxes of old mysteries, to be shelved and cataloged posthaste to pay back the short-term loans we were always taking out from our little local bank when our stock got low. Remember, a book from 1935 had been out of print for only 35 years at that time, about the same length of time that books being published in 1970 have been out of print today.

In the spring of 1973, we moved the store to my college town of Boulder where we operated out of our basement and the back room of a comic book/science fiction. We changed our name to The Rue Morgue to better suit our specialty and opened a small shop on the Pearl Street Mall on less than a shoestring. The landlord wanted a token ten dollar deposit on the space and we gave him cash, not sure that we could keep that high a balance in our checking account. The store would move to several locations on Pearl Street and eventually become one of the largest and most successful mystery bookstores in the world.

In 2000, Enid wanted to change directions slightly and convinced me to sell the store, though we kept the name. For the next four years, we operated out of our house in Boulder before relocating to a mountain valley outside Lyons, concentrating on

a publishing firm we started in 1997, dedicated to reprinting classic mysteries for an audience we described as “little old ladies of all ages and sexes.” Today, some 150 titles later, the press is still going strong. In 2005 after our return from Left Coast in Bristol, we launched Murders from The Rue Morgue, a mail order catalog that specialized in traditional, historical, foreign and literary mysteries. It was a roaring success, prompting us to announce that our “semi-retirement had failed.”

In addition to selling mysteries, End and I have written a monthly book review column for the Denver Post for the past 30 years and did the mystery section for twenty volumes of What Do I Read Next? Enid did most of the annotations while I contributed a longish, idiosyncratic overview of the year in mystery.

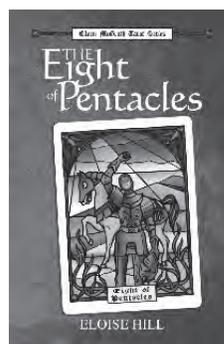
And we went to conventions: Bouchercon, Malice Domestic and, of course, Left Coast Crime. In fact, Bryan Barrett is fond of saying that they were about to give up on the idea of holding the first Left Coast in San Francisco when our check reserving space in the book room showed up.

After Enid’s death, I received more than a thousand cards, phone calls and emails from people in the mystery world whose lives she had touched.

She died knowing that her daughter Sarah had won a major literary contest and was being pursued by a number of literary agents. Sarah was born in Boulder on June 11, 1976. We had put off kids for a long time until Enid decided we had waited long enough. She became pregnant almost immediately (well, immediately) but didn’t think that possible and thought perhaps she had the mumps. She was 36 when she got pregnant and 37 when Sarah was born and had to endure being called an “elderly prima parent.” Natural childbirth wasn’t as common in those days but Enid opted to go that route, telling the doctor and me to ignore pleas for drugs no matter how much she pleaded. She did plead, we did refuse, and she was glad, as she was able to call her astonished sister minutes after the delivery to report the good news. She left this life with the same style, opting for hospice care at home and helping to plan her own cremation. As she had bathed Sarah as a baby, Sarah (with friends)

washed her body and laid her in a cardboard casket decorated with a mermaid, the last one she would add to her collection, along with flowers from the garden, last letters from friends, and photos from her life. Family and friends transported the casket to the crematorium for a final goodbye. The mermaid on the top of the casket was hand-sewn with the scales made from mica gathered from the mountainside near our house. The people at the crematorium said it made her ashes

