



## Big Changes Are On the Way!

Introducing the Preble County District Library's new automated circulation system, Sirsi Unicorn!

The library will unveil Sirsi Unicorn to the public on August 4th. The new system is tailored with YOU in mind. It gives users greater freedom by allowing them to access and maintain their own library accounts. The new features will allow library card holders to:

- Access [My Account](#) to:
  - [Review My Account](#): Lets you see items you have checked out, lets you renew items in your checkout list, makes you aware of bills (fees & fines) you may have accrued, & gives you a list of items you placed on hold, your position in the holds queue, and if the item is available for you to pickup!
  - Make a [User PIN Change](#)
  - [Renew My Materials](#) (excludes items on hold -- the system automatically lets you know if the renewal was successful!)
  - [Change My Address](#)

The new system also offers users other exciting features:

- Book cover graphics, summaries, table of contents, reviews, excerpts, publisher description, & author biographies
- The ability to place your own holds
- Recommend items for the library to order
- Create customized readers' advisory lists
- Make reading lists that can be printed out or emailed to you

This new automated system is going to improve your library experience by offering you more personalized and convenient services, by giving you easy access to more information, and by making the entire experience as user-friendly as possible. You are going to LOVE it!

**Sirsi Unicorn Automated System  
Going Live August 4th!**



Please grant us one wish as library staff learns the new system -- your kind patience and understanding. Thank You!

## A Harry Potter Family Program

In celebration of the July 16th publication of the 6th Harry Potter Book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, the Youth Department is hosting a Harry Potter Family Program.

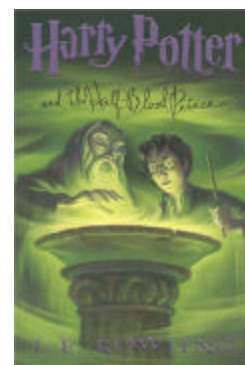
Upon arrival, children will be given a map that guides them through various activity stations set up throughout the library. They can play a Quidditch game, Harry Potter computer games, make a wizard, receive a temporary lightning bolt tattoo, make an edible wand, get a crystal ball reading, test their Harry Potter knowledge, play bean bag toss, and decorate a cupcake and get

a drink at the Leaky Cauldron. What a blast this will be for the entire family!

The program will be held at the **Eaton Library** on **Saturday, July 16th from 5:30 to**

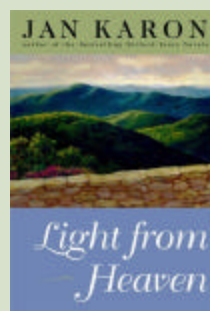
**7 pm** (after the library has closed for the day).

Join us for a magical evening of good family fun!



## Forecast FYI

### Last Book in Jan Karon's Mitford Series!



**Light From Heaven:** All good things—even laughter and orange marmalade cake—must come to an end.

And in *Light from Heaven*, the long-anticipated final volume in the phenomenally successful Mitford Years series, Karon deftly ties up all the loose ends of Father Timothy Kavanagh's deeply affecting life.

On a century-old valley farm where Father Tim and Cynthia are housesitting, there's plenty to say grace over, from the havoc of a windstorm to a surprising new addition to the household

and a mystery in the chicken house.

It's life on the mountaintop, however, that promises to give Father Tim the definitive challenge of his long priesthood. Can he step up to the plate and revive a remote, long-empty mountain church, asap? Or has he been called to accomplish the impossible? Fortunately, he's been given an angel—in the flesh, of course.

**Publication date: 11/08/05      Request it today!**

# LIBRARY BULLITIN BOARD

The Eaton Library is proud to announce that Darci Ditmer is the winner of the "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds" poster contest.

Darci is in the eleventh grade at the Eaton High School. She received a free book and a poster-sized copy of her artwork. Her poster (along with all of the other entries) will be displayed at the Eaton Branch all summer long.

There were so many great posters that we chose ten of them for honorable mention. They all received a poster-sized version of their artwork.

If students want their posters returned, please come to the Eaton Library after July 31st.

Honorable Mentions	Poster Contest	
Name	School	Grade
Josh Boggs	Twin Valley South	11
Nick Schnelle	Eaton HS	11
Chris Tucker	Eaton HS	10
Lacey Potten	Eaton HS	10
Teddy Renner	Eaton HS	10
Yuki Sugiyama	Eaton HS	11
Mike Eyler	Eaton HS	12
Heather Ingram	Eaton HS	11
Haley Thurston	Eaton HS	10
Emily Wassom	Eaton HS	11



Darci Ditmer accepts her prize as winner of the poster contest! She won the book, *Great Book of Dragons Patterns* by Lora S. Irish.

Pictured: (L-R) Teresa Deaton & Darci Ditmer  
Photographer: Becky Rogers

## Youth Department News

### Medieval Re-Enactment Program

On Saturday, June 25th the Preble Co. District Library hosted a demonstration program put on by the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). It turned out to be a very exciting (and hot!) day. All of the SCA members were in period costume, including their children. The Baroness presiding over the event even sat on her own throne during the festivities.

The main event showcased knights demonstrating the use of Medieval weaponry. There were

also displays showcasing examples of the arts. There were demonstrations for Medieval weaving, jewelry-making, and calligraphy. The most crowd-pleasing event that took place was actual sword battles fought by the knights. This had drivers stopping along the road and pulling into the Library office's parking lot to watch!

The SCA also set up an informative display of books about Medieval life that visitors were able to browse.

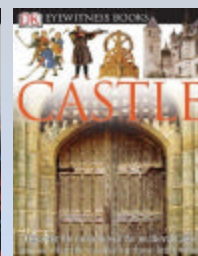
SCA members were also available to answer question -- of which there were many!

Overall, it was a fun-filled, family-friendly day -- just what you've come to expect from a library sponsored event!

### Read More About It! Life in Medieval Times

#### Medieval Knowledge with DK Books!

- Medieval Life / Andrew Langley
- Castle / Christopher Gavett
- Knight/ Christopher Gavett
- You Wouldn't Want to be A Medieval Knight / Fiona MacDonald



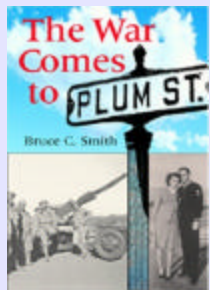
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# Senior Spotlight

## American Nostalgia



**The Best Years of Our Lives:** They were the best years of our lives. The World War was over, and so was the Great Depression. The GI Bill put millions of returning servicemen and women in college -- the largest proportional boom in college ranks in history. The growing economy was equaled by a growing populace as wartime sweethearts married and started a boom of their own -- the Baby Boom. Maybe peace wouldn't last forever, but we thought it would. And in those golden days we enjoyed the best years of our lives.



**The War Comes to Plum Street / Bruce C. Moore:** The War Comes to Plum Street brings to life the Second World War through the eyes of a small group of neighbors from a Midwestern town. Bruce C. Smith presents their stories just as they happened, without explanation or interpretation. To experience the war as they did, insofar as it is possible, we must understand how they perceived everyday events and recognize the incompleteness of their knowledge of what was taking place in Europe and the Pacific. The inhabitants of Plum

Street in New Castle, Indiana, resemble many other average Americans of their day. As we discover how they experienced those fateful years, these Americans may have something to teach us about how we live in our own turbulent time.

## On the Nostalgic Fiction Front



**Carry Me Home / Sandra Kring:** 1940. Rural Wisconsin. Sixteen-year-old Earl "Earwig" Gunderman is not like other boys his age. Fiercely protected by his older brother, Earwig sees his town and the world around him through the prism of his own unique understanding. He sees his mother's sadness and his father's growing solitude. He sees his brother, Jimmy, falling in love with the most beautiful girl in town. And while Earwig is unable to make change for customers at his family's store, he is singularly well suited to understand what other cannot: that life as they know it is about to change; the coming war will touch them all." For Jimmy will enlist in the military. And Earwig will watch his parents' marriage buckle under the strain of a family secret. And when Jimmy returns - a fractured shadow of his former self - it is Earwig's turn to care for him. His struggles to right the wrongs visited upon his revered older brother by war, women, and life are at once heartwarming and riotously funny. Their family and town irrevocably altered, Earwig and Jimmy fight to find their own places in a world changed forever.

