

## Julie Kramer and Brett Battles

Signing *Missing Mark* and *Shadow of Betrayal*  
Thursday, July 30, 7:00 PM

*Stalking Susan* was not only one of our Signed First Mystery picks for 2008, but also a multiple best first mystery nominee, including for the prestigious Anthony Award at Bouchercon this October. Minneapolis TV reporter Riley Spartz has mostly recovered from her investigation into the cold cases that earned her station high ratings, but nearly cost her life. Now she's looking for something to draw in viewers in a new ratings cycle: what starts out as a human interest story behind a newspaper ad – "For Sale: Wedding Dress. Never Worn" – becomes more complex as she looks for *Missing Mark*, the disappearing bridegroom. Julie Kramer visits MG for the first time on Thursday, July 30, at 7:00 PM.

If Riley could score an interview with *The Cleaner*, Jonathan, Quinn, her ratings would be sky high – and his career would be over. The freelance operative's job description, from author Brett Battles' web site: "Just getting rid of a body isn't enough. You've got to make it look like whatever went wrong never happened. Blood, fingerprints, spent shells, things out of place. These are all problems I have to deal with." In *Shadow of Betrayal*, Quinn is supposed to be an observer at a meeting – but then he has four bodies to dispose of, and his team is caught up in high stakes international maneuverings with shadowy organizations and terrorists who are abducting children to enforce their messages.

## Karin Slaughter and Lisa Gardner

Signing *Undone* and *The Neighbor*  
Friday, July 31, 7:00 PM

Friday, July 31, at 7:00 PM, we offer a special night of sizzling summer suspense when we welcome Karin Slaughter and Lisa Gardner to MG. Karin combines two of her best-selling series characters – Grant County Medical Examiner Sara Linton, now relocated to Atlanta after her tragic losses (*Faithless*), and Georgia Bureau of Investigation agents Faith Mitchell and Will Trent (*Fractured*). The sleuths first meet in the emergency room, when Sara works to aid a brutalized young woman, who the agents discover is just one of a series of victims of a sadistic serial killer. All their personal resources will be tested as things come *Undone*.

Fellow suspense author Lisa presents Boston PD Sergeant D.D. Warren with a series of challenges in *The Neighbor*. Young wife and mother Sandra Jones has disappeared. Her husband, Jason, seems to be more of an impediment than an asset in the investigation. A registered sex offender is living in the neighborhood. And the pretty young social studies teacher may have been on inappropriately intimate terms with some of her students. D.D., introduced as a supporting character in *Alone*, takes center stage into the investigation into the consequences of one woman's secrets.

## James Scott Bell and Steven M. Thomas

Signing *Try Fear* and *Criminal Karma*  
Saturday, August 2, 2:00 PM

Try earning a little good karma on Saturday, August 2, at 2:00 PM, by enjoying an afternoon with James Scott Bell and Steven M. Thomas. Los Angeles lawyer Ty Buchanan debuted in *Try Dying* (newly available in paperback), as an advocate for the underdog. In *Try Fear*, Ty's defense of a client accused of drunk driving becomes complicated when the client is killed – first the death is declared a suspected suicide, then declared a murder with political ramifications. Jim has written writers' guides to plotting and to revising and editing