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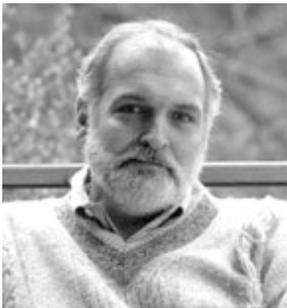
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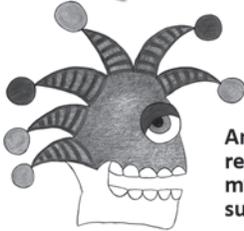
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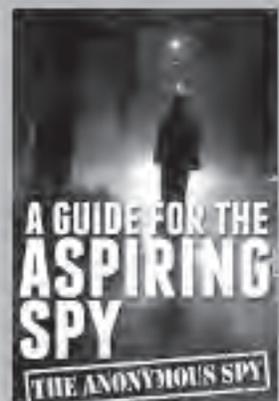
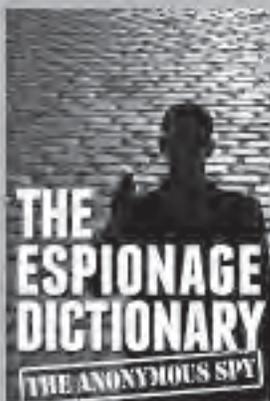
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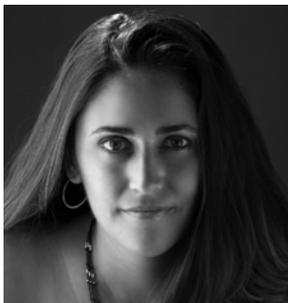
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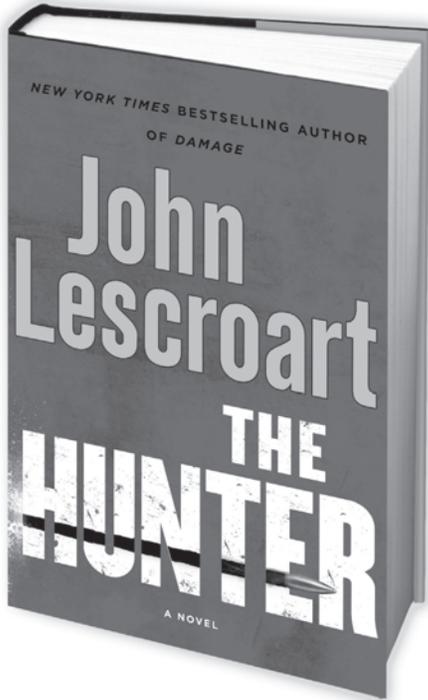
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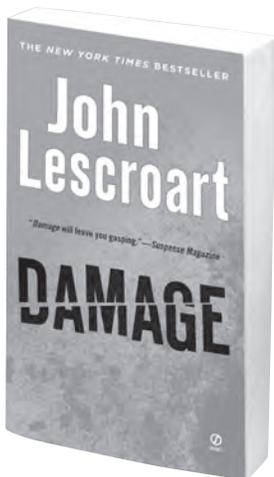
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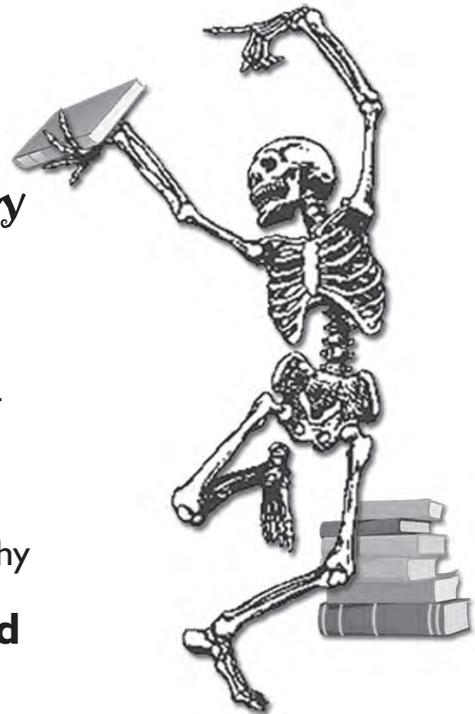
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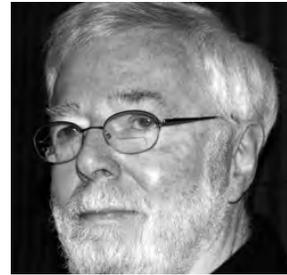
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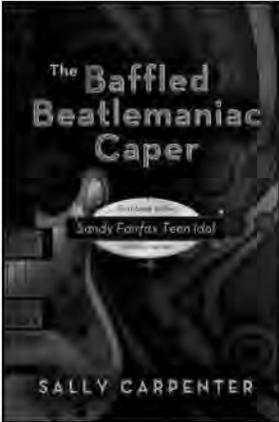
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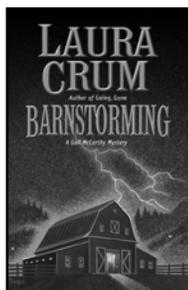
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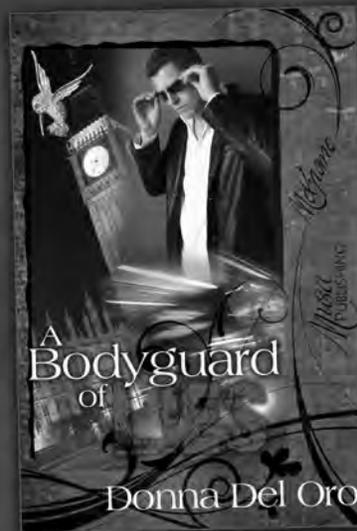


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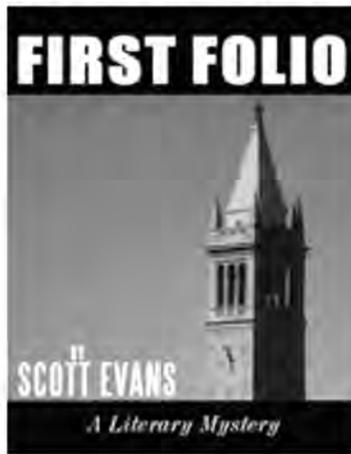