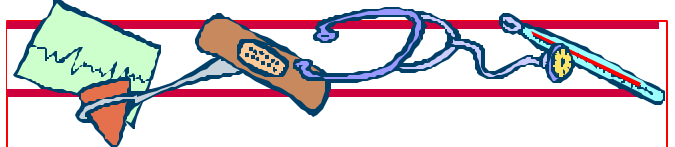
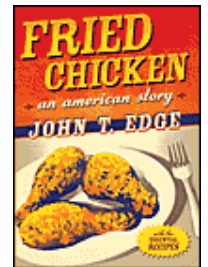


# National Pride

## Author John T. Edge Celebrates American Culture

With Fried Chicken and Apple Pie, writer John T. Edge launches a series of unforgettable short books on selected icons of American food. In it, he celebrates the foods that conjure childhood and comfort, that compel us to hit the road in search of the greasy grail, that call us to the kitchen - the ones everybody thinks their mom made best. In doing so he discovers the story of America itself, using food as a lens through which to view history and culture and reveal a rich social landscape.

- **Apple Pie: An American Story**
- **Fried chicken: An American Story**



## To Your Health

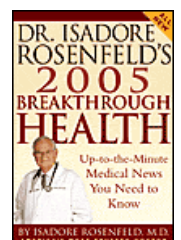
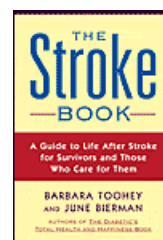
### The Stroke Book / June Biermann & Barbara Toohey:

...With stroke now the leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, Biermann and Toohey's optimistic, user-friendly guide to living well after an attack is a vital tool for recovery.

### The Other Midlife Crisis: Arthritis and all those aches and pains / Michael R. Wilson:

Dr. Wilson explains with clarity and humor where arthritis and all those aches and pains come from, what treatment strategies actually work and what doesn't work. With plain language and his own illustrations he unravels...everything from carpal tunnel syndrome to backache to knee arthritis.

### Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld's 2005 Breakthrough Health: Up-to-the-minute medical news you need to know / Isadore Rosenfeld



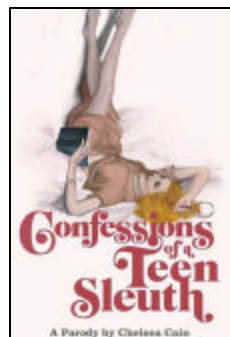




# Nancy Drew: Girl Detective for Grown Ups

## Confessions of a Teen Sleuth / Chelsea Cain:

America's favorite girl detective is back to set the record straight. According to our titian-haired heroine, she was not a fictional character, but an intrepid real-life sleuth who investigated some of the twentieth century's biggest mysteries. And the famous series she starred in was not cooked up by a team of writers, but plagiarized from her exploits by a nosy college roommate -- who, not surprisingly, got a whole lot wrong.



Here are the daring escapes, brilliant hunches, and dependable stock characters, including interlopers from numerous other beloved series, that have delighted generations of fans. And here, also, are the details of teen-sleuth life that you never saw: the secret romances, reckless driving, minor drinking problems, political action, and domestic drama that have, up till now, remained hidden from these brave detectives' adoring public.

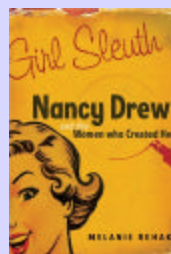
This book is a **Parody**. According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary a parody is defined as *a literary or musical work in which the style of an author or work is closely imitated for comic effect...*

Bone up on your detective skills by reading these informative books that focus on all things Nancy! Request them at the library or from our online catalog by clicking on the [MORE](#) link. This will allow you to search catalogs from other libraries in Ohio.

**Rediscovering Nancy Drew / Carolyn Stewart Dyer:** This lively collaboration of essays by and interviews with mystery writers, collectors, publishers, librarians, scholars, journalists, and fans presents a spirited, informative study of the history, development, and cultural influence of the youth-fiction series.

**The Nancy Drew Scrapbook: Sixty Years of America's Favorite Teenage Sleuth / Karen Plunkett-Powell:** Follows the series from its debut in 1930 to today's books, supplying curious and loyal fans with intriguing behind-the-scenes details about the real authors behind the Carolyn Keene name; changes in Nancy's dress, behavior, and hair color; and more. 75 illus.

**The Mysterious Case of Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys / Marvin Heiferman & Carole Kismaric:** Generations have grown up reading the wholesomely exciting adventures of Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys. In *The Mysterious Case of Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys*, authors Marvin Heiferman and Carol Kismaric offer an entertaining look at the evolution of these teenage detectives.



**Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and the women who created her / Melanie Rehak:** Aplucky "titian-haired" sleuth solved her first mystery in 1930. Eighty million books later, Nancy Drew has survived the Depression, World War II, and the sixties (when she was taken up with a vengeance by women's libbers) to enter the pantheon of American girlhood. As beloved by girls today as she was by their grandmothers, Nancy Drew has both inspired and reflected the changes in her readers' lives. Now, in a narrative with all the vivid energy and page-turning pace of Nancy's adventures, Melanie Rehak solves an enduring literary mystery: Who created Nancy Drew? And how did she go from pulp heroine to icon? **On order**



**Not a Girl Detective / Susan Kandel:** Researching the life of Carolyn Keene, the pseudonymous author of the Nancy Drew mysteries, Biographer, Cece Caruso, meets a flamboyant collector of "Blue Nancys," the original books with blue covers. When he finds out that she is taking a road trip to Palm Springs to snoop around at the annual Nancy Drew fan convention, he offers her the use of his swanky vacation house. But the last thing Cece expects to find lying around the swimming pool is one very dead body.

**Rediscover Nancy Drew by reading the books. Better yet, introduce them to the young readers in your life.**

## Nancy Drew Series Names:

**The Classic Series** - Consisted of 56 original hardback titles. Simon & Schuster Digest sized paperbacks series came out with title numbers 57 - 175.

**Nancy Drew Files** -- Came out in mid 1980s and includes 124 volumes. This series debuted "modern Nancy".

**SuperMysteries** -- 1988 - 98 consisted of 36 titles.

**On Campus Series** -- 1990 - 93 consisted of 25 titles. The series was not very popular as it focused on Nancy at college rather than on crime detection.

**Nancy Drew Notebooks** -- This series is for young readers and follows Nancy at age 8. Consists of 69 titles.

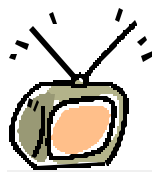
**Nancy Drew: Girl Detective** -- Consists of 15 titles as of 1/06. Published by Simon & Schuster, these books feature a Nancy of the 21st-century with enhanced & expanded storylines.



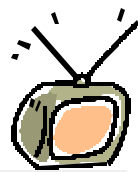
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**The Nancy Drew Sleuth**

<http://www.nancydrewsleuth.com/>



# T.V. Tuned-in to Fiction



These suggested titles have one common denominator -- they're all set in the world of television! From morning talk shows and daytime soaps to reality T.V. and sports, you'll find topics and characters that introduce readers to the behind-the-scenes machinations of television. Best of all, each book or film is commercial free!

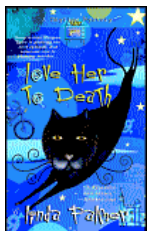
## Soap Opera Mystery Series

By Linda Palmer

**M**organ Tyler makes her living writing for the daytime soap, *Love of My Life*, while spending her free time solving murders in this fast-paced, offbeat mystery series. Linda Palmer, a screenwriter and wildlife photographer in real life, brings a real insider's look at the behind-the-scenes world of daytime soaps. An array of colorful characters, intriguing plot twists, and smart humor make this series an investment well worth your time.



**Love is Murder:** Soap opera writer Morgan Tyler's life begins to look like one of her scripts when her boss is found dead—and Morgan is left his fortune. Now a real-life killer is after her. And her time is running out—like sands through the hourglass.



**Love Her To Death:** Soap writer Morgan Tyler has a new title—co-executive producer—and a new responsibility: take care of everything. When an actress on the show is murdered, Morgan better find out who's behind the bloodshed before someone else is written out of the picture.

## Soap Opera Star Writes!

**F**inola Hughes, Emmy Award winner and star of such daytime soaps as *All My Children* and *General Hospital*, turns to the printed page in her next endeavor. Her novel, published by Random House, gives readers a true inside scoop into the world of daytime soaps.



**Soapsuds:** When Kate McPhee leaves the theater stage behind to join the Los Angeles cast of *Live For Tomorrow*, she is barely prepared for the catty, superficial world she is entering, and when her real life begins to resemble the storylines on the show...she knows she's in trouble. **On order**

## Sports TV

**TV: A Novel / Brian Brown:** Caesar Fortunato is the greatest sports director ever. If you're not sure about that, just ask him. He'll tell you that he invented the instant replay. The blimp shot. The "up close and personal" feature. In fact...Caesar Fortunato would tell you that without him sports broadcasting would be a wasteland...Caesar has directed Super Bowls, NBA championship games, Wimbledon, the Olympics...he is as arrogant about his abilities as he is good at his job. And he believes that entitles him to be as unkind to network presidents as he is to lowly production assistants. So, when Caesar finally makes a mistake, all the little people he's screamed at and all the suits he's snubbed over the years get their revenge....

