



Sixth Annual FESTIVAL OF MYSTERY May 7 4 to 9 pm

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The sixth annual MLB Festival of Mystery will be held at the St. Irenaeus Church Social Hall which is on Maryland Ave. just around the corner from the store. Admission is \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Doors open at 4 pm, with the Festival opening at 5 pm.

As in past years, we'll feature plenty of opportunity to meet and talk with your favorite writers as well as meeting new ones. Author interviews will begin at 5:30 pm.

Book clubs or libraries may reserve tables for at least eight people. Please call early as tables are limited.

Show up early to receive your Bag o' Books before supplies run out
St. I's will be selling refreshments, Sisters in Crime will have ice-cold bottled water.

Continuous drawings for an amazing variety of raffle prizes. Get a raffle ticket for every book you buy or for each donation of \$1 to Beginning With Books

The Author Lineup: interviews begin at 6 pm and continue in approximately alphabetical order

Donna Andrews set the tone for her charming and humorous Meg Langslow series by winning the Agatha, Anthony, the Barry and the Romanic Times awards for the debut, *Murder with Peacocks* (St Martins). *Murder, with Puffins* is another crowd pleaser from this fresh new mystery talent.



Company's American Girl Mystery Series, Kathy wrote *Voices at Whisper Bend*, set in WWII Pittsburgh and *Under Copp's Hill*, set in turn-of-the-century Boston.

Edie Claire—is the North Hills mystery writer of the popular Leigh Koslow series featuring the amateur sleuth who tracks the bad guys from Avalon to Zelenople. The author's background as a vet and a technical writers shines through these three mysteries.



Tim Cockey—moved from screen writing to mystery with his debut, *The Hearse You Came in On* (Hyperion) set in his native Baltimore and featuring undertaker, and part-time sleuth, Hitchcock Sewell. *The Hearse of a Different Color* (Hyperion) follows with wit and a cast of colorful characters that would make Elmore Leonard smile.



Kathy Ayres—this Pittsburgh author teaches writing and coordinates the MA in Children's and Adolescent Writing program at Chatham College while turning out acclaimed novels of historical and contemporary fiction published by Random House. Writing for Pleasant

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Jennifer Crusie—interrupted her doctoral dissertation to write a romance novel for the exercise and she never looked back. Jenny won a Rita award and a career achievement Award



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Author line-up, continued from

from Romantic Times magazine before trying her hand at mysteries. Still teaching at Ohio state, the writer's now a best-seller for her sexy, contemporary mysteries the latest of which is *Fast Women* (St. Martin's).



Joanne Dobson—launched a solid academic series featuring Professor Karen Pelletier with the elegant Emily Dickinson mystery, *Quieter Than Sleep* (Bantam). The gifted Fordham Professor returns with another in *Cold and Pure and Very Dead* (Doubleday), a send-up of the bestseller fallout of novels like *Gone with the Wind*.

Judy Fitzwater—put the frustrations of the unpublished writer to work in her debut *Dying to Get Published* (Fawcett) which introduced Jennifer Marsh, a would-be writer so intent on publication that she was willing to murder an agent. Four equally suspenseful and humorous books featuring her gang of writers in a critique group have followed in the series including the new, *Dying to be Murdered* (Fawcett).



Sara Hoskinson Frommer—created, Joan Spencer, the viola-playing sleuth in *Murder in C Major*. As a charter member of the Bloomington Symphony (viola—what else?), a quilter and an accompanist for Gilbert & Sullivan productions, there are many parallels between the charming series sleuth and the author.



Kate Grilly—is the award-winning short story writer who turned living in the Virgin Islands into an Agatha nominated mystery, *Death Dances to a Reggae Beat* (Berkley). The award will be presented in Washington DC at the Malice Domestic Convention held the week-end before the Festival. The Kelly Ryan mystery, *Death Rides an Ill Wind* (Berkley) is the acclaimed second Caribbean cozy.

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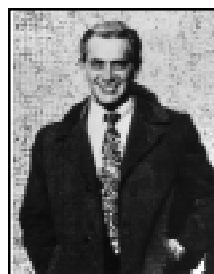
Sue Henry—hails from Alaska where her mysteries featuring the history, lore and beauty of Alaska glow. From the Anthony and Macavity award winning, *Murder on the Iditarod Trail* (Avon) to the new *Beneath the Ashes* (Morrow) these special police procedurals are special mysteries.

Jane Isenberg—is a former community college faculty member who draws out the humor and intrigue of her academic experiences for Bel Barrett in the dead on series set in Hoboken, New Jersey. If menopause and murder mix, it is in this deadly series and the latest star, *Mood Swings to Murder* (Avon)—an hilarious whodunit about all things Sinatra.



