

Summer of Mystery 2005

We normally put our calendar into a little box. This summer, our events come first. We've put together a varied slate of discussions, parties, author visits and even a play reading — something for everyone. Even the discussions are varied: two more Masters of Mystery sessions (see page three for series details) and a special discussion for readers of all ages on the new Harry Potter, plus a visit from a major mystery publishing company sales rep during one of our regular evening discussions. And to make this summer even more mysterious and to encourage you to explore all corners of our store, we're running a series of special weekly sales.

Great books, cool events and big savings. That's what we have in store for you this summer. We hope you'll join us!

Wednesday, June 22, 7 pm

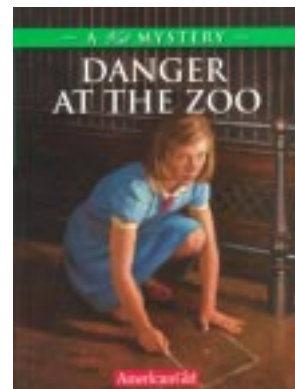
Discussion: *Pest Control* by Bill Fitzhugh. Sitting in for the discussion will be St. Martin's Press sales rep Mary Ellen Channon, who'll take a few minutes at the end of the regular discussion to tell us about her company's new titles. St. Martin's Press is by far the major player in the genre, publishing about twice as many titles per year as the number two company. Have questions or comments about publishing? Bring them along.

Thursday, June 23, noon

Discussion: *Pest Control* by Bill Fitzhugh

Thursday, June 30, 7 pm - 8 pm

An American Girls Mystery Party, especially for girls in the 8 to 12 year old range. After the terrific success of the Edgar Award winning American Girl History Mystery series — which we've carried since we opened — The Pleasant Company folks are launching a new line of mysteries featuring the American Girls themselves. We have four new mysteries, one each featuring Kaya, Kit, Molly and Samantha, plus they've also produced mystery party games featuring Samantha and Molly, and jigsaw puzzle mini-mysteries. Our party activities will include code games, other activities and refreshments. Please RSVP. 20% off all books in our kids' corner during this event.



Saturday, July 9, 3 pm

Our third Masters of Mystery discussion: **Monette Michaels on *The Moon-Spinners* by Mary Stewart**, about whom Anthony Boucher wrote: "No one writes the damsel-in-distress tale with greater charm or urgency." Stewart's literate and intelligent novels of romantic suspense, including this 1962 classic, set the standard for this subgenre. Monette Michaels has just won the 2005 Eppie Award for her medical/legal thriller *Blind-Sided*, co-authored with Janet Ferran; she recently launched a new Perry Mason-inspired paranormal series with *The Case of the Virtuous Vampire*.

Friday, July 15, 10 pm

Harry Potter Party. Candy, face painting, prizes, trivia, contests, games, and lots more, plus the book we've all been waiting for at midnight. Reserve your copy today. Also just after midnight, we'll be raffling off the Harry Potter stand-up countdown figure. (You must be present to win.) Don't want to stay up? Ask for Owl Post delivery. Your copy of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* will be on your doorstep when you wake up, wrapped in brown paper and tied in string. We'll deliver to any Carmel address, plus close-by Indianapolis and Westfield addresses too. And after you've read the book, join us on July 30 for a Harry Potter discussion for readers of all ages.



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Sunday, July 18, 2 pm

Brush up your Shakespeare! In preparation for our discussion groups – and just for the fun of it – we’re going to do a reading here in the store of Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night Or What You Will*, a marvelous comedy of misunderstandings, misdirection and cross-dressing (which actually pretty much describes all of his comedies – but this is one of the best). We’ll be assigning parts, so let us know that you’re coming. Don’t be intimidated – this will be informal and fun. We welcome not only our discussion group regulars, but everyone else as well, including teens. It is possible to read Alan Gordon’s *Thirteenth Night*, without knowing *Twelfth Night* – Gordon’s delightful book stands on its own – but you’ll appreciate it even more if you’re familiar with the Shakespeare.

Saturday, July 23, 2 pm

Heather Webber and Laura Bradford visit to talk about and sign copies of their books. Webber’s latest is *Trouble in Spades* (Avon, \$6.50), second in her series featuring landscaper Nina Quinn (after last year’s *A Hoe Lot of Trouble*). Laura Bradford’s first novel is *Jury of One* (Hilliard & Harris, \$28.95 hardcover or \$18.95 paperback) about a reporter and a detective who investigate a crime in a small New Jersey beachside town.