## Reality TV

**The Next Big Thing / Johanna Edwards:** Kat Larson figured she had nothing to lose by becoming a contestant on the new reality show *From Fat to Fabulous*—except maybe a few dozen pounds. Then she'd finally be able to arrange a face-to-face meeting with Nick, the British hunk she met online, who still thinks she's a size four. She'd finally be confident and graceful and thin—and there's that big cash prize, too, to pay for all those slinky new clothes she'd need. She'd finally have the perfect life.

**Reality Check / Leslie Carroll:** Liz Pemberly becomes a contestant on the reality TV dating show *Bad Date*, which offers a million-dollar prize to the single with the best story of romance gone bad, but her chances of winning take an unexpected turn when she meets handsome, ready-to-commit Jack Rafferty.

**The Matzo Ball Heiress / Laurie Gwen Shapiro:** When a fantastic PR opportunity arises to televise the family Passover seder, Heather Greenblotz, the millionaire heiress to the world's leading matzo company, is forced to hire a stand-in cast to masquerade as members of her family, a scheme undermined by the surprise arrival of her bisexual father, his lover, and her estranged mother. **On order**

## TV Journalism & News Shows

**Elvis at Five / John Paxson:** Hiring an Elvis impersonator as their anchorman in order to boost ratings, a television station enjoys spectacular success, but when news fails to remain exciting enough to keep public interest, the station crew conspires to invent more profitable news.

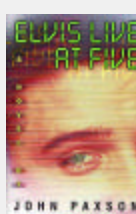
**Do You Want to Know A Secret? / Mary Jane Clark:** Struggling to rebuild her life after the death of her husband, TV journalist Eliza Blake is thrust into the limelight by the unexpected demise of senior anchorman Bill Kendall, only to discover that jealousy, greed, and murder may have played key roles in her success

## TV Stars

**My Gun Has Bullets\* / Lee Goldberg:** When Officer Charlie Wills, as the result of a hilariously unlikely series of mishaps, becomes the star of his own television series, he does not suspect the riotous mayhem that will follow, as the mob, a rabid star-dog, and others get in the act.

## Talk TV

**Up Next: A May Morrison Mystery\* / Nancy Star:** As the new senior producer of the celebrated daytime gabfest *Paula Live*, May Morrison can barely juggle her time among her job, her two precocious daughters, and a post-Victorian dream house that's coming apart faster than her failed marriage did. But after rival talk-show producers start dropping faster than Nielsen ratings after sweeps week, the police believe May is behind their permanent cancellations. Then things get worse than a bad-hair day: every piece of evidence that criminally handsome Detective Paul O'Donnell has collected points to her. May realizes that someone has targeted her to take the fall...

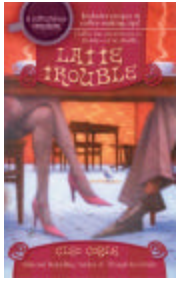


\*Titles in red may be requested at the library through MORE, Ohio's resource-sharing system.



# Have We Got a Mystery For You!

## A Crime is a Brewin'!



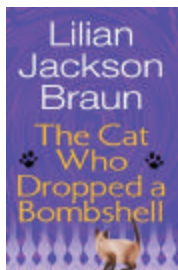
**C**lare Corsi returns in her third outing in Cleo Coyle's latest coffeehouse mystery, *Latte Trouble*. This installment finds Clare in a "latte trouble" when one of her baristas unwittingly serves a poisonous latte to a prominent figure on the fashion scene. Clare must brew up some jolting secrets if she is going to save her shop. This title is due out in August. It is on order. Previous titles in the series include: *On What Grounds* and *Through the Grinder*.

Cleo Coyle is a penname for an author who not only lives in New York, but also writes her coffeehouse mystery series while in a coffee shop!

## Hold Your Horses!

**T**hree popular mystery authors have new books coming out in 2006. That's right, **2006!** If you're the type of reader who has trouble waiting for the next great book by your favorite author, read no further. If, however, you can handle the lonnnnnng wait, take a look at what awaits you!

**The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell / Lilian Jackson Braun:** While



the town of Pickax is swept up in its sesquicentennial celebrations, Koko has developed a strange new hobby: He drops himself from balconies, occasionally landing in the oddest of places. When a young man comes to visit his wealthy relatives, Koko plummets straight onto his head! Meanwhile, a hurricane is brewing, and the visitor's family members soon fall deathly ill. Qwill has his work cut out for him as Pickax-as foreshadowed by Koko-is about to be hit by a bombshell. **Publication date: 1/06**

**Nail Biter (A Home Repair is Homicide Mystery) / Sarah Graves:**

This is the 9th title in the series. Cover art and book description are, as yet, unavailable. **Publication date: 1/06**

**5th Princess / James Patterson:** The Women's Murder Club returns in full force when one of their own is faced with an unspeakable tragedy at the hands of a sadistic killer. Yuki Castellano's mother, Keiko, collapses while shopping and is rushed to San Francisco Medical Center where her condition is stabilized, and, to Yuki's relief, is assured that she'll be fine. Days later, Yuki gets a horrible phone call from the hospital – her mother was given the wrong medication and it brought on a fatal heart attack. Even more dreadful, this is not the first time this has happened at this hospital. As Yuki, Lindsay Boxer and the rest of the Women's Murder Club begin investigating, it becomes clear that these aren't simple accidents and there is a killer on the loose. **Publication date: 2/06**

**Motor Mouth / Janet Evanovich:** Alexandra "Barney" Barnaby, first introduced in the #1 New York Times bestseller *Metro Girl*, returns in another wild and crazy ride. **Publication date: 2/06**

Check out Sarah Graves website -- it's really cool!  
[www.randomhouse.com/bantamdell/graves/](http://www.randomhouse.com/bantamdell/graves/)

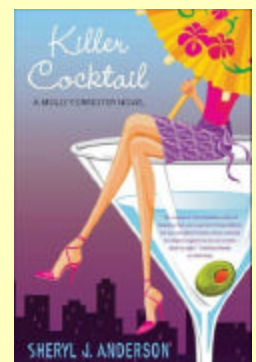
## Mystery Author Spotlight

Los Angeles resident **Sheryl J. Anderson** is a television writer/producer whose credits include *Parker Lewis Can't Lose* and *Charmed*. St. Martins Press published *Killer Heels*, in 2004, Sheryl's debut mystery that introduced advice columnist, Molly Forrester. This series promises to offer a breezy, uptown-style that readers will thoroughly enjoy. The author captures the Manhattan setting dead-on and constructs characters that jump off the pages with instant charisma. *Killer cocktail* will be released in August, 2005. Looking forward to it!

**Killer Heels:** Molly Forrester had always hoped opportunity would knock, not throw itself at her feet. She enjoys playing a "Dear Abby" type for *Zeitgeist* magazine, a Manhattan glossy "wedged on the newsstand somewhere between *Marie Claire* and *Cosmo*." But when she literally stumbles onto a crime--tripping over a colleague's body and ruining her new pair of Jimmy Choos--she sees the potential to sink her teeth--or heels--into some real news for a change. After all, writing a column dealing with people's secrets should be good preparation for solving a murder. Especially since the victim was a notorious lady's man. Still, even an expert could use some help. So Molly enlists Cassidy and Tricia, the best friends she always turns to for support, shoes, and the proper cocktail. She might even take a cue from that cute homicide detective.... Or is he cooing up because he thinks Molly's a killer?



**Killer Cocktail:** When best friend, Trish Vincent begs Molly to investigate the murder of her brother's fiancée, actress-to-be Lisbet McCandless, how can she refuse? Besides, Molly needs something to take her mind off of her head-over-heels infatuation with NYPD Detective, Kyle Edwards before her obsession gets out of hand! Between questioning suspects, receiving death threats, and trying to act single-in-the-city coy where Kyle is concerned, Molly soon finds herself knee-deep in trouble. Will Kyle don the suit of shining armor once again and come to her rescue? **On order**



## REMEMBER, PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE!

# Dying To Know

These mysteries will be available from publishers in July & August. If you see a title that interests you, please request it at the library!

## Mystery News



Jasper Fforde takes a break from his popular Thursday Next series to introduce fans to his latest series, Nursery Crimes. It features nursery rhyme sleuth, Jack Spratt and his partner, Mary. **The Big Over Easy** is the first book in the series. 7/21 pub.