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Celia Dale [1912-2011]  
Ron Faust [1936?-2011]  
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Joe Gores [1931-2011]  
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H.R.F. Keating [1926-2011]  
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Joel Rosenberg [1954-2011]  
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Tom Wicker [1926-2011]

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Louise Crawford  
• *Blaize of Glory* 2001.  
Alan Jacobson  
• *False Accusations* 1997  
Karen Kijewski  
• *Katapult* 1990.  
• *Copy Kat* 1992.  
Gus Lee  
• *No Physical Evidence* 1998.  
Misa Ramirez  
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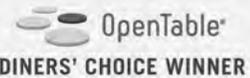
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Place	Year	Guests of Honor	Fan Guests of Honor	Toastmaster	Lifetime Achievement
San Francisco, CA	1991	Marcia Muller Bill Pronzini			
San Francisco, CA	1992	J. A Jance, Earl Emerson Burke		James Lee Burke	
Anaheim, CA	1993	Susan Dunlap		Ann and Evan Maxwell	
Anaheim, CA	1994	Aaron Elkins		Carolyn Hart	
Scottsdale, AZ	1995	Tony Hillerman		Judith Van Gieson	
Boulder, CO	1996	Kinky Friedman	Maggie Mason	Nevada Barr	
Seattle, WA	1997	Faye & Jonathan Kellerman		Lia Matera	
San Diego, CA	1998	Elizabeth George	Willis Herr	Alan Russell	Bob Wade
Albuquerque, NM	1999	John Dunning	Tasha Mackler	Deborah Crombie	
