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A Season of Murder

As move into Fall, we enter our busiest season of the year. With events in the store and throughout the community, we'll be working harder than ever to provide and support opportunities for you to meet some terrific writers, and learn more about their work. We're especially pleased with the great mix on our schedule: a return visit with a local favorite (**Phil Dunlap**), first visits from a thriller writer who's taking the US by storm (**Zoë Sharp**) and from the best new mystery writer of 2006 (**Louise Penny**), and a grand celebration of our community (*Racing Can Be Murder*).

In addition to all this, we'll be supporting visits to the area by **Haven Kimmel** (at the E.B. Ball Center in Muncie), **M.J. Rose** (Ann Katz Festival of Books at the Jewish Community Center), **Diane Mott Davidson**, **Michael Koryta** and **Mary Jane Clark** (The Gilded Leaf Luncheon). Not to mention Magna Cum Murder, in Muncie at the end of October, with guest of honor **Lindsey Davis** plus 50 other writers and genre figures.

More than we can tell you about in one newsletter! We'll have another newsletter out soon, but in the meantime we encourage you to note the dates and Google these names. We also hope you'll sign up for our email updates, if you're not already getting them. And, of course, you can find more info in the store, along with books by all of these folks.

We've had some cool events over the past few weeks — we especially enjoyed Kent Krueger's visit, and we're really excited about Writing Murder, our series of classes on writing that starts this week. But our day-to-day business has been spotty. There are still lots of you who haven't found your way to our great new location along the Monon Trail in Carmel's emerging Arts & Design District. We hope you'll stop in and see us soon, or place an order by phone or on our website. More than ever, we need your support!

Yours in mystery, Jim

Calendar

Thursday, September 20, noon

Discussion: *Beautiful Lies* by Lisa Unger



Friday, September 21, 7 pm

Zoë Sharp (left) visits to talk about and sign copies of *First Drop* and *Second Shot*, action-packed novels featuring bodyguard Charlie Fox. www.zoesharp.com

Saturday, September 22, noon

Sisters in Crime Chapter Meeting. Our speaker will be **Kitty Smock** from the Hancock County Public Library. She'll talk about how writers should prepare for a library event. Sisters in Crime meetings are open to all, regardless of membership in the chapter. There will be a chapter business meeting at 11:30. The speaker's presentation will begin at noon.

Tuesday, September 25, 7 pm

Discussion: *Beautiful Lies* by Lisa Unger

Tuesday, October 2, 7 pm

2007 Dilys Award winner **Louise Penny** visits to talk about and sign copies of her novels *Still Life* and *A Fatal Grace*. Author's website: www.louisepenny.com

Sunday, October 7, 2 pm

A launch party for *Racing Can Be Murder*, an all-new anthology of stories with an Indianapolis 500 theme by members of Sisters in Crime. For more information about the anthology, visit: www.sistersincrimeindiana.org/anthology.html

Saturday, October 13, 2 pm

Phil Dunlap returns to talk about and sign copies of *Fatal Revenge*, his second novel featuring Marshal Piedmont Kelly (a follow-up to *Death of Desert Belle*). Author's website: phildunlap.com

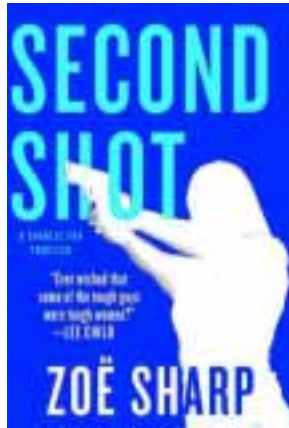
Friday: September 21, 7 pm: Zoë Sharp

Lee Child's blurb on Zoë Sharp asks "Ever wish some of the tough guys were tough women?" They don't come any tougher than Charlie Fox, the bodyguard who stars in Sharp's high-octane thrillers, two of which are available here in the US. We strongly recommend Sharp to all fans of suspense, especially writers like Barry Eisler and others who blend character and action so well.

In *First Drop* (St. Martin's, \$6.99), folks start shooting at Charlie on page one. In Florida, assigned to protect a surly teenage boy, she takes the kid to an amusement park to get him away from the stress. But trouble follows them, and they go on the run. The action never lets up, as Charlie has to stay a step ahead of the bad guys, keep them safe and figure out what's going on — all at the same time. It's a tour de force, a great introduction to a great character.

Second Shot (St. Martin's, \$23.95) also starts with a bang. As Publishers Weekly notes: "Sharp's second Charlie Fox thriller to be published in the US opens with a harrowing scene of the hard-hitting British bodyguard slowly bleeding to death in the frigid New Hampshire woods. Flashback to London: under the watchful eye of her boss and sometimes lover, Sean Meyer, Charlie reluctantly takes a job protecting recent lottery winner Simone Kerse and her young daughter, Ella, from Simone's ex-boyfriend. Determined to find her long-estranged father, Simone travels to Boston with Charlie and Ella in tow. Charlie has her suspicions when a mysterious man approaches Simone, claiming to be her father, and these suspicions soon become frighteningly real when secrets about the Kerses' past come to light, culminating in a gun battle that leaves Charlie struggling to piece together why a client shot her own bodyguard. Sharp expertly builds the suspense in a nonstop thrill ride that should win her many new American fans."

We're delighted to welcome Zoë Sharp to The Mystery Company on Friday, September 21, at 7 pm, when she'll talk about



and sign copies of her books. Zoë isn't just a great writer, but she's also a fun personality, with a great sense of humor. Take my word for it: you'll really enjoy meeting her.

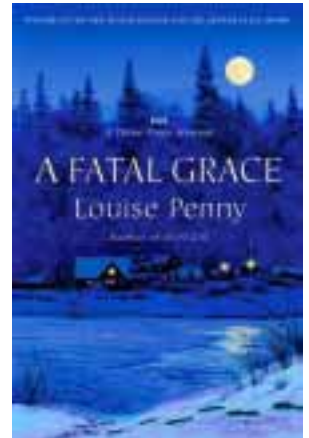
Tuesday: Oct, 2, 7 pm: Louise Penny

Talk about folks you'll enjoy meeting! Louise Penny is thoroughly delightful — sharp, charming, witty. And her two books set in Quebec and featuring Inspector Armand Gamache are fabulous. We've been recommending *Still Life* (St. Martin's, \$6.99) since it came out here in the US; this book is the winner of the 2007 Dilys Award, given by the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association.

The follow-up is just as strong. Here's what Booklist has to say about *A Fatal Grace* (St. Martin's, \$23.95). "Quebec Surete Inspector Armand Gamache, who made his debut in *Still Life*, returns in this enjoyable follow-up. An almost universally disliked, even hated, woman is murdered. Naturally, the pool of potential murderers is deep, ranging from the victim's lover to her friends (well, acquaintances) to various others in the small Canadian community of Three Pines. Gamache, a smart and likable investigator — think Columbo with an accent, or perhaps a modern-day Poirot — systematically wades his way through the pool, coming upon a few surprises along the way. Penny is a careful writer, taking time to establish character and scene, playing around with a large cast, distracting us so we won't see the final twists coming until they're upon us. This is a fine mystery in the classic Agatha Christie style, and it is sure to leave mainstream fans wanting more."

We hope you'll join us in welcoming Louise Penny to The Mystery Company on Tuesday, October 2 at 7 pm.

That's all we have room for in this newsletter; we'll be back in touch soon. Hope to see you soon!



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