## Mystery Forecast

Elaïne Viets, author of the Dead-End Job mysteries, is introducing a new series in the fall. **Dying in Style** features mystery shopper & amateur sleuth, Josie Marcus. It will be published in October. Shop 'til you drop!

Patricia Smiley, author of *False Profits*, an engaging mystery that introduced L.A. management consultant, Tucker Sinclair, offers readers the second novel in the series. **Cover Your Assets**, debuts in November. I, for one, can't wait!



Wishful Sinful author, Tracy Dunham, continues her atmospheric southern mystery series with, **Yes, the River Knows**. This installment finds lawyer, Tal Jefferson, trying to clear her secretary of murder. This title is due out in December.



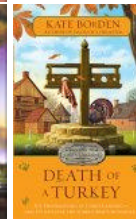
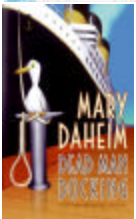
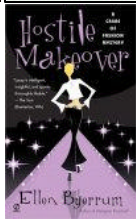
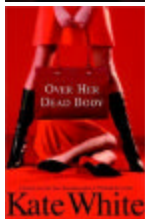
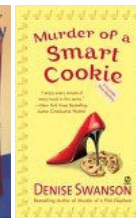
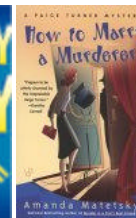
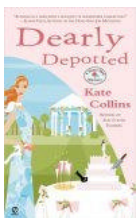
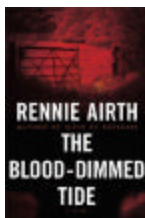
Charlene Harris unveils a new series in October. **Grave Sight** introduces readers to Harper, a woman who communicates with dead people to reveal their last moments on Earth.

## July 2005

Author	Title	Sleuth	Bk#
Rennie Airth <small>British Author</small>	The Blood-Dimmed Tide <small>Historical Mystery</small>	John Madden, retired Scotland Yard Inspec.	2
Lori Avocato	The Stiff and the Dead	Pauline Sokol, ex-nurse turned P.I.	2
Nero Blanc	Another Word for Murder	Rosco Polycrates / Belle Graham	9
Kate Collins	Dearly Depotted	Abby Knight, Flower shop owner	3
David Cole	Falling Down	Laura Winslow, computer hacker & P.I.	5
Nancy Fairbanks	Mozzarella Most Murderous <small>Culinary mystery</small>	Carolyn Blue, food writer / amateur sleuth	6
Jasper Fforde	The Big Over Easy <small>New mystery series</small>	Jack Spratt, Nursery Crimes Mystery	1
J.A. Konrath	Bloody Mary	Jack Daniels, Female Police Detective	2
Laura Lippman	To the Power of Three	Tess Monaghan, P.I.	9
Amanda Matetsky	How to Marry a Murderer <small>1950's Manhattan</small>	Paige Turner, writer for <i>Daring Detective Magazine</i>	4
Denise Swanson	Murder of a Smart Cookie	Skye Denison, school psychologist / sleuth	7
Kate White	Over Her Dead Body	Bailey Wiggins, true-crime writer	4

## August 2005

Sheryl J. Anderson	Killer Cocktail	Molly Forrester, advice columnist	2
Kate Borden	Death of a Turkey	Peggy Jean Turner, Mayor of Cobb's Landing	3
Ellen Byerrum	Hostile Makeover <small>Crime of Fashion Mystery</small>	Lacey Smithsonian Chase, fashion reporter	3
Cleo Coyle	Latte Trouble <small>Coffeehouse Mystery</small>	Carolyn Cosi, coffee shop owner	3
Judith Cutler	The Food Detective <small>British Mystery</small>	Josie Welford, amateur sleuth	1
Mary Daheim	Dead Man Docking <small>Bed-and-Breakfast mystery</small>	Judith McMonigle Flynn, B&B owner	21
Sara Hoskinson Frommer	Death Climbs a Tree	Joan Spencer, symphony manager	6
J.A. Jance	Long Time Gone	J.P. Beaumont, Police Detective	17
Linda O. Johnston	Nothing to Fear but Ferrets	Kendra Ballantine, lawyer / pet sitter	2
Faye Kellerman	Straight into Darkness	Rina Lazarus, amateur sleuth	16
Anne Perry	Angels in Gloom <small>World War I Novel</small>	Reverend Joseph Reavley	3
Ann Ripley	Summer Garden Murder <small>Garden Mystery</small>	Louise Eldridge, PBS celebrity gardener	9
J.D. Robb	Origin in Death	Eve Dallas, futuristic police detective	21
Lea Wait	Shadows at the Spring Show <small>Antique Print Myst.</small>	Maggie Summer, antique print dealer	4
Ayelet Waldman	The Cradle Robbers <small>Mommy-Track mystery</small>	Juliet Appleton, stay-at-home mom / P.I.	6





# Eye on Romance

## Ahh, romance! Don'tcha just love it!?!



### Christie Ridgway Takes on the Mob -- Romance Style!

Meet Californian Téa Caruso ...  
her mother drives her crazy,  
her sisters give "advice." She  
has a family just like any other,  
except for one tiny difference ...  
Her grandfather isn't just  
in the mob ... he is the mob!



Christie Ridgway

#### An Offer He Can't Refuse:

And no one knows this better than Johnny Magee. The Caruso family destroyed his dad. Now, it's payback time -- and he's going to need an unsuspecting insider ... one who won't realize what he's really after.

Téa loves her family but hates what they do. She's tried to stay far away from her notorious relatives, making a legit name for herself as an interior designer. But her grandfather Cosimo's gala 80th birthday is coming up. Every mobbed-up member of the family from San Francisco to Sarasota will be there -- and it's time for Téa to face the family or face the consequences.

Intent on using Téa for revenge, Johnny hires her to redo his home, but then she makes him "offers" he can't refuse. Soon he's falling in love with the enemy and when all the secrets are revealed, what will Téa



do ... and even worse, what will her family? **On order (Publication date:8/05)**

[www.christieridgway.com](http://www.christieridgway.com)

### Introducing Love Spell's Crimson City Series

This series of 6 Paranormal Romances (written by different authors) offers those who love this goose-bump-alicious genre a chance to delve into the romantically-charged unknown. These books promise to have it all -- humans, vampires, werewolves, and demons. How could you go wrong?

- Crimson City / Liz Maverick Available in July (On Order!)
- A Taste of Crimson / Marjorie M. Liu Available in August

#### October

- Through a Crimson Veil / Patti O'Shea

#### November

- A Darker Crimson / Carolyn Jewel

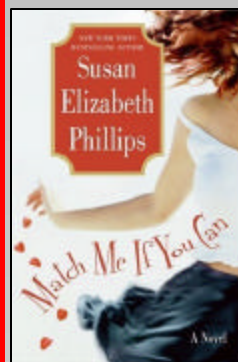
#### Publishing dates to be announced:

- Seduced by Crimson / Jade Lee
- 6th book not yet titled / Liz Maverick

Request titles in this series  
at the library!!



### New from Susan Elizabeth Phillips



#### Match Me If You Can:

Annabelle is tired of being the lone failure in a family of overachievers. She's endured dead-end jobs and a broken engagement. Even her hair's a mess! But that's going to change now that she's taken over her late grandmother's matchmaking

business. All Annabelle has to do is land the Windy City's hottest bachelor as her client, and she'll be the most sought-after matchmaker in town. Nothing is going to stand in her way -- not the drunk lying comatose under her car, not her family's disapproval, and certainly not the lingering effects of a broken heart.

With his money green eyes and calculated charm, Heath Champion is the best sports agent in the country. He's wealthy, driven, and gorgeous, so why does he need a matchmaker, especially a red-haired screw-up like Annabelle Granger? True, she's entertaining, and she does have a certain quirky appeal. But Heath is searching for the ultimate symbol of his success -- the perfect wife. And to make an extraordinary match, he needs an extraordinary matchmaker, right?

Thin, rich, utterly fabulous Portia Powers has spent her career making matches for everyone but herself. Her take-no-prisoners attitude has built Power Matches into the top matchmaking agency in Chicago. So what if she has more enemies than friends and she's one breath away from a nervous breakdown? Neither an upstart like Annabelle Granger nor Heath Champion's menacing, but oddly intriguing, bodyguard, will keep her from getting what she wants -- a Power Match for Heath ... the city's very own Jerry Maguire.