Tucson, AZ	2000	Sue Grafton	George Easter	Harlan Coben	
Anchorage, AL	2001	Michael Connelly Lindsay Davis	Andi Shechter		
Portland, OR	2002	Steven Saylor Laurie King	Don Herron	G. M. Ford	
Pasadena, CA	2003	Robert Crais	Sue Feder	Jerrilyn Farmer	
Monterey, CA	2004	Sharan Newman Walter Mosley	Bryan Barrett Tom Walls	Gillian Roberts	Richard Lupoff
El Paso, TX	2005	Paco Ignacio Taibo S. J. Rozan	Ernie Bulow	Rick Riordan	
Bristol, UK	2006	Boris Akunin, Jeffrey Deaver, Anne Perry	Bill & Toby Gottfried, Donna Moore	Lee Child	
Seattle, WA	2007	Dennis and Gayle Lynds	Kara Robinson Diane Kovacs	Gary Phillips	
Denver, CO	2008	Stephen White	Michael Masliah	Elaine Viets	
Kona, HI	2009	Rhys Bowen Barry Eisler	Pam Dehnke Vallery Feldman	Lee Goldberg	
Los Angeles, CA	2010	Jan Burke Lee Child	Janet Rudolph	Bill Fitzhugh	
Santa Fe, NM	2011	Margaret Coel Steve Havill	Marvin Lachman	Steve Brewer	Martin Cruz Smith
Sacramento, CA	2012	Jacqueline Winspear John Lescroart	Noemi Levine	Harley Jane Kozak	
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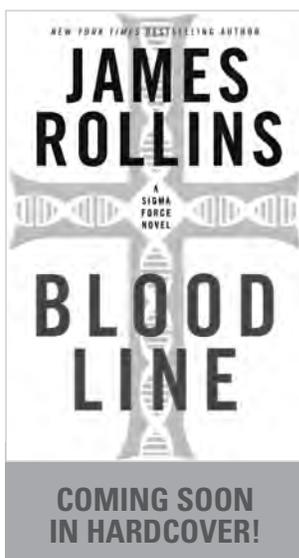
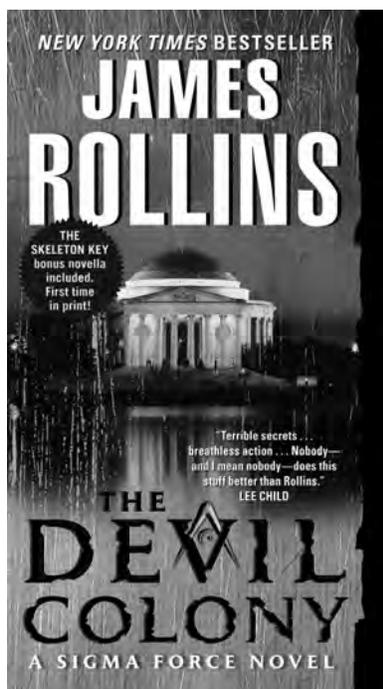
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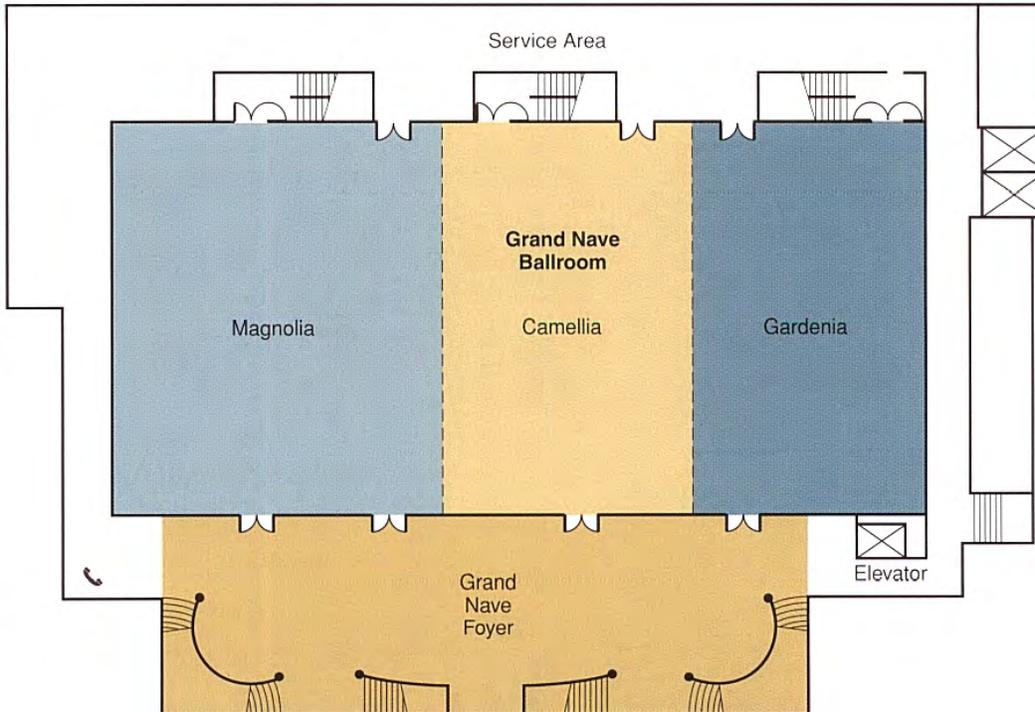
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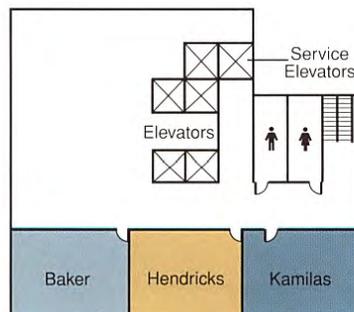
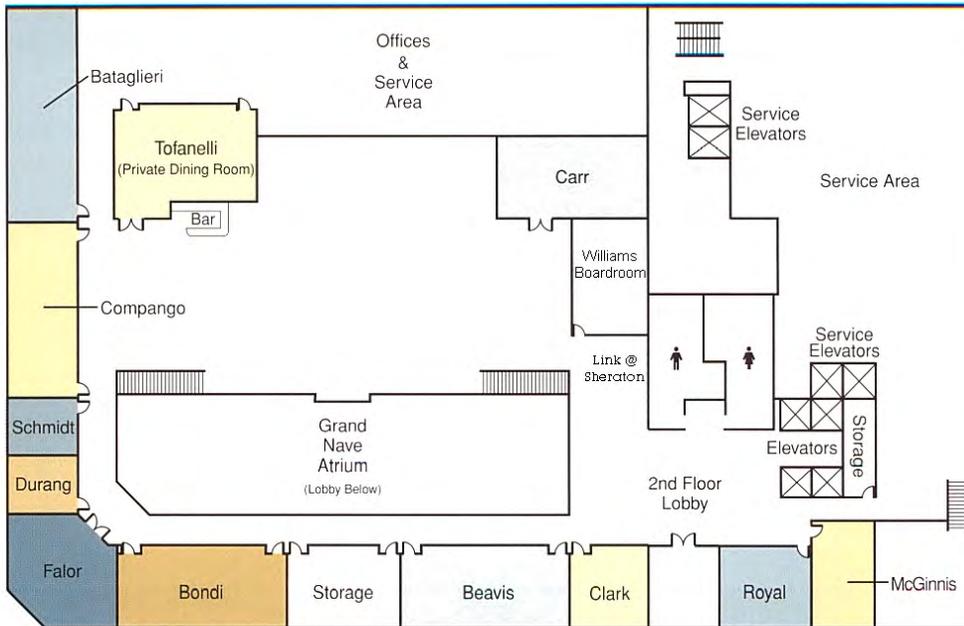
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