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A couple of weeks ago, one of you walked in and said "I just wanted to smell books before I have to go back to work." Book lovers know: there's a unique feeling about being among books. In John Dunning's *Booked to Die*, Cliff Janeway talks about the healing quality of his room of books, a place of comfort and renewal.

The more things change — and they change a lot these days, even here at The Mystery Company — the more we value the time we have here, surrounded by shelves of books we cherish. We know that many of you feel the same way, and we're grateful for your support.

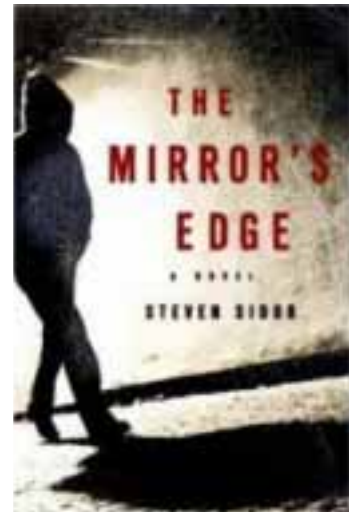
## Upcoming events

### Monday, April 21, 7 pm: Steven Sidor

We're in Stephen King/Robert McCammon territory. Steven Sidor's new novel, *The Mirror's Edge* (St. Martin's, \$24.95) is a dark, intense novel about how a true-crime writer's investigation of the kidnapping of twins turns into a life-long obsession with an occult ritual.

Publishers Weekly writes: "As the first anniversary of the kidnapping of two-year-old twins Liam and Shane Boyle approaches in Sidor's bone-chilling third novel, Chicago freelance journalist Jase Deering decides to investigate with his partner and girlfriend, the blind Robyn Matchfrost. Jase has his own demons: his 12-year-old brother, Matthias, was abducted and murdered when they were children. With the help of police detectives, Jase traces the palindrome mirrorrorrim, which the twin's abductor carved into their nanny's living flesh, to cult leader Aubrey Hart Morick, who advocated human sacrifice. Though Morick is long dead, Jase discovers that his son, Graham, lives in the area and isn't as harmless as he first appears. As Jase spends the next 10 years delving deeper into the world of Morick's cult, he realizes that even if he finds the Boyles, it may be too late to save them or himself. Sidor is a master of the unsettling, and each twist is more grisly and unexpected than the last."

Steven Sidor visits on Monday, April 21 at 7 pm to talk about and sign copies of his books.



### Wednesday, April 23, 7 pm: Discussion group

Our monthly evening group meets to talk about *Red Chrysanthemum* by Laura Joh Rowland. This group generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. All are invited to join us!

### Thursday, April 24, noon: Discussion group

Our monthly daytime group meets to talk about *Red Chrysanthemum* by Laura Joh Rowland. This group generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at noon, and usually orders pizza from Bazbeaux (which you're welcome to share or not, as you prefer.) All are invited to join us!

### Saturday, April 26, noon: Sisters in Crime

Monthly meeting of the Indiana chapter of Sisters in Crime, an international organization of readers and writers who work to raise the visibility of women in the mystery genre. The chapter normally meets on the fourth Saturday of each month here at The Mystery Company. Speakers discuss a wide range of topics, including forensics and publishing issues. Meetings are open to all, regardless of membership in SinC. The speaker's presentation begins at noon. The speaker is preceded by a critique group for writers and by a chapter business meeting. The group is a great resource for fans and writers, offering a wide variety of programs and opportunities for education and involvement. The group is also lively and a lot of fun. Visit [www.sistersincrimeindiana.org](http://www.sistersincrimeindiana.org) for more information.

## Saturday, May 3, 10 am, through Sunday, May 4, 4 pm: Read-a-Thon benefits Indy Reads!

We are hosting a 30-hour round-the-clock benefit for Indy Reads' adult literacy programs. Volunteers sign up to read for 30 minute stretches throughout the day and night, and collect pledges from donors to support this local agency that's helped open the door to reading for 100,000 people here in the Indianapolis area since 1984.



Our second annual Read-a-Thon will once again feature volunteers reading books or stories of their choice for 30 minutes at a time. The goal of the Read-a-Thon is to have people reading — mysteries or whatever you enjoy — continuously for 30 hours. Readers are encouraged to read out loud, but there may be some reading silently too.

Indy Reads is the only organization in central Indiana accredited by ProLiteracy Worldwide 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.

This week, an editorial in The Indianapolis Star challenges our community to make improving literacy “a top priority.” As the Star notes, “as it stands, about one in five adults in the city is shut out of an economy that is increasingly knowledge based.”

Participating in the Read-a-Thon as a reader and/or a donor is one way you can help. Visit [www.indyreads.org](http://www.indyreads.org) for more information about its programs, and contact either Indy Reads (at 275-4040) or The Mystery Company to volunteer.

## Saturday, May 10, 2 pm: Dick Cady

Dick Cady visits to talk about and sign copies of his new novel, *Champions*, which is set in the world of boxing. The book is not a mystery, but Dick Cady is always interesting, and we look forward to a entertaining and enlightening hour with him.



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## Monday, May 12, 7 pm: Alan Gordon

Alan Gordon returns to talk about and sign copies of *The Moneylender of Toulouse*, seventh in his Fools' Guild series of mysteries set in the middle ages. Gordon's series is utterly unique: ingenious, clever and witty. We highly recommend all of Alan's books.

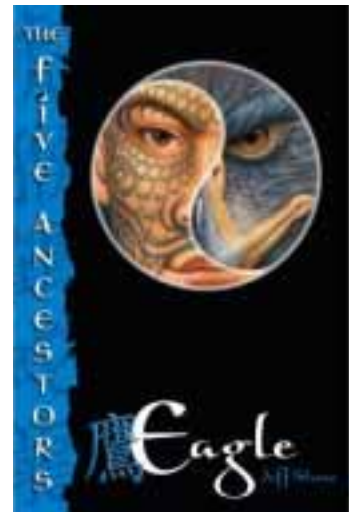
## Monday, May 17, 2 pm: Jane Cleland

Jane K. Cleland visits to talk about and sign copies of her novels. Her series features antiques appraiser Josie Prescott; her new novel is *Antiques to Die For*, third in the series.

## Sunday, May 18, 2 pm: Jeff Stone

Jeff Stone visits to talk about and sign copies of *Eagle*, the long-awaited fifth book in his Five Ancestors series. This terrific series of fast-paced adventure novels set in 17th century China is published for middle school readers, but readers of all ages have been enjoying them.

The book debuts next week, on Tuesday, April 22, with an after-school launch event at the Carmel Clay Public Library. Stop by the library to be among the first in the nation to get signed copies of *Eagle*. If you can't make it to the library, we'll



be happy to take care of getting copies signed for you. Jeff will be leaving for a national tour immediately after the library event, so if you're looking for signed copies please call now to reserve. Otherwise, our May 18th event will be your next opportunity.

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