Soon everyone in Chicago has a stake in the outcome, right down to Annabelle's overprotective book club. When the matchmaker promises she'll do anything to keep her star client happy ... does she mean anything? If Annabelle isn't careful, she just might find herself going heart-to-heart with the toughest negotiator in town -- a man who's beginning to ask himself: Exactly how perfect does perfect have to be? **On order**

**Publication date: 8/05**



## Forthcoming



**The Mile-High Hair Club**, is due out in August.



**An Ex to Grind** is due out in July.

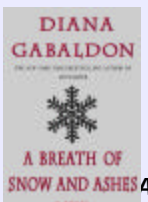


**Peyton Place** is Barbara Delinsky's latest book. The story is set in Middle River, a small company town in New Hampshire that was supposedly the model for the town in Grace Metalious' infamous 1950's novel, *Peyton Place*.

## Romance Forecast



**Undead and Unreturnable** comes out in October.



**A Breath of Snow and Ashes** continues the story of time travelers, Jamie & Claire Fraser, as they participate in the American Revolution.

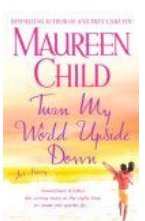
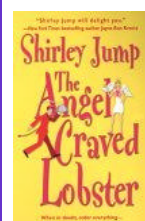
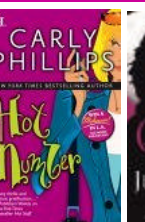
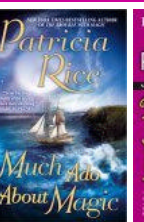
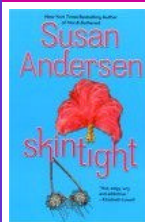
The following titles will be published in July and August, 2005! If you see a title that interests you, please request it at the library. We'll be happy to get it for you!

### July

Author	Title	Publisher/Imprint	FYI
Susan Andersen	Skintight	Mira	Contemporary
Judith Arnold	The Fixer Upper	Mira	Women's Fiction
Barbara Bretton	Someone Like You	Berkley	Women's Fiction
Catherine Coulter	Lyon's Gate	Jove	Sherbrooke Bride #8
MaryJanice Davidson	Undead and Unappreciated	Berkley Hardcover	Betsy Taylor vampire series
Glenda Garland	In Pursuit of a Proper Husband	Zebra Books	Zebra Regency Romance
Jane Heller	An Ex to Grind	William Morrow	Women's Fiction
Alesia Holliday	Nice Girls Finish First	Berkley Trade	Chick Lit
Sabrina Jeffries	One Night With a Prince	Pocket Star	Royal Brotherhood series #3
Sherrilyn Kenyon	Sins of the Night	St. Martin's Pbk	Dark-Hunter novel
Julia Quinn	It's In His Kiss	Avon	European Historical
Patricia Rice	Much Ado About Magic	Signet	European Historical

### August

Maureen Child	Turn My World Upside Down: Jo's Story	St. Martin's Pbk	Marconi Sisters #2
Robin DeHart <small>Debut author</small>	Courting Claudia	Avon	European Historical
Kristine Grayson	Totally Spellbound	Zebra Books	Contemporary Fantasy
Shirley Jump	The Angel Craved Lobster	Zebra Books	Contemporary Romance
Karen Kendall	First Dance	Signet	Bridesmaid Chronicles
Helen Kirkman	A Fragile Trust	HQN	Time Travel Fantasy
Judith Laik	The Lady in Question	Zebra Books	Zebra Regency Romance
Sandra Landry	The Last Bride	Berkley Sensation	Time Travel Fantasy
Teresa Medeiros	After Midnight	Avon	Gothic Fantasy (vampire)
Karen Marie Moning	Spell of the Highlander	Delacorte Press	Fantasy Romance
Carly Phillips	Hot Number	HQN	Contemporary Romance
Kerrellyn Sparks	How to Marry a Millionaire Vampire	Avon	Contemporary Fantasy
Niqui Stanhope	She's Gotta Have It	St. Martin's Pbk.	Romantic Comedy
Katherine Stone	The Cinderella Hour	Mira	Women's Fiction
Vicki Lewis Thompson	Gone With the Nerd <small>Nerd Series</small>	St. Martin's Pbk.	Romantic comedy



# All Things Rosemary

These items all have one thing in common -- a connection to the word 'rosemary'

## Rosemary Clooney

Cincinnati, Ohio native Rosemary Clooney led an exciting (and sometimes troubling) life as a big band singer and Hollywood actress. Learn more about this talented performer!

**This For Remembrance: Autobiography of Rosemary Clooney / Rosemary Clooney**

**Girl Singer: An autobiography / Rosemary Clooney**

**16 Biggest Hits / Rosemary Clooney** [On order](#)



## Rosemary the Herb *Rosmarinus officinalis*

- Rosmarinus = Derived from Latin 'dew of the sea'
- Meaning = remembrance & friendship
- The wood of rosemary was once used to make lutes and other musical instruments.
- It is grown as a companion plant for cabbage, beans carrots and sage.
- As an insect repellent it helps to deter cabbage moths, bean beetles and carrot flies.
- Interested in warding off evil spirits and bad dreams? Place a sprig of rosemary under your pillow!
- Rosemary is said to be a memory stimulant
- "Branches of rosemary were placed in the hands of the dead; occasionally, these branches took root, and there are some references to disinterred coffins containing corpses entwined with rosemary." (pg. 49, "The Meaning of Herbs: Myth, Language & Lore" by Gretchen Scoble & Ann Field)

**Learn more about rosemary (& herbs in general):**



**The Herbal Kitchen: Cooking with fragrance and flavor / Jerry Traunfeld:**

Until recently, the fresh herbs available in supermarkets were limited to parsley and maybe dill. Today, thyme, rosemary, basil, cilantro, mint, and sage are among the many fresh herbs as close as the produce section or the farmer's market...Jerry shows you how to incorporate these fresh herbs into your everyday home meals. Once you're hooked on cooking with fresh herbs, you'll want to grow them yourself. [This book] is filled with important tips for growing, harvesting, and handling each of the herbs used in the recipes.

## Nonfiction:



**Big Kitchen Instruction Book / Rosemary Carleton Brown:** Much more than a cookbook, this time-management course for the kitchen is full of no-nonsense solutions for today's busy home manager, who often has too much to do, too little time, and a minimum of square feet to do it in. With a three-step plan that includes streamlining the kitchen, organizing cupboards, and developing systems to manage food-related chores, she offers a simple approach that shows how everything fits together.

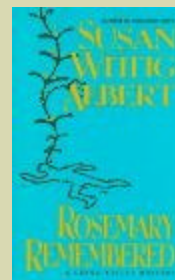
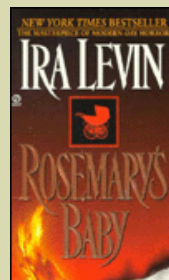
## Fiction:

**Rosemary's Baby / Ira Levin:** In 1967, when Rosemary's Baby was first published, Ira Levin's masterpiece gave horror an innocent new face. It startled critics, stunned readers with its unique and deceptively calm voice, and caused a worldwide sensation. It found fear where we never thought to look before, and dared to bring it into the sunlight. To this day, Rosemary's Baby is as disquieting as shattering glass in an empty basement, and as unsettling as the cry of a newborn coming from behind a newly plastered wall. *From the Publisher*

**Rosemary Remembered: A China Bayles Mystery / Susan Wittig Albert:** China confronts her most intriguing case yet when she finds Rosemary Robbins, a woman with an unsettling resemblance to her, murdered in a pick-up truck. The local police discover that Rosemary's fiancé is on the lam in Mexico City and focus on him as the main suspect. Meanwhile, China takes the advice of a psychic and finds the killer close to home.

**Rosemary For Remembrance / Aubrey Stallsmith:** Regan Culver's beloved father has been killed: poisoned—apparently by his own daughter's hand. Now, following his sudden, tragic death, Regan finds herself not only parentless, but horribly and unbelievably accused of the murder. The evidence against her is overwhelming: she is Alden Culver's primary heir—and the one responsible for bringing his a poisoned cup of tea on the last night of his life.

Now Regan's only hope is to find the killer herself—a quest that will lead her from the mysteries of the past into the perils of the future. For within the gardens and herb farm that her mother Rosemary once loved, there lies a secret: a secret that drove somebody very close to Regan to an act of desperation—a secret that may once again lead to murder.



Valuable information on the varieties of each herb is also highlighted, such as how to tell the difference between Greek oregano and Italian oregano, why you always want to choose bay laurel over California bay, and what type of lavender is best for cooking. Filled with stunning photos of the herbs, the techniques for handling them, and the finished dishes, Jerry's definitive guide is sure to be a classic, reached for again and again. **On order / Pub date: 11/05**



# Southern Style Summer

Can anything compare to the delicious flavors of southern comfort food? I think not! Try some of the southern-style recipes found in these books!