Wednesday, July 27, 7 pm

Discussion: *Thirteenth Night* by Alan Gordon

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Saturday, July 30, 2 pm

Discussion: *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling. A special discussion session, for adults and kids of all ages. Well, was it worth the wait? What did you like? Surprises? Disappointments? What do you think Rowling will do next?

Saturday, August 13, 3 pm

Our fourth Masters of Mystery discussion: **Roberta Gellis on *Some Buried Caesar* by Rex Stout**, the 1938 Nero Wolfe/Archie Goodwin novel that was reported to be the favorite of Noblesville, Indiana native Stout. Wolfe leaves his brownstone to exhibit orchids in upstate New York, while Goodwin meets an heiress named Lily Rowan. In her own 40 year career, Roberta Gellis has written everything — romance, science fiction, fantasy and mystery — and done it all with wit, ingenuity and intelligence. Her most recent mystery is *Lucrezia Borgia and the Mother of Poisons*.

Wednesday, August 24, 7 pm

Discussion: *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Thursday, August 25, noon

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All events are free; no purchase required!

New & noteworthy

A Venom Beneath the Skin by Marcos M. Villatoro

Kate’s Mystery Books, \$24.95

The novel begins three years after Romilia Chacón helped catch the serial killer Minos. She has left the Nashville Police Department and is now an FBI agent in Los Angeles. Her current assignment is the Crack Killer, so named because he is killing people associated with the trafficking of drugs. Her superiors feel that the Crack Killer is none other than Tekún Umán, her nemesis and admirer from the previous two books in this series. She can not disagree with that



conclusion until her former boss and former lover Special Agent Chip Pierce is found dead with the Crack Killer’s signature all over the scene. At that point Romilia knows that Tekún Umán is innocent, but can she convince her superiors? And just what are her feelings for the drug lord?

As in the other two books in this series, *Home Killings* and *Minos* (in paperback at \$6.99 each), the characters are vibrant, complicated individuals. The Los Angeles setting seems to be much more familiar and comfortable for Villatoro, as he draws the reader into the underbelly of the drug trade in southern California and highlights the realities of just how porous the border between Central American drugs and the United States really is. Once again the pacing is fast, the plotting tight with enough twists and turns to keep the reader guessing. Marcos Villatoro is on the top of my must-read list.

– Moni

Friends & Neighbors

Company Members can get an early look at forthcoming books through our Friends & Neighbors program. We offer a selection of advance reading copies of new mysteries. You may borrow one ARC at a time without charge. All we ask is that you return the ARC with your comments about the book and that you allow us to use your comments in the store, on the web and in our newsletter.

One Shot by Lee Child

Delacorte, \$25.00

This latest addition to the Jack Reacher saga, while not at his very top level, has all the suspense, excitement, and intricate plotting that fans of Lee Child have come to expect. The story involves a sniper who crossed paths with Reacher back in the first Gulf War and what seems to be a terrorist act in the downtown of an unnamed city. Of particular interest to Hoosiers will be the Indiana setting — although unnamed, there are plenty of clues to the identity of this “small midwestern city.”

The plot/motivation might seem a little thin but almost more

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fascinating is piecing together the back story of the villains, products of the former Soviet gulags. We also get more pieces to fill in Reacher's own background. At the end of this book he again quietly slips off, part ghost, part superhero, on his way to the next unlooked-for encounter with adventure.

— David Gruender

Oblivion by Peter Abrahams

Wm. Morrow, \$24.95

This is one of those novels you can't put down, not because you don't want to, but because it won't let you wriggle free from its tentacles. Like the memory-killing monster growing inside Private Detective Nick Petrov's head, the reader finds himself so caught up in the attempt to come to the aid of this indefatigable detective, who, while straining against all odds, tries desperately to fight against his own life-threatening disease as he grapples with an increasingly confusing life and death riddle. In an uphill battle to solve the mystery, lives continue to be lost, each



slipping through Nick's grasp like grains of sand as he endeavors to remember, and piece together, clues that should be at his fingertips, but aren't. He struggles against unseen forces, which have thrust him onto a seemingly endless merry-go-round, racing to avert another senseless death at the hands of a serial killer.

Abrahams is deeply immersed in the thriller genre, captivating the reader with a constant fear for the safety of his protagonist, and, at the same time holds you in a death-grip, yanking you back by the collar should you be bold enough to attempt escape. The author's use of short, sentence fragments that create a staccato, unrelenting pace, keeps you breathless. Plan to relinquish some sleep.

