

## **Fiction Book News – September 2007**

In **Anita Amirrezvani's THE BLOOD OF FLOWERS**, a young woman in 1600s Persia becomes a master carpet designer.

**V.C. Andrews' SECRETS IN THE ATTIC** is the first book in the new "Secrets" series.

**Kelley Armstrong's** paperback **EXIT STRATEGY** begins a thriller series with a female Canadian ex-cop who buys a lodge but becomes a contract killer during the slow times.

In **Elizabeth Arnold's** paperback **PIECES OF MY SISTER'S LIFE**, identical twins drift apart over the years and must renew their bond before it's too late.

**Kiara Brinkman's UP HIGH IN THE TREES**, narrated by an eight-year-old, is about a boy with possible Asperger's Syndrome who tries to cope after the death of his pregnant mother.

**Terry Brooks' THE ELVES OF CINTRA** is book #2 in "The Genesis of Shannara" fantasy trilogy.

New books from several **Wanda Brunstetter** Amish series include: **A MERRY HEART; LOOKING FOR A MIRACLE; A SISTER'S SECRET;** and **GOING HOME**.

**Chelsea Cain's HEARTSICK** is about the search for a serial killer of teenage girls.

**Marjorie Eccles' SHADOWS AND LIES** is a mystery in England and South Africa, set in the years from 1894-1909.

**Bill Evans** and **Marianna Jameson** have written **CATEGORY 7**, about a gigantic man-made hurricane that's headed toward Manhattan.

**Dick Francis** and son **Felix** have written **DEAD HEAT**, about the guest chef at a racetrack who finds that his reputation is at stake and his life is in danger.

**Stephanie Gayle's MY SUMMER OF SOUTHERN DISCOMFORT** is about a young, liberal New York lawyer who moves to George to work as a prosecutor.

In **Alison Gaylin's** hardcover debut **TRASHED**, a new journalist gets hired for an L.A. tabloid and becomes involved in a murder case.

**Heather Graham's THE SÉANCE** is a paperback paranormal suspense about a serial killer known as the Interstate Killer.

**John Grisham's PLAYING FOR PIZZA** is a humorous novel about the cultural misadventures of a football player who moves to Italy to play for an Italian football team.

**Rene Gutteridge** and **Jim Stovall** have written the inspirational book **THE ULTIMATE GIFT**, in which the nephew of a billionaire learns at the reading of the will that he will inherit the Ultimate Gift if he completes a year of special tasks.

In **Shannon Hale's AUSTENLAND**, can a woman who's addicted to "Pride and Prejudice" find love when she stays at a resort dedicated to Jane Austen?

In **A.J. Hartley's** paperback thriller **ON THE FIFTH DAY**, an Englishman tries to get answers from the church about the death of his brother, a priest, who was conducting research in the Philippines.

**Ursula Hegi's THE WORST THING I'VE DONE** is about the relationships between three friends over the years.

In **Angela Hunt's** Christian suspense **THE ELEVATOR**, three strangers are trapped in an elevator during a hurricane, and their lives are somehow connected.

**Glenn Kaplan's EVIL, INC.** is a corporate thriller about an executive who searches for the person(s) responsible for an explosion that killed 1000 people at the company's plant.

**Haven Kimmel's THE USED WORLD** is about the owner and employees of an Indiana antiques & junk emporium.

Minnesota author **Lorna Landvik's THE VIEW FROM MOUNT JOY** is about a Minneapolis high schooler who grows into adulthood with a crush on a former cheerleader.

**Debbie Macomber** brings back angels Shirley, Goodness and Mercy for the holiday novel **WHERE ANGELS GO**.

**MANY BLOODY RETURNS** is a collection of 13 new vampire stories from writers including Charlaine Harris.

The late **James Michener's MATECUMBE** is a short novel about two romances.

In **Laura Moriarty's THE REST OF HER LIFE**, a Kansas family is instantly changed because of an accident.

**Gilbert Morris' THE WHITE KNIGHT** is #40 (and the last book) in "The House of Winslow" Christian historical series. Morris' **THE COURTSHIP** is #4 in "The Singing River" series.