**The Gift of Southern Cooking: recipes and revelations from two great Southern cooks / Edna Lewis**

**Homestyle Cooking / Julie Fisher Gunter:** The best of Southern comfort foods, from the leading authority on Southern cuisine. Features over 400 authentic, homestyle recipes from community cookbooks across the South, everything from picnics to canning produce.

**Martha White's Southern Traditions: 100 years of recipes from Martha White Kitchens:** This a tribute to home cooking and the gracious hospitality of the South. Filled with colorful illustrations and delicious memories, the commemorative cookbook is an enduring collection of more than 200 Martha White Kitchen favorites from classic "Hot Rize" biscuits and cornbread to convenient one-dish suppers and new-style desserts.

**Southern Accent: Award winning Southern recipes**

**Being Dead is No Excuse: The official southern ladies guide to hosting the perfect funeral / Gayden Metcalfe**



**We're Just Like You, Only Prettier: Confessions of a tarnished southern belle / Celia Rivenbark:** A heaping helping of female humor in the vein of Southerners like Jill Conner Browne and Bailey White, this collection of essays includes thoughts on: Why the Sopranos could never survive down south; How to train kids to be telemarketers for fun and profit; How Southern women cope when scientists discover the Fat Virus; Couple therapy, Southern style (or Lord, don't let me kill him 'til the house is paid for); Funny and irreverent, this is a must-read for women everywhere—even Yankees!



**The GRITS (Girls Raised In the South) / Deborah Ford:** They're called Sweet Potato Queens, Steel Magnolias, Ya-Ya Sisters, and Southern Belles, but at heart they're just plain Grits-Girls Raised In The South! Now, the woman who turned this clever acronym into a symbol of Southern pride reveals the code behind the distinctive-and irresistible-style of the Southern woman. Equal parts sweet sincerity and sharp, sly humor, The Grits Guide to Life is chock-full of Southern

charm: advice, true-life stories from honest-to-god "Grits," recipes, humor, quotable wisdom, and more. Readers will learn vital lessons, including: how to eat watermelon in a sundress; how to drink like a Southern lady (sip . . . a lot); and the real meaning of PMS (Precious Moody Southerner).

**Book on Cassette**

**What Southern Women Know (That Every Woman Should) : Timeless Secrets to Get Everything you Want in Love, Life, and Work / Ronda Rich:** What Southern Women Know is the business book for women who want to be successful without sacrificing their femininity, good manners, and family-centered traditions and life-style. **Abridged**



**Fool Me Once / T. Lynn Ocean:** Fleeing an adulterous husband and the chaos of northern life, Carly Stone breathes a sigh of relief upon arriving back on southern soil and into her family's open arms. However, things are much different than when she left a year ago. Her wacky grandmother has moved into the family home, and a land developer is erecting a building supply superstore that will surely force her Mamma and Daddy's business. To complicate matters, Carly finds herself attracted to a stranger who turns out to work for the developer. For the first time, Carly decides she's ready for a good fight and the born mediator turns warrior. Can the family business be saved? Should she lose the cheating spouse and go for the guy that puts every one of her five senses on alert?



## A Bottom Dollar Girls Series by Karin Gillespie



**Bet Your Bottom Dollar:** Welcome to the Bottom Dollar Emporium of Cayboo Creek, South Carolina, where everything from coconut mallow cookies to Clabber Girl Baking Powder costs only a dollar, and coffee and gossip are free. For Elizabeth, Mavis, and Attalee -- the Bottom Dollar Girls -- logging nine to five at the Bottom Dollar is not just work time, it's family time. So when news gets out that the Super Saver Dollar Store chain plans to set up shop and run the Bottom Dollar out of town, things go catawampus. Manager Elizabeth, who has a good head for business even though she flunked pin-curling in beauty school, teams up with a crew of dedicated do-gooders bent on saving the Bottom Dollar from the fate of spare change. But when Elizabeth's unlikely new love interest -- who also happens to be Cayboo Creek's wealthiest bachelor -- pitches woo, out come some startling revelations about her past that turn life more than a little interesting for all her friends and neighbors.



**A Dollar Short:** It isn't every day a movie star steals your husband. When that day comes for Chiffon Butrell, of Cayboo Creek, South Carolina, she looks to the Bottom Dollar Girls to help her out of one fine mess. **On order**

# Good Old Summer Time Reads for Kids

**The Fire Within / Chris D'Lacey:** When David moves in with Liz and Lucy, he discovers a collection of hand crafted, clay dragons that comes to life and has magical powers. David's personalized dragon, Gadzooks, can forecast the future, and inspires him to write a story which reveals the truth behind an unsolved mystery close to home. The story has an unhappy ending, and when David realizes the consequences of it he is angry. Then David finds Gadzooks crying and near death, and he discovers that these special dragons die when they are not loved. Soon David is forced to save his friend and unlock the powers of the fire within.

**The Riddles of Epsilon / Christine Morton-Shaw:** When Jess and her family move to Lume, a remote island off the coast of England, strange things start happening. Jess discovers an abandoned cottage on her family's property and an eerie presence within. The spirit, Epsilon, leads Jess to a set of three locked boxes, which she can open only one at a time. Inside, she discovers antique papers that set her on a path to unravel a series of riddles and codes that will somehow help her uncover the secrets of Lume.

The boxes also contain the writings of Sebastian, a boy who lived on Lume a century apart. Jess discovers that both of their mothers share the same obsession and will be driven to madness. And both Jess and Sebastian have the same foreboding dreams -- a hundred years apart.

On Lume, where nothing is what it seems, Jess must unlock the riddles of Epsilon in order to save her mother and place an ancient relic in the right hands -- but whose? Guided by the mysterious Epsilon, Jess has limited time to solve the mystery and dispel a curse that has hung over the women in her family for centuries.

**The Blood Red Horse / K.M. Grant:** Two boys. One girl. The adventure of a lifetime. Book One of the De Grandville Trilogy.

**Arthur and the Minimoys / Luc Besson:** Arthur's grandfather disappeared four years ago. All he left behind are his notebooks full of stories about little-known African tribes -- including the Minimoys, a miniature people who are all less than one inch tall.

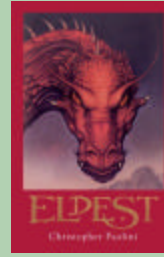
But the Minimoys can't possibly be real...can they?

Arthur is about to find out, as he uncovers a hidden message that catapults him on an adventure wilder than he had ever imagined. In just three days, he must find a way to the land of the Minimoys, recover a stolen treasure, battle an invading force of mosquito-riding warriors, defeat an evil wizard, win the heart of a very independent princess -- and somehow get back home again. It seems like an impossible task, but as he'll discover along the way, sometimes the littlest heroes can make the biggest difference....

**The Artsy Smartsy Club / Daniel Pinkwater:** After three Hoboken children and their giant chicken Henrietta begin to appreciate beautiful sidewalk art, they venture into art class and visits to Manhattan.



## Coming Soon!



**Eldest (Inheritance, Book 2) / Christopher Paolini:** Darkness falls...despair abounds...evil reigns... Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have just saved the rebel state from destruction by the mighty forces of King Galbatorix, cruel ruler of the Empire. Now Eragon must travel to Ellesmera, land of the elves, for further training in the skills of the Dragon Rider: magic and swordsmanship. Soon he is on the journey of a lifetime, his eyes open to awe-inspiring new places and people, his days filled with fresh adventure. But chaos and betrayal plague him at every turn, and nothing is what it seems. Before long, Eragon doesn't know whom he can trust. Meanwhile, his cousin Roran must fight a new battle--one that might put Eragon in even graver danger. Will the king's dark hand strangle all resistance? Eragon may not escape with even his life. . . . **Publication date: 8/05. Request this title today!**



### Eragon (Inheritance, Book 1):

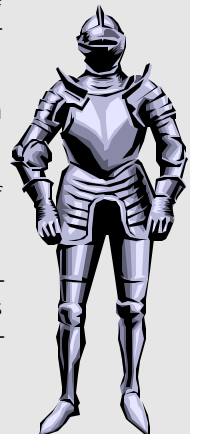
In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.



### The Dragon Throne / Michael

**Cadnum:** Edmund and Herbert, newly made knights, return to England expecting to revel in the pleasure of being home. Instead, scheming Prince John has a new task for the weary Crusaders; they are to escort two young women

on a pilgrimage to Rome, a journey that will take them through the perilous Alps, controlled by bands of brigands. And once in Rome, even greater hazards await. Suspenseful, exciting, and filled with colorful details of 12th century Europe, this final volume of the trilogy that began with The Book of the Lion will thrill readers.



