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50 Hour Read-a-Thon to Benefit Indy Reads' Adult Literacy Program

You and I take reading for granted, but for a surprisingly large number of people in our community, literacy isn't a part of their lives. Everyday tasks such as reading a menu, filling out a job application or following directions are insurmountable challenges. We are beginning a very active month of June here at The Mystery Company with a benefit to raise money for and awareness of Indy Reads, a local agency that's helped open the door to reading for 100,000 people here in the Indianapolis area since 1984.

This weekend, we will host a Read-a-Thon 2007. The event begins at 4 pm on Friday, June 1, and will run around the clock until 6 pm on Sunday, June 3.

The Read-a-Thon will feature volunteers reading books or stories of their choice for approximately 30 minutes at a time. The goal of the Read-a-Thon is to have people reading — mysteries or whatever you enjoy — continuously for 50 hours, or 3,000 minutes. Readers are encouraged to read out loud, but there may be some reading silently too. During Saturday and Sunday mornings, there will be readings appropriate for kids to come and listen to.

Among the readers is **Jeff Stone**, who'll be here on Saturday morning at 11 am to read excerpt from *Eagle*, the not-yet-published fifth book in his Five Ancestors series. We'll post a schedule of readers on our website shortly.

Indy Reads is the only organization in central Indiana accredited by ProLiteracy Worldwide (the oldest and largest non-governmental literacy organization in the world)

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INDY READS
OPENING BOOKS THROUGH LITERACY

Calendar

Friday, June 1 at 4 pm, through Sunday, June 3 at 6 pm

A marathon 50 hour Read-A-Thon benefiting Indy Reads. Details above.

Saturday, June 2, 2 pm

Laura Bradford, Denise Swanson and Heather Webber visit to talk about and sign copies of their books.

Friday, June 15, 7 pm

Barry Eisler returns to talk about and sign copies of *Requiem for an Assassin*, the last novel in his John Rain series.

Saturday, June 23, noon

Hank Phillippi Ryan visits to talk about and sign copies of her first novel, *Prime Time*, set in the world of TV news. It's something that this Zionsville native knows well: she worked at Channel 13 here in Indianapolis, and also worked at WIBC. She's currently the investigative reporter for the NBC affiliate in Boston.

Tuesday, June 26, 7 pm

A publication day launch party for Michael Koryta's third novel, *A Welcome Grave*, latest in his Lincoln Perry series.

Wednesday, June 27, 7 pm

Discussion: *Tonight I Said Goodbye* by Michael Koryta

Thursday, June 28, noon

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that provides free literacy tutoring to functionally illiterate adults. By utilizing trained volunteers, Indy Reads provides tutoring for any adult who reads at, or below, the sixth grade level or who is learning English as a new language. These free services are provided to approximately 400 students annually.

Pledges will be taken by sponsors to provide support for Indy Reads. Every \$30 dollars raised will support the work of a trained tutor and an adult student for more than two weeks. Sponsors can make "fixed" pledge of a set amount, or they can make a pledge of a certain amount for every minute a person reads – such as a dollar per minute. People can also make donations at The Mystery Company during the Read-a-thon.

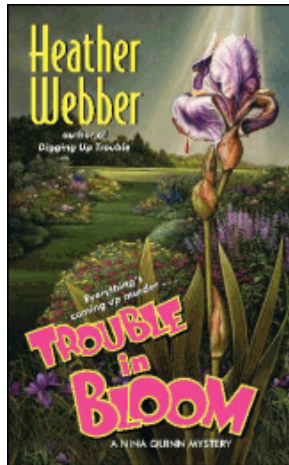
Visit indyreads.org or call 317-275-4040 for more information about the Read-a-thon, volunteer training or student acceptance.

It's not too late to volunteer! Contact either Indy Reads or The Mystery Company to take part in Read-a-thon 2007. We'll also be donating a percentage of our sales during the Read-a-thon to Indy Reads; stop in to shop anytime, round-the-clock next Friday and Saturday nights!

Also this weekend: Laura Bradford, Denise Swanson and Heather Webber visit, Saturday

Also this Saturday, June 2 at 2 pm in our meeting room in back, we're delighted to welcome back Laura Bradford, Denise Swanson and Heather Webber. They'll be talking about and signing copies of their books; each has a new title.

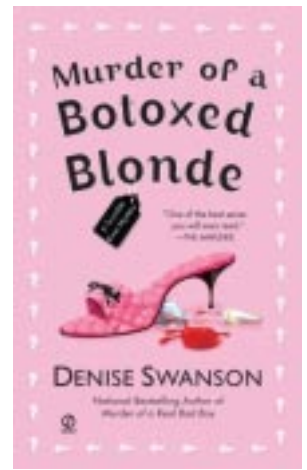
Bradford's latest is *Marked by Fate* (Hilliard & Harris, \$16.95), third in her Jenkins & Burns series. Thirty five years ago, seven-year-old Hannah Daltry hid under a desk—alone and terrified. She didn't cry. She didn't yell. She didn't move. If she had, they would have found her. Today she's a grown woman, teaching in a community college, sharing her passion for the written word with her students. But she



hasn't forgotten those terrifying moments from her childhood. In fact, she's decided to use that memory as a teaching exercise in her creative writing class. In the class is Elise Jenkins, a local reporter who's inspired by the teacher's ability to bring a scene to life on paper. But inspiration turns to shock when Daltry is found dead in her classroom.

Murder of a Botoxed Blonde (Signet, \$6.99) is the ninth in Swanson's Scumble River series. A health spa complete with tofu turkey and "Dress for Sexcess" lectures is the last place school psychologist Skye Denison wants to spend Thanksgiving. But when her best friend, Trixie Frayne, convinces her to take a complimentary weekend at the new Scumble River Spa, Skye accepts. Then an annoying quartet that includes both Skye's mom and her ex-boyfriend's mother impulsively joins her for a girls-only holiday, and Skye wonders just how bad things can get. She soon finds out -- when she's confronted with treatments only a masochist would enjoy and a trespasser searching for a cache of jewels supposedly hidden in the spa seventy years ago. Worst of all, a former model turns up dead in the Miracle Mud bath.

Webber's fourth Nina Quinn mystery is *Trouble in Bloom* (Avon, \$6.99). For a while it seemed landscaper Nina Quinn's life was one big bed of roses. Her garden makeover business, Taken by Surprise, was blooming. Her pesky ex was finally out of the picture, and a hunky new beau, Bobby MacKenna, was in it. But then Bobby accepted a job in another state. Now, he's back in town to appear with Nina on *Hitched or Ditched*, TV's sleaziest reality romance show, since they promised Bobby's lawyer cousin they'd help him dig up some dirt on the show's producer. Then an uncomfortable situation grows far worse when there's death behind the scenes.



Next up: Barry Eisler, Friday, June 15, 7 pm. Details in our next newsletter.



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