In **Jessica Morrison's BUENOS AIRES BROKEN HEARTS CLUB**, a woman moves to Argentina after losing her job, apartment and fiancé.

The late **Irene Nemirovsky's FIRE IN THE BLOOD**, recently discovered, is about love, murder and betrayal in rural France.

In **Ann Packer's SONGS WITHOUT WORDS**, a decades-long friendship between two women is sorely tested when a family matter comes between them.

In **Ann Patchett's RUN**, a former mayor of Boston hopes that his two adopted sons will go into politics, but a car accident changes their lives.

In **James Patterson's** suspense **YOU'VE BEEN WARNED**, a young photographer takes on a job as a nanny in New York while waiting for her big break, but she begins to have recurring nightmares.

**Stef Penney's THE TENDERNESS OF WOLVES** is a mystery/adventure set among European immigrants on the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Canadian frontier.

**Tom Perrotta's THE ABSTINENCE TEACHER** is about a war between members of a school district that want sex education taught and those that want only abstinence taught.

**Monica Pradhan's THE HINDI-BINDI CLUB** is about the tensions between Indian mothers and their westernized daughters.

**Terry Pratchett** returns to Discworld in **MAKING MONEY**.

**RESORT TO MURDER** is a collection of 13 mystery stories written by Minnesota authors.

**Karen Rose's DIE FOR ME** is a paperback suspense about a police detective who enlists the help of an archaeologist when a number of graves are found.

**Philip Roth's EXIT GHOST** is the final novel in the Zuckerman series.

In **Richard Russo's BRIDGE OF SIGHS**, a 60-year-resident of a small New York community travels to Italy with his wife, partly to look up an old friend who is a painter.

**Kim Sawyer** begins an inspirational trilogy about a Mennonite community with **BYGONES**.

In **Alice Sebold's THE ALMOST MOON**, a woman is driven to kill her mother.

In **Jacqueline Sheehan's LOST AND FOUND**, a widow leaves her job as a psychologist and reinvents herself with a job in animal control on an island in Maine.

In **Nicholas Sparks' THE CHOICE**, a small-town veterinarian is content until his new neighbor walks into his life.

In **James Swain's MIDNIGHT RAMBLER**, a fired cop goes after a convicted murderer who's released on a technicality.

**William Trevor's CHEATING AT CANASTA** is a collection of 12 short stories.

**Gail Tsukiyama's THE STREET OF A THOUSAND BLOSSOMS** follows brothers in Japan during and after WWII.

**Harry Turtledove** completes his alternate history Confederate Civil War series with **SETTLING ACCOUNTS: IN AT THE DEATH**.

Actor **Blair Underwood's CASANEGRA** is a mystery in which an actor is accused of murdering a rap star after spending the night with her.

In **Stephanie Whitson's** inspirational novel **JACOB'S LIST**, a young man is killed in an accident and leaves a list of things he wanted to accomplish.

In **Patricia Wood's** lightly humorous novel **LOTTERY**, a man with a low IQ wins \$12 million in the lottery, and suddenly everyone—including the relatives that swindled him—wants to be his friend.

#### **MYSTERY & THRILLER SERIES:**

**Albert, Susan Wittig: THE TALE OF HAWTHORN HOUSE** (The Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter series)

**Anderson, Sheryl: KILLER RIFF** (advice columnist Molly Forrester)

**Bannister, Jo: FLAWED** (British finder Brodie Farrell)

**Bishop, Claudia: THE CASE OF THE TOUGH-TALKING TURKEY** (McKenzie Farm Mysteries with veterinarian Austin McKenzie)

**Brown, Rita Mae: THE TELL-TALE HORSE** (Sister Jane Arnold/foxhunting mysteries)

**Coble, Colleen: ABOMINATION** (Rock Harbor Christian suspense)

**Conant-Park, Jessica: SIMMER DOWN** (Gourmet Girls Mystery)

**Dunn, Carola: THE BLOODY TOWER** (1920s sleuth Daisy Dalrymple)

**Flinn, Elaine: DEADLY VINTAGE** (antiques dealer Molly Doyle)

**Fluke, Joanne; Levine, Laura; and Meier, Leslie: CANDY CANE MURDER** (Minnesota baker Hannah Swensen, Jaine Austen and Lucy Stone)