Larry Karp—is a former Seattle physician whose hobby collecting and restoring music boxes lead to the amateur sleuth Thomas Purdue and the debut, *Musicbox Murders* (Worldwide). With music boxes and two later books in the series, Larry always entertains.

Tom Lipinski—a Lawrenceville writer and Edinboro College teacher, was nominated for a Shamus award in his debut and third mystery featuring Pittsburgh shamus Carroll Dorsey who returns in the fourth, *Death in the Steel City* (Avon).



Dan Mahoney—is a retired NYPD Captain who has put his years of experience to excellent use in a series of authentic police procedurals beginning with *Detective First Grade*, all featuring Detective First Grade Brian McKenna. The latest, *Black and White*, an usual story of dual serial killers, is now in paperback.

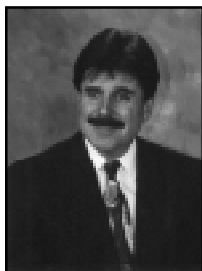
Alex Matthews—is a clinical social worker when not writing psychological mysteries featuring Oak Park, Illinois therapist Cassidy McCabe. A cop named Zach and cat psychology combine in this popular series.





Barbara Miller—Ligonier writer Barbara Miller is the author of numerous romances and suspenseurs under the name Laurel Ames as well as a series of locally set mysteries under her own name. Her recent publications are the Regency-set mystery-romances *My Phillipe* and *Dearest Max*.

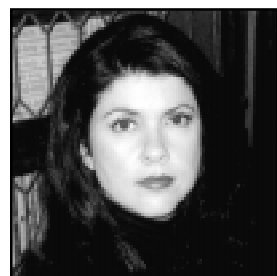
Pat Picciarelli—retired from the NYPD, opened a world famous detective and security business and moved to Western Pennsylvania. He collaborated with another former cop, Jimmy Wagner on *Jimmy the Wags*, *Street Stories of a Private Eye* (Onyx). His latest work is a hard-boiled PI thriller, *Blood Shot Eyes*.



Marcia Talley—returns to Pittsburgh to sign the second witty Hannah Ives mystery *Unbreathed Memories* (Dell) before returning to her Annapolis home for more sailing. This award-winning author lives on the Chesapeake Bay.

Victoria Thompson—

has a passion for the 19th century after writing 20 historical romances. The Altoona, PA writer turned a gaslight mystery series with a New York midwife into a national bestseller and her Murder on *St. Mark's Place* (Berkley) is short-listed for an Edgar Allen Poe award at the annual banquet of the Mystery Writers of America on May 3 in New York.



Rosemary Stevens—is a Virginia mystery writer and Anglophile who set the Beau Brummell series in 1805 England. The debut, *Death on a Silver Tray* (Berkley) is nominated for an Agatha award and the winner is to be announced at the Malice Domestic Convention in Washington, DC on May 5, 2001. The follow-up, *The Tainted Snuff Box* (Berkley) will also be

available at the Festival.



Kathy Trocheck—won awards as a Georgia crime reporter but used the experience to enliven eight Callahan Garrity mystery books featuring the ex-cop and her colorful crew of House Mouse cleaners including the latest *Irish Eyes* (Harper). The MLB Festival will be a chance for Kathy to visit with relatives in Clairton and McKeesport before

returning south.

Sarah Strohmeier—born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, this former reporter and author of *Barbie Unbound: A Parody of the Barbie Obsession* has fashioned a hilariously special sleuth in Bubbles Yablonsky of Lehigh, Pennsylvania. The sparkling debut, *Bubbles Unbound* (Dutton), is brimming with attitude, eyeliner and murder.



Chassie West—was a major force in introducing African-American characters to romance fiction and was so honored by *Romantic Times*. In 1994 she turned to mystery with the Edgar-nominated *Sunrise* (Harper), which introduced African-American cop Leigh Ann Warren, returning in the fourth *Killer Riches*. Chassie is nominated for an Edgar Allen Poe award for number three, *Killing Kin* (Harper), to be announced on May 3, 2001 at the Mystery Writers of America Award Banquet in New York.



Denise Swanson—realized that working as a small town school psychologist gives one many of the clues to mysteries large and small—thus was Skye Denison debuted in *Murder of a Small Town Honey* (Signet). Following this Agatha award nominee for 2000 is *Murder of a Sweet Old Lady* (Signet) and a return to the adventures in Scumble River.



Sally Wright—is another nominee for an Edgar Allen Poe award for the latest ex-commando and current archivist Ben Reese mystery set in the 60's, *Pursuit and Persuasion* (Ballantine) which will be announced on May 3 at the Mystery Writers of America Award Banquet in New York.

Bibliographies of Festival authors

Donna Andrews

Meg Langslow series
Murder With Peacocks (5.99)
Murder With Puffins (23.95, pb avail. June)

Kathy Ayres

Family Tree (3.99)
Silver Dollar Girl (14.95)
Underground Railroad series
North By Night (4.50)
Stealing South (14.95)
American Girl Mysteries
Voices at Whisper Bend (5.95)
Under Copp's Hill (5.95)

Eddie Claire

Leigh Koslow series (all \$5.99)
Never Buried
Never Sorry
Never Preach Past Noon

Tim Cockey

Hitchcock Sewell series
The Hearse You Came In On (6.99)
Hearse of a Different Color (23.95)

Jennifer Crusie

Manhunting (5.99)
Tell Me Lies (6.99)
Crazy for You (6.99)
Welcome to Temptation (6.99)
Fast Women (24.95)

Joanne Dobson

Karen Pelletier series
Quieter Than Sleep (6.50)
Northbury Papers (5.99)
The Raven and the Nightingale (5.99)
Cold and Pure and Very Dead (22.95)

Judy Fitzwater

Jennifer Marsh series
Dying to Get Published (5.99)
Dying to Get Even (6.50)
Dying for a Clue (5.99)
Dying to Remember (6.50)
Dying to Be Murdered (6.50)

Sara Hoskinson Frommer

Joan Spencer series
Murder in C Major (14.95)
Buried in Quilts (15.95)
Murder and Sullivan (19.95)
Vanishing Violinist (5.99)

Kate Grilley

Kelly Ryan Series
Death Dances to a Reggae Beat (5.99)
Death Rides an Ill Wind (5.99)

Sue Henry

Jessie & Alex series
Murder on the Iditarod Trail (6.50)
Termination Dust (5.99)
Sleeping Lady (6.50)
Death Takes Passage (6.50)
Deadfall (6.50)
Murder on the Yukon Quest (6.50)
Beneath the Ashes (6.50, avail June)
Dead North (avail. July)

Jane Isenberg

Bel Barrett Series (all 5.99)
The "M" Word
Death In a Hot Flash
Mood Swings to Murder

Larry Karp

Thomas Perdue series
The Music Box Murders (5.99)
Scamming the Birdman (24.95, pb avail June)
Midnight Special (24.95)

Tom Lipinski

Carroll Dorsey series
The Fall-Down Artist (5.50)
A Picture of Her Tombstone (OP but HC avail. at \$5.99)
Steel City Confessions (5.99)
Death in the Steel City (5.99)

Dan Mahoney

Brian McKenna Series
Detective First Grade (6.99)
Edge of the City (6.99)
Hyde (6.99)
Once In, Never Out (6.99)
Black and White (6.99)
The Two Chinatowns (avail. July)

Alex Matthews

Cassidy McCabe series
Secret's Shadow (5.50)
Satan's Silence (5.50)
Vendetta's Victim (5.95)
Wanton's Web (6.99)
Cat's Claw (6.99)

Barbara J. Miller

Dearest Max (6.50)
My Phillipe (6.50)

Pat Picciarelli

Jimmy the Wags (5.99)
Blood Shot Eyes (19.95)

Rosemary Stevens

Beau Brummel series
Death on a Silver Tray (6.50)
The Tainted Snuff Box (21.95)

Sarah Strohmeier

Barbie Unbound (9.95)
Bubbles Yablonsky series
Bubbles Unbound (22.95)

Denise Swanson

Scumble River series
Murder of a Small-Town Honey (5.99)
Murder of a Sweet Old Lady (5.99)

Marcia Talley

Naked Came the Phoenix (avail Aug)
Hannah Ives series
Sing It to Her Bones (5.99)
Unbreathed Memories (5.99)

Victoria Thompson

Sara Brandt series (all 5.99)
Murder on Astor Place
Murder on St. Marks Place
Murder on Gramercy Park

Kathy Trocheck

Callahan Garrity series (all 5.99)
Every Crooked Nanny
To Live and Die in Dixie
Homemade Sin
Happy Never After
Heart Trouble
Strange Brew
Midnight Clear
Irish Eyes

Chassie West

Leigh Ann Warren series
Sunrise (OP)
Killing Kin (5.99)
Killer Riches (5.99)

Sally Wright

Ben Reese series
Publish and Perish (5.99)
Pride and Predator (6.50)
Pursuit and Persuasion (6.50)