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Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 pm: Michael Koryta

We kick-off a great August line-up with Michael Koryta on Tuesday, August 4, at 7 pm. Michael visits to celebrate the publication day of his new novel *The Silent Hour* (Minotaur Books, \$24.99). We hosted Michael's first signing for his first novel, and we're honored to have the privilege of introducing his latest book once again. Carmel author Phil Dunlap offers this review of *The Silent Hour*:

Cleveland PI Lincoln Perry has a problem. Call it indecision, call it ambivalence, maybe even a touch of fear for his own safety. He shrugs off agreeing to see a paroled murderer who wants desperately to hire him. The man has served his time, has no ax to grind with Perry, but the detective wants nothing to do with a known killer. Only after repeated attempts to get Perry to listen, does former convict Parker Harrison wear Perry down. The case that Perry is asked to look into basically involves a missing person, Alexandra Cantrell, who along with her husband, Joshua, ran a halfway house for paroled convicts. She and Joshua apparently up and walked away from the exotic estate they'd designed to rehabilitate parolees by keeping them out of the mainstream in order to build their self-confidence. Harrison is eager to locate Alexandra, presumably to make sure she's happy and safe wherever she is. Perry finally acquiesces only to catch Harrison in a lie, causing Perry to immediately drop the case and return the money. But then, Perry finds there are others who seek solution to the disappearances, another PI, a Pittsburgh police detective, and a known mobster, Alexandra's brother. When Joshua's body is found buried in a shallow grave in the woods, Perry is driven to rethink his position. Soon thereafter, completely unexpected twists and turns come fast and furious, and before it's over, Perry's life once again hangs in the balance.

The Silent Hour will keep you reading, if for no other reason than to get into the mind of this complex private eye and try guessing which Lincoln Perry you'll get next. Perry's own life is no picnic. He's haunted by his own messy past, as any self-respecting PI should be. This latest offering from the likable Koryta will give his fans one more reason to keep on reading. I recommend a good dose of Lincoln Perry to keep you on the edge of your seat and satisfy your inner PI.

The notoriously tough Kirkus Reviews also has high praise for *The Silent Hour*, writing: "Private eye Lincoln Perry walks the meanest streets of the 21st century.... Feisty plotting and the most memorable prose since Chandler. Koryta belongs on every genre reader's bookshelf."

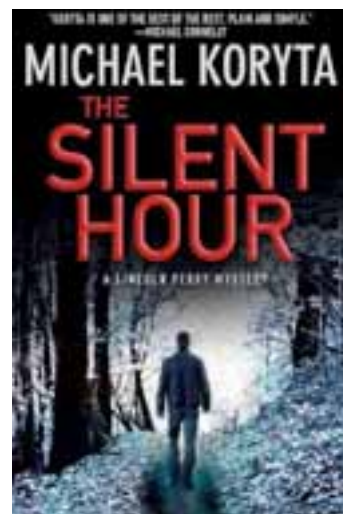
Michael isn't just a terrific writer, but he's also an engaging personality whom you'll enjoy meeting. He's not just one of the stars of Indiana's literary landscape, but as a Private Eye Writers of America contest winner (while he was still an undergrad at IU), an Edgar and Shamus Award nominee, and winner of the 2008 Los Angeles Times prize for best thriller, he's a star everywhere. We hope you'll join us to celebrate this new book.

Also in August:

Monday, August 17, 7 pm: Elizabeth Lynn Casey (a.k.a. Laura Bradford). Under this pseudonym, Laura launches a new series featuring South Carolina's Sweet Briar Ladies Society Sewing Circle. The first book in this series is *Sew Deadly*. Do you belong to a sewing circle? We'll have a special bonus offer for sewing circles that attend this event.

Thursday, August 20, 7 pm: Julie Kramer. Julie is a 2009 Anthony Award nominee for her first novel *Stalking Susan*, a serial killer novel featuring a Minneapolis television reporter. Her new novel is *Missing Mark*.

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Saturday, August 22, noon: Madelyn Alt. Indiana author Alt visits with our local Sisters in Crime chapter to talk about her popular “Bewitching Mysteries” series. Open to all, even if you’re not a Sisters in Crime member.

Saturday, August 22, 2:30 pm: Sheila Boneham. Something a little different for us. Sheila is the author of *Rescue Matters! How to Find, Foster and Rehome Companion Animals*.

Sunday, August 23, 3 pm: A farewell party for Edna and Stephanie. We say goodbye to two wonderful friends and valued members of our staff. Edna Stewart has been with us here since day one; she’ll be moving back to her hometown of Vincennes at the end of August. Stephanie Warner has been interning with us during her senior year of high school; she’ll be a freshman at Taylor University.

Wednesday, August 26, 7 pm. Our monthly evening discussion group meeting. This group generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. All are welcome! We’ll be discussing *Stalking Susan* by Julie Kramer.

Thursday, August 27, Noon. Our monthly daytime discussion group meeting. This group generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. All are welcome! The group normally gets pizza or sandwiches for lunch, which you’re welcome to be a part of. We’ll be discussing *Stalking Susan* by Julie Kramer.

Please visit our website at www.themysterycompany.com for an updated calendar with details of September and October events.

Preparing for Bouchercon 2009

You’ve all read and heard various announcements about Bouchercon, the 40th Annual World Mystery Convention, which we are helping to bring here to Indianapolis this October. We’ve been asked a lot of questions about it; I hope this answers some of them and helps all of you prep for this big event.

Bouchercon will take place over four days, Thursday, October 15 through Sunday, October 18. There will also be some pre-conference activities on Wednesday, October 14. Though the details of the schedule won’t be available for a few more weeks,



I can tell you that the program will be made up of a wide variety of panel discussions, talks, demonstrations, discussions and other presentations, and that they will cover all aspects of the mystery genre, including sessions exploring our genre’s heritage, definitions and discussion of the many types of mysteries, and topics that delve into the craft and the business of mysteries.

Though many writers value Bouchercon as a professional development opportunity, everyone attends Bouchercon first and foremost as a fan, taking part in a great celebration of the genre. Some folks who think of themselves as “just readers” have asked if they’re welcome at Bouchercon. In fact readers are the most valued among our attendees. The 400 or so writers who will be attending Bouchercon are eager to meet you!

The first thing you should do to prepare is register now! At this time, only full conference registrations are available. Details about single day passes will be available in mid-August, but it’s worth your while to register early. Sign-up for some limited capacity special events is already underway. You can register online at www.bouchercon2009.com or pick up a registration form in the store.

Voting for the Anthony Awards takes place during Bouchercon, so another thing that many do to prepare is to read the nominees. The Anthony Awards are the biggest fan award in the genre, and we welcome your participation in this process. We have a display of nominees in the store; you’ll find lots of great reading here.

Also, many readers use Bouchercon as an opportunity to get signed books by their favorite authors. We are beginning to shift our inventory to build up stock of books by authors who will be in attendance. You can find a list of authors on the Bouchercon website, which is located at www.bouchercon2009.com.

We’ll have more pre-Bouchercon info in our next newsletter!



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