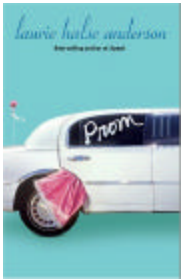


# Summer Time Reads for Older Teens



**Boy2Girl / Terence Blacker:** Matthew's American cousin, Sam, has come to London to live with the family. Sam is a charismatic, funny kid, but can he be trusted to be a reliable friend? Matthew and his "mates" decide that Sam must undertake a challenge in order to prove himself: he must start off his new year at their school posing as a girl. It turns out that Sam makes a great girl. He fools everyone and has an electrifying

effect at Bradbury Hill School. And the longer the prank goes on, the more hilarious -- and serious -- the repercussions



**Prom / Laurie Halse Anderson:** High school senior Ashley Hannigan doesn't care about prom, but she's the exception. It's pretty much the only good thing at her urban Philadelphia high school, and everyone plans to make the most of it--especially Ash's best friend, Natalia, who's the head of the committee. Then the faculty advisor is busted for taking the prom money, and Ash

suddenly finds herself roped into putting together a gala dance out of absolutely nada. But she has help--from her large and loving (if exasperating!) family, from Nat's eccentric grandmother, from her fellow classmates. And in putting the prom together, Ash learns that she has choices about her life after high school. Prom has everything that award-winning author Laurie Halse Anderson is known for--humor, poignancy, teen readers' tough issues dealt with head-on, and a voice teen readers will recognize as their own.



**The Minister's Daughter / Julie Hearn:** "Powers of the air, be here now. So mote it be." Conceived on May Morning, Nell is claimed by the piskies and faeries as a merrybegot, one of their own. She is a wild child: herb gatherer and healer, spell-weaver and midwife...and, some say, a witch. Grace is everything Nell is not. She is the Puritan minister's daughter: beautiful and refined, innocent and sweet-natured...to

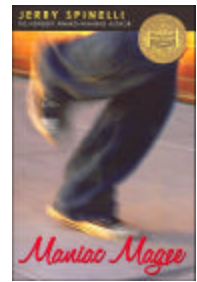
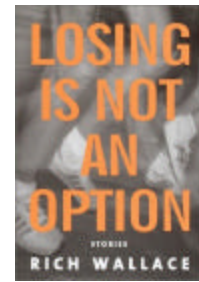
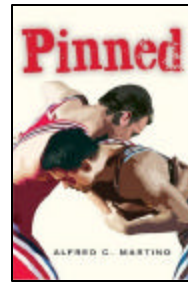
those who think they know her. But she is hiding a secret -- a secret that will bring everlasting shame to her family should it ever come to light. A merrybegot and a minister's daughter -- two girls who could not have less in common. Yet their fates collide when Grace and her younger sister, Patience, are suddenly spitting pins, struck with fits, and speaking in fevered tongues. The minister is convinced his daughters are the victims of witchcraft. And all signs point to Nell as the source of the trouble....Set during the tumultuous era of the English Civil War, *The Minister's Daughter* is a spellbinding page-turner -- stunning historical fiction that captures the superstition, passion, madness, and magic of a vanished age.

## Sports Fiction

**Pinned / Alfred Martino:** Dealing with family problems, girls, and their own competitive natures, high school seniors Ivan Korske and Bobby Zane face each other in the final match of the New Jersey State Wrestling Championship.

**Losing is Not an Option / Rich Wallace:** Eleven episodes in the life of a young man, from sneaking into his tenth football game in a row with his best friend in sixth grade to running his last high school race, the Pennsylvania state championships.

**Maniac Magee / Jerry Spinelli:** After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.



## British Fiction for Teens



**Girl, 15, Charming But Insane / Sue Limb:** Life was tragic enough before this spring started. With a distinct lack of boobage and an arse so big that birds of prey could nest within its shadows, Jess Jordan is saddled with the Goddess Flora for a best friend, a Britney Spears look-alike so gorgeous that one grain of her divine dandruff could make the blind see again. Jess knows that her soul mate is Ben Jones, a divine mixture of Leonardo diCaprio, Prince William, and Brad Pitt who oozes mystery and charisma. But the campaign to get Ben to notice her brings on a cavalcade of mortification and disaster, including, but not limited to, a minestrone soup explosion that takes place in her bra and a schoolwide

viewing of a videotape that features a topless Jess referring to her breasts as "Bonnie" and "Clyde."

Meanwhile, Jess's death-obsessed Granny moves into her bedroom, along with her grandfather's remains; her hypochondriac dad, who sends her daily "horrorscopes" like "You will fall asleep with your mouth open, and a family of earwigs will move in," acts strange about Jess staying with him this summer; and her longtime friend Fred, a television violence addict and closet thumbsucker, has decided that he can't stand being around her. Jess is determined to make things right . . . but with her offbeat sense of humor and her wildly active imagination, things get complicated along the way.

# Inspirational

## New on Our Christian Fiction Shelves

**Chloe (The Women of Ivy Manor, Bk 1) / Lyn Cote:** Chloe Lorraine Kimball is born at the estate of Ivy Manor in the wee hours of the twentieth century. She is the apple of her grandmother's eye, if not her mother and father's. For despite a home filled with everything a young girl could desire, she lacks the one thing she wants above all else--unconditional love from her parents. Thinking she can win that love through her actions, she creates a successful life for herself in Washington, DC, as the belle of her father's political career. Bright and beautiful, she revels in the attention she receives from the capitol's major players. But in the end, as her world comes crashing down amid the opening months of the Depression, Chloe must realize that whether or not she's capable of giving and receiving love is something entirely up to her. And perhaps she can finally find happiness on her own terms.

**The Victory Club / Robin Lee Hatcher:** In times of war, sometimes victory seems like an impossible dream. In 1943, the women of America banded together to make a life for themselves while their husbands and sons fought overseas. Even as the men engaged in war, these women faced battles of their own on the homefront. Margo, Dottie, Lucy, and Penny never expected to face the hardships they must now find a way to conquer. But through the power of Christ and the power of friendship, perhaps this Victory Club will achieve more than any of them could have ever imagined.

**Distant Echoes (Aloha Reef series, Bk. 1) / Colleen Coble:** While vacationing mainlanders and island locals revel in the cool waters and the sunny beaches of Kauai, Hawaii, a missile test goes off-course, destroying a local tourist boat and killing several passengers. Could sloppy science be at fault or could sabotage be the culprit? When the investigation leads nowhere, Kaia Ohana, island resident and dolphin researcher, is called upon by Jesse Matthews, head of security at the naval base, to help. Aided by dolphins Kaia's been teaching to communicate, Kaia and Jesse must try to stop a terrorist before he can strike again.

**Whisper Town (Millwood Hollow series, Bk. 3) / Patricia Hickman**



## Inspirational Chick Lit by Kristin Billerbeck



**With This Ring, I'm Confused:** Ashley Stockingdale has imagined her wedding day since she was a little girl--but that fairy tale is rapidly turning into a southern gothic tale, complete with overbearing future in-laws from "old South" Atlanta, a groom who's too busy for details, and her own dysfunctional family. Throw in Ashley's high-pressure job that takes her out of town--and out of the loop--far too often, and suddenly a quick Las Vegas wedding is starting to look pretty darned good.

Can Ashley pull off her dream wedding (preferably without having a nervous breakdown?) Or is she destined to wear Scarlett O'Hara ruffles and leave

the church under a tunnel of Confederate swords? This comedy of manners and culture--the third in the Ashley Stockingdale series--promises to leave fans of chick lit laughing out loud. Third in the Ashley Stockingdale series.



**What A Girl Wants:** Ashley Stockingdale, 28, has a respectable (read: boring) job in Silicon Valley as a patent attorney. It's the kind of life that causes her mother to ask repeatedly, "Now what exactly do you do there, dear?" Given that in Silicon Valley the single men outnumber the women 2 to 1, Ashley can't help but wonder why a cute, eligible, Christian girl ("with absolutely adorable shoes") sits home most weekends. Even her church singles group fails to satisfy, endlessly watching The Matrix and "splurging", obnoxiously, on uncool dinners at Applebee's and unhip franchise restaurants. So Ashley resolves to go for it! If only she knew what "it" she's going for. Perhaps that ever-illusive promotion that would give her the glamorous career girl image she's longed for? Or maybe the wardrobe to end all wardrobes, turning her glowing, possibly-pregnant newlywed friends green with envy? Or, best of all, winning the affections of the handsome doctor she's met through her work with the youth center! Ultimately, Ashley finds that what a girl wants and what a girl needs aren't always the same thing. Join Ashley for the first of two lighthearted books about a single-girl's bumbling but loveable quest for meaning.



