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Investigative reporter Hank Phillippi Ryan, an Indiana native, visits Saturday

"Write what you know," goes the old adage. Zionsville native **Hank Phillippi Ryan** has taken this advice to heart in her engaging and fast-paced first novel, *Prime Time* (Harlequin, \$5.50), first in a series featuring investigative reporter Charlie McNally. After beginning her career at WTHR and WIBC here in Indianapolis, Hank has worked for WHDH in Boston since 1982. She also worked on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant and covered Washington as an editorial assistant at Rolling Stone Magazine.

Like Hank, Charlie McNally has a shelf-full of Emmy and other awards for her reporting for a Boston television station. In her forties, Charlie knows that she's only as good as her last story. As the November sweeps — a critical period for television ratings — approach, she knows that she needs to land a big scoop. "If I don't, news director Kevin O'Bannon may be tempted to hire some half-my-age Cyndi from Cincinnati for half my salary. Everyone at Channel 3 will get one of those transparent 'Charlotte McNally has decided to leave Boston to pursue other opportunities' e-mails."

Boston Globe book reviewer Hallie Ephron (and novelist herself) writes: "*Prime Time* is hilarious. An intriguing mystery and a fascinating insider's view of television journalism written by one of TV's most successful investigative reporters. Charlie McNally is one of a kind — smart, sassy, and a thoroughly endearing character. Hank Phillippi Ryan is a fresh new voice in crime fiction." Harley Jane Kozak adds, "Hank Phillippi Ryan writes with the quick wit, crackling pace, and the been-there-done-that credentials that make Charlotte 'Charlie' McNally a great heroine and *Prime Time* a great read."

We're delighted to welcome Hank Ryan back to Indiana to celebrate the publication of
continued on the back ➤



Calendar

Saturday, June 23, noon

Zionsville native **Hank Phillippi Ryan** visits to talk about and sign copies of her first novel, *Prime Time*, set in the world of TV news.

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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Friday, July 10, 10 pm

A party for that **Harry Potter** book you might have heard about. Details on back.

Wednesday, July 25, 7 pm

Discussion: *Still Life* by Louise Penny

Thursday, July 26, noon

Discussion: *Still Life* by Louise Penny

Tuesday, August 21, 7 pm

William Kent Krueger returns to talk about and sign copies of *Thunder Bay*, his new Cork O'Connor novel.

her first novel. She will visit The Mystery Company on Saturday, June 23, at noon, to talk about life in TV news and to sign copies of *Prime Time*.

Hank's website: www.hankphillippyryan.com

This is our Sisters in Crime meeting for June; the session is free and open to all, whether or not you're a SinC member. (Hank is on the board of New England Sisters in Crime.)

Michael Koryta returns Tuesday, June 26

By now you've probably heard the story about how Michael Koryta won the Private Eye Writers of America/St. Martin's Press best first private eye novel contest — a big, prestigious national competition — while still an undergraduate at IU in Bloomington. Take a look at that first novel, *Tonight I Said Goodbye* (St. Martin's, \$6.99), and you'll see why it not only won the PWA contest but also went on to earn an Edgar nomination for best first novel of 2004. *Sorrow's Anthem* (St. Martin's, \$6.99), his 2006 follow-up, was even stronger, delving into private eye Lincoln Perry's old neighborhood in Cleveland in a complex, beautifully plotted and resonant tale.

Now comes *A Welcome Grave* (St. Martin's, \$23.95), another step up that will cement Michael's place at the top of the PI genre. Here's the Starred Review from Publishers Weekly:

"Edgar-finalist Koryta stakes a claim as one of today's preeminent crafters of contemporary hardboiled mysteries with his third Lincoln Perry whodunit (after 2006's *Sorrow's Anthem*), which finds the cops trying to pin murder charges on the Cleveland PI. Formerly a detective with the Cleveland PD, Perry was forced out of the department when he assaulted a rich lawyer, Alex Jefferson, who had married Perry's still beloved ex, Karen. When Jefferson's

brutalized corpse is discovered in a field, suspicion soon focuses on Perry, and the gumshoe only makes more trouble for himself by accepting Karen's commission to find the dead man's estranged son, Matt, who has inherited millions from his father. But no sooner does Perry locate Matt in Indiana than the unwitting heir commits suicide in Perry's presence, another death the authorities find suspicious. Despite Koryta's youth (his 2004 debut, *Tonight I Said Goodbye* was published when he was 21), his haunting writing and logical, sophisticated plotting rival that of established stalwarts like Loren Estleman."

We're delighted to host a publication day party for Michael and *A Welcome Grave*, already a 2007 Quill Award nominee in the mystery/suspense category, on Tuesday, June 26, at 7 pm.

Michael's website: www.michaelkoryta.com

Harry Potter Party!

Our Harry Potter party will kick off at 10 pm on Friday, July 20. We'll have lots of games, activities, discussions, a trivia contest, prizes, snacks and more, all leading up to midnight when we'll be able to finally sell copies of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* (Scholastic, \$34.99). **Space at our party is limited**, so we suggest that you reserve your place today, which you can do by purchasing the book in advance.

Don't want to stay up 'til midnight? Ask about our Owl Post delivery service. Your copy, wrapped in brown paper tied with string, will be on your doorstep by dawn. There's no extra charge for Owl Post, which is available for local addresses only.

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