**Gerritsen, Tess: THE BONE GARDEN** (medical examiner Maura Isles)

**Hagberg, David: DANCE WITH THE DRAGON** (former CIA director Kirk McGarvey)

**Harris, Charlaine: AN ICE COLD GRAVE** (dead body finder Harper Connelly)

**Heywood, Joseph: STRIKE DOG** (Michigan's Upper Peninsula conservation detective Grady Service/Woods Cop Mystery)

**Ladd, Linda: DARK PLACES** (Missouri detective Claire Morgan)

**Lashner, William: A KILLER'S KISS** (attorney Victor Carl)

**Laurie, Victoria: CRIME SEEN** (A Psychic Eye Mystery)

**Lindsay, Jeff: DEXTER IN THE DARK** (Miami crime scene investigator/serial killer Dexter Morgan)

**Ludlum, Robert/Cobb, James: ROBERT LUDLUM'S THE ARCTIC EVENT** (Covert One)

**McInerney, Ralph: THE WIDOW'S MATE** (Father Dowling)

**Robinson, Peter: FRIEND OF THE DEVIL** (Inspector Banks)

**Sandford, John: DARK OF THE MOON** (Virgil Flowers from the Prey series)

**Stanley, J.B.: A DEADLY DEALER** (A Collectible Mystery with Molly Appleby)

**Wilhelm, Kate: A WRONGFUL DEATH** (D.A. Barbara Holloway)

**Woods, Stuart: SHOOT HIM IF HE RUNS** (Stone Barrington, Holly Barker & Dino Bacchetti)

#### **PAPERBACK ROMANCES:**

**Barton, Beverly: RAINTREE: SANCTUARY** (fantasy romance)

**Boyle, Elizabeth: LOVE LETTERS FROM A DUKE** (historical)

**Brockmann, Suzanne: FORBIDDEN** (romantic suspense)

**Busbee, Shirlee: SCANDAL BECOMES HER** (Regency suspense)

**Castell, Dianne & others: THE MORGUE THE MERRIER** (Christmas/paranormal)

**Castle, Jayne: SILVER MASTER** (fantasy romance)

**Davidson, MaryJanice** (Hastings author) & others: **NO REST FOR THE WITCHES** (paranormal)

**Dodd, Christina: TOUCH OF DARKNESS** (paranormal)

**Foster, Lori: ENTICING** (reissue of "Casey" and "Caught in the Act"); also contributed story to **I'M YOUR SANTA** (holiday)

**Garbera, Katherine: LEGENDS AND LIES** (NASCAR)

**Goodman, Jo: IF HIS KISS IS WICKED** (Regency)

**Heath, Lorraine: JUST WICKED ENOUGH** (historical)

**Hoag, Tami: STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART** (contemporary; reissue)

**Hoyt, Elizabeth: THE SERPENT PRINCE** (historical)

**Hunter, Madeline: LESSONS OF DESIRE** (historical)

**Kelley, Karen: DOUBLE DATING WITH THE DEAD** (paranormal)

**Kingsbury, Karen: JUST BEYOND THE CLOUDS** (inspirational)

**Labrecque, Jennifer: ROOKIE** (NASCAR)

**Laurens, Stephanie: BEYOND SEDUCTION** (historical)

**Laurie, Victoria: CRIME SEEN** (psychic Abby Cooper)

**Layton, Edith: BRIDE ENCHANTED** (Regency paranormal)

**Mann, Catherine: ON TARGET** (contemporary/military)

**McCarthy, Erin: MY IMMORTAL** (paranormal)

**Michaels, Kasey: A RECKLESS BEAUTY** (historical); **THE SECRETS OF THE HEART** (Regency)

**Orcutt, Jane: ALL THE TEA IN CHINA** (Regency/Christian)

**Ortolon, Julie: UNFORGETTABLE** (contemporary)

**Shayne, Maggie and others: MOON FEVER** (paranormal)

**Thompson, Colleen: HEAD ON** (romantic suspense)

**Thornton, Elizabeth: THE PLEASURE TRAP** (Regency suspense)

**Webb, Debra: TRACELESS** (romantic suspense)