**She's Out of Control:** Having discovered rats in her luxury apartment, Ashley Stockingdale is living with her friend Kay, a.k.a. Martha Stewart But With Scruples. Soon Kay wants Ashley to buy out half the house so they can remodel it in style. With no hint of a proposal on the horizon from her commitment-phobe boyfriend, Ashley goes on an independent-woman streak. She sinks her savings into the deal. As Seth squirms, wondering if the investment into Kay's house indicates Ashley doesn't see a future with him, the nightmare of remodeling begins. Meanwhile--in lieu of a diamond?--Seth gives Ashley a darling if ill-advised gift: a puppy! More than a

trendy accessory, this puppy requires nearly constant attention and more food than a family of four. He's out-growing his pink collars faster than you can say Diva Dog! The mayhem is escalating, but like everything else, Ashley knows she can handle it...or can she?



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# Dean Martin: King of Cool

The velvety smooth tones of Dean Martin have delighted fans for decades. Today this versatile singer and actor continues to wow new audiences with his timeless appeal.

Immerse yourself in Dean Martin by listening to his music, learning about his life in biographies, or watching his films. You're sure to find yourself impressed by Dean Martin, the King of Cool!

## Music

- All-Time Greatest Hits / Dean Martin
- The Country Side of Dean Martin
- Dino: The essential Dean Martin

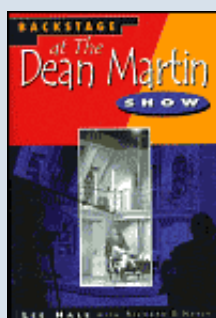
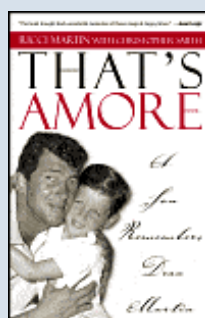
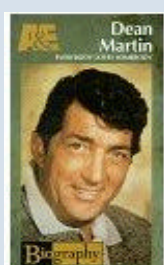
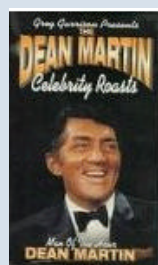


## Miscellaneous Videos

- The Best of Dean Martin Celebrity Roasts
- The Best of the Dean Martin Variety Show (VHS & DVD)
- The Rat Pack: The true stories of the original kings of cool (4 volume set)
- Dean Martin: Everybody loves somebody: A&E biography

## Books

- Martini Man: The life of Dean Martin / William Schoell
- That's Amore: A son remembers Dean Martin / Ricci Martin with Christopher Smith
- Backstage at the Dean Martin Show / Lee Hale



## Dean Martin Films

### Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis Years 1946 - 1956

- My Friend Irma (1949)
- My Friend Irma Goes West (1950) [unavailable](#)
- **At War with the Army (1950)**
- That's My Boy (1951) [unavailable](#)
- Sailor Beware (1952) [unavailable](#)
- Jumping Jacks (1952)
- The Stooge (1953)
- Scared Stiff (1953)
- The Caddy (1953)
- Money From Home (1954) [unavailable](#)
- Living It Up (1954) [unavailable](#)
- Three Ring Circus (1954) [unavailable](#)
- You're Never Too Young (1955) [unavailable](#)
- Artists & Models (1955)
- Pardners (1956)
- Hollywood or Bust (1956)



### Martin Films Sans Lewis 1957 - 1964

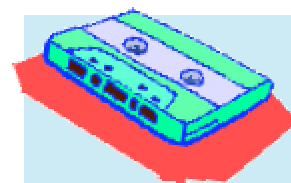
- Ten Thousand Bedrooms (1957) [unavailable](#)
- The Young Lions (1958)
- **Some Came Running (1958)**
- Rio Bravo (1959)
- Career (1959)
- Who Was That Lady? (1960) [unavailable](#)
- Bells Are Ringing (1960)
- Ocean's Eleven (1960)
- All in a Night's Work (1961)
- Ada (1961) [unavailable](#)
- Sergeants 3 (1962) [unavailable](#)
- Who's Got the Action? (1962)
- Toys in the Attic (1963)
- Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed? (1963) [unavailable](#)
- Four for Texas (1963)
- What a Way to Go! (1964)
- Robin and the 7 Hoods (1964)
- Kiss Me, Stupid (1964)
- The Son of Katie Elder (1965)
- Marriage on the Rocks (1965)
- The Silencers (1966)
- Texas Across the River (1966)
- Murderer's Row (1966)
- **Rough Night in Jerico (1967)**
- The Ambushers (1967)
- How to Save a Marriage (and Ruin your Life) (1968) [Unavailable](#)
- Bandolero (1968)
- Five Card Stud (1968)
- The Wrecking Crew (1969)
- Airport (1970)
- Something Big (1972) [unavailable](#)
- Showdown 1973) [unavailable](#)
- Mr. Ricco (1975) [unavailable](#)
- Cannonball Run (1981)
- Cannonball Run II (1984)



\*Titles in red are available from the Preble Co. District Library. Remaining titles are unavailable at this time.

\*\*Titles **marked** unavailable have not been issued from the movie studio in VHS or DVD format at this time.

# THIS 'N' THAT



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## New on DVD



**National Treasure:** Treasure hunter, Benjamin Gates, is in hot pursuit of a mythical treasure that has been passed down for centuries, while his employer turned enemy is onto the same path as he.

All his life, Gates has been searching for a treasure no one believed existed: amassed through the ages, moved across continents, to become the greatest treasure the world has ever known. Hidden by our Founding Fathers, they left clues to the Treasure's location right before our eyes... from our nation's birthplace, to the nation's capitol, to clues buried within the symbols on the dollar bill. Gates' life-long journey leads him to the last place anyone thought to look: a map hidden on the back of the Declaration of Independence. But what he thought was the final clue is only the beginning. Gates realizes in order to protect the world's greatest treasure, he must now do the unthinkable: steal the most revered, best guarded document in American history before it falls into the wrong hands. **Cast includes:** Nicholas Cage, Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha, & Sean Bean.

## From Book to Film



Claire Cook's popular and funny dating-after-divorce tale has been made into a feature film! Produced by Warner Bros. Studio and written and directed by Gary David Goldberg, the film promises to be a winner! It debuts in theaters July 29th.

**The cast includes:** Diane Lane, John Cusack, Elizabeth Perkins, Dermot Mulroney, Christopher Plummer, and Stockard Channing.

If you loved the book, you'll no doubt enjoy the film -- & visa versa!



**Must Love Dogs:** Sarah Nolan, a young pre-school teacher, is looking for love. After a series of disastrous, but hilarious, dates she decides to swear off dating for good. Her well-meaning family and friends are not going to let her give-up quite so easily though. They enroll her in on-line dating where she meets what could be her perfect man, but... he loves dogs and his ad states that she MUST LOVE DOGS also. Sarah doesn't though - in fact she can't stand them. So she borrows a dog to impress him with hilarious results. Can she overcome her dislikes to enjoy a relationship with her new found love or will both two legged and four legged friends intervene?

## Unabridged

- **The Quilt / T. Davis Bunn** (2 hrs.): This the story of Mary, an elderly grandmother whose gnarled, arthritic hands have a beauty all their own. They represent so many skills, so many memories, so many stories to be told. Anyone who had met Mary described her as beautiful she had always been there to listen and comfort and encourage those who were in pain, those who had lost their way. And yet in the twilight of her days, Mary felt a gentle yearning in her heart, the whisper of a melody she strained to hear-. There was something left undone. When Mary becomes convinced that the task still unfinished is to make one more very special quilt, with every stitch sewn in prayer and thankfulness, the impact on her family and the surrounding community cannot be contained. No one who gets involved with this quilting project will ever be quite the same again!
- **Air Battle Force / Dale Brown** (15 hrs. 34 min.): On America's newest combat base, U.S. Air Force aerial warfare expert Major General Patrick McLanahan and his crew of daring engineers are devising the air combat unit of the future. Known as Air Battle Force, it can launch concentrated, stealthy, precision-guided firepower to any spot on the globe within hours. And soon McLanahan and his warriors will have their first target.
- **The Center of Everything / Laura Moriarty** (13.25 hrs.): Growing up with a single mother who is chronically out of work and dating a married man, 10-year old Evelyn Bucknow learns early how to fend for herself. Offering an affecting portrayal of a troubled mother/daughter relationship, one in which the daughter is very often expected to play the role of the adult, the novel also gives readers a searing rendering of the claustrophobia of small town midwestern life, as seen through the eyes of a teenage girl. Evelyn must come to terms with the heartbreaking lesson of first love -- that not all loves are meant to be -- and determine who she is and who she wants to be. Stuck in the middle of Kansas, between best friends, and in the midst of her mother's love, Evelyn finds herself in The Center of Everything