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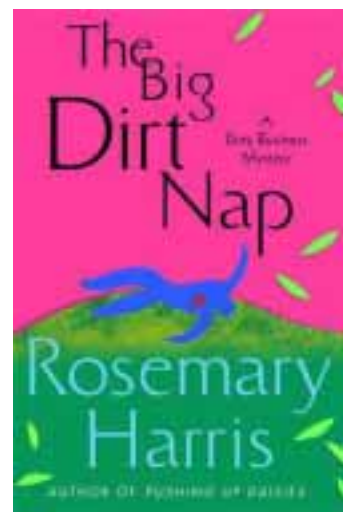
### Wednesday, March 11, 7 pm: Rosemary Harris

Rosemary Harris visits to talk about and sign copies of her books *Pushing Up Daisies* (St. Martin's Minotaur, \$23.95 in hardcover; \$6.99 in paperback) and *The Big Dirt Nap* (St. Martin's Minotaur, \$24.95), the first two entries in her engaging and delightful gardening mystery series. Edna started recommending *Daisies* when it was published in hardcover last year; we're recently learned that it is a nominee for the Agatha Award for best first novel of 2008.

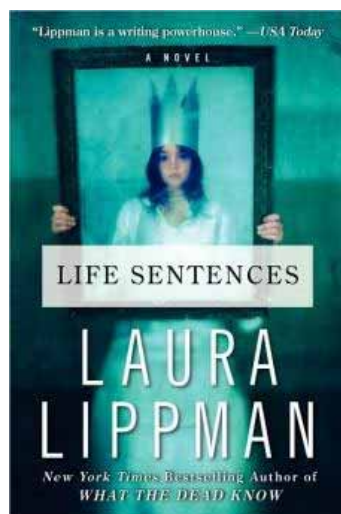
In *The Big Dirt Nap*, "an all-expenses paid weekend at an upstate hotel with her oldest friend seems like a good idea to Paula Holliday. After all, gardening season doesn't really kick in for another few weeks and she and Lucy Cavanaugh haven't had a chance to catch up since they worked together in the television business. Besides, the hotel is playing host to a rare corpse flower which is just about to bloom. But when Lucy doesn't show up and a dead guy does, it seems like less of a good idea. Add some Ukrainian mobsters, a pair of ladykilling brothers, a bankrupt businessmen and a group of college kids who know how to party, and Paula has her hands full trying to find her friend and figure out what it is that everyone seems to think she knows."

Rosemary will also talk about how she and her husband built a library in Tanzania, a fascinating and inspiring project to provide access to books in a place that would otherwise go without. We will donate a portion of sales of Rosemary's hardcovers (now through March 15) to the Chalula Library. If you can't make it here for the event, you can place your order with us no later than 6 pm on 3/11 to get copies personally inscribed.

For more information, visit [www.rosemaryharris.com](http://www.rosemaryharris.com)



### Thursday, March 19, 7 pm: Laura Lippman @ the Carmel Library



I'll be interviewing Laura Lippman, not just one of our genre's top writers but now a genuine breakout bestselling star, at a fundraising event at the Carmel Clay Public Library, the fabulous local library here in our community. This event is free and open to all; visit [www.carmel.lib.in.us/foundation/](http://www.carmel.lib.in.us/foundation/) for details. Laura's new book is *Life Sentences* (Morrow, \$24.99), which I found utterly fascinating and, in many ways, deeply subversive, a novel about a memoirist who grew up in Baltimore returning to her native city to work on a new project. As the blurb continues:

"But her homecoming and latest journey into the past will not be welcomed by everyone, especially by her former friends, who are unimpressed with Cassandra's success—and are insistent on their own version of their shared history. And by delving too deeply into Calliope's dark secrets, Cassandra may inadvertently unearth a few

of her own—forcing her to reexamine the memories she holds most precious, as the stark

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light of truth illuminates a mother's pain, a father's betrayal . . . and what really transpired on a terrible day that changed not only a family but an entire country."

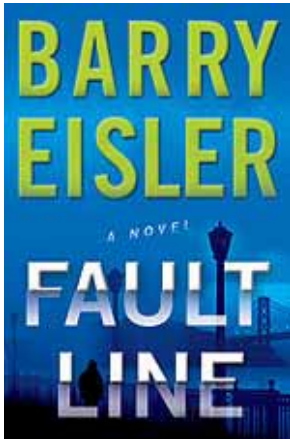
The Mystery Company will be on hand to sell books; we will donate a portion of sales of *Life Sentences* in store in addition to during the event to the Carmel Clay Library Foundation. Place your order with us no later than noon on 3/19 if you'd like to get your copy personally inscribed and to have this sale count towards our donation total.

Our regulars should know by now how much I like Laura and her work. Her previous standalone, *What the Dead Know* was my favorite novel of 2007, and we're always recommending her long-running series featuring Baltimore private detective Tess Monaghan. Her 2008 short story collection, *Hardly Knew Her*, is another stunner, full of devious twists that take your breath away.

I'm really looking forward to this opportunity to visit with Laura, and I hope you can join us at the library.

Author's website: [www.lauralippman.com](http://www.lauralippman.com)

### Sunday, March 22, 2 pm: Barry Eisler



Another one of our genre's cool personalities, Barry Eisler returns to talk about and sign copies of his new novel, *Fault Line* (Ballantine, \$25.00). This new book is a departure from Barry's series featuring the assassin John Rain:

*In Silicon Valley, the eccentric inventor of a new encryption application is murdered in an apparent drug deal.*

*In Istanbul, a cynical undercover operator receives a frantic call from his estranged brother, a patent*

*lawyer who believes he is the next victim.*

*And on the sun-drenched slopes of Sand Hill Road, Silicon Valley's nerve center of money and technology, old family hurts sting anew as two brothers who share nothing but blood and bitterness wage a desperate battle against a faceless enemy.*

*A full-throttle thriller that is both emotionally and politically charged, Fault Line centers on a conspiracy that has spun out of the shadows and into the streets of America, a conspiracy that can be stopped only by three people—three people with different worldviews, different grievances, different motives. To survive the forces arrayed against them, they'll first have to survive each other.*

A visit with Barry is always a treat. We hope you'll join us!  
Author's website: [www.barryeisler.com](http://www.barryeisler.com)

### Wednesday, March 25, 7 pm & Thursday, March 26, noon: Discussion groups

Our regular monthly discussion groups will talk about *Effigies* by Mary Anna Evans. We're always delighted to welcome newcomers to our discussion groups (which, among all the things that we do here at The Mystery Company, are my favorite).

### Saturday, April 4: Writing Workshop

Indiana's chapter of Sisters in Crime will present an all-day writing workshop, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, here at The Mystery Company. The faculty includes published authors Kit Ehrman, Monette Michaels, Tony Perona, Brenda Robertson Stewart and Debi Watson. Among the sessions offered are:

- Avoid the Ten Most Common Writing Mistakes
- Self-Editing Techniques
- Internet Resources for Writers
- In Fiction, Character is Everything!
- Writing Believable Dialogue
- The Lowdown on Editors

To register, send check for \$45.00 (\$35.00 for SinC members) payable to "Speed City SinC" to Kit Ehrman, 8831 S 550 W, Columbus, IN 47201.

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