— Phil Dunlap

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MASTERS OF MYSTERY

Today's Pros on Yesterday's Prose

In May, we launched a new discussion series, Masters of Mystery, inviting today's mystery writers to come in and lead discussions on classic mystery novels that are important to them and influenced their work. We are beginning this series with seven distinguished Hoosier writers and the classics they've chosen.

So far, this series has been a huge success. In May, Jeanne Dams talked about Dorothy Sayers' *Gaudy Night*, and this past weekend, Terence Faherty covered Raymond Chandler's *The Big Sleep*. Each session has been lively and entertaining, and we've learned a lot not, only about Sayers and Chandler, but about Dams and Faherty as well.

We hope you'll join us in the coming months for the remaining discussions in this series. Because we've had such a great response, we'll be extending this program into 2006 with even more current writers and their classics.

Discussions take place in the store on the second Saturday of each month at 3 pm. Refreshments will be served. Copies of all the discussion books are available for purchase in the store now. We'll also have copies of books by our discussion leaders, and you'll have an opportunity to get books signed at the end of each session.

Reservations are not required, and there's no commitment to attend every month. Come join us when you can, and come prepared to participate in these lively and enlightening conversations about mystery classics and why they remain important, influential and entertaining today.

The lineup:

July 9 - Monette Michaels on

***The Moonspinners* by Mary Stewart** - details on the front page.

August 13 - Roberta Gellis on

***Some Buried Caesar* by Rex Stout** - details on page 2.

September 10 - Tony Perona on

***And Then There Were None* (aka *Ten Little Indians*) by Agatha Christie.** Christie at her most ingenious. Tony Perona is the author of two novels set here in Indiana featuring reporter-turned-stay-at-home dad Nick Bertetto, *Second Advent* and *Angels Whisper*.

October 8 - Michael Koryta on

***The Long Goodbye* by Raymond Chandler,** the sixth Philip Marlowe novel, first published in 1956, in which Marlowe's friendship with an alcoholic Englishman leads to danger when his friend becomes a suspect in his wife's murder. Michael Koryta's first novel, *Tonight I Said Goodbye*, won the Private Eye Writers of America/St. Martin's Press first novel contest, and was a nominee for the Edgar Award for best first novel of 2004.

November 12 - Sara Hoskinson Frommer on

***The Nine Tailors* by Dorothy Sayers,** a 1934 Lord Peter Wimsey novel about bell-ringing in an East Anglia village. Sara Hoskinson Frommer is the author of the Joan Spencer series, a series filled with music and set in an Indiana college town. Frommer's new novel, *Death Climbs a Tree*, will be published this summer.

December 10 - Phil Dunlap on

***The Thief of Time* by Tony Hillerman,** a 1988 novel featuring Navajo police officers Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee, about skullduggery at an Anasazi site dig. Phil Dunlap's 2004 first novel, *The Death of Desert Belle*, is a historical police procedural set in Arizona. Dunlap's second novel, *Call of the Gun*, is just out.



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June 17 - 23: Bag sale

As many used books from our three red cases as you can fit in a gift bag — a lot! — for just \$8. A great way to stock that cabin at the lake. We'll provide the bag. Limit two bags per person. Does not apply to the used hardcover books on the cart.

June 24 – 30: Signed books sale

Take 20% off a selection of new signed hardcover books published by Viking/Putnam/Dutton. Sale applies only to books bearing a round, gold sticker that bears the two words "Signed Copy" (and nothing else). These books are scattered throughout the store, including the front table and on the signed book shelves on the back wall. No limit.

July 1 – July 7 (and June 30, 7-8 pm): Children's book sale

Take 20% anything from our kids' corner. Sale runs for one week, and it's also good during our American Girls event on June 30.

July 8 –14: Discover/Re-discover a classic sale.

Take 20% off any new paperback mystery with an original copyright date prior to 1960. A great way to revisit or get acquainted with the classics, including our selection of Rue Morge Press classics. No limit.

July 15 – 21: Deadly Destinations sale

Take 20% off any book including kids' books — paperback or hardcover, new or used — set outside the United States.

July 22 – 28 (and Sunday, July 18): Shakespeare sale

Take 20% off anything Shakespeare, including mysteries with Shakespeare as a character (of which there are more than you think), mysteries using Shakespeare quotes for the title, etc. Be creative! This sale runs for a week, and it's also good during our *Twelfth Night* reading on Sunday, July 18.

July 29 – August 4: Something old, something new sale

For each new book you buy, you can pick one used book from our three red cases absolutely free. No limit.

August 3 – 9: Take a chance on something new sale

Take 20% off any first book in a series — new books only (not used), hardcover or paperback. We have a display of first books in series, but we'll help you hunt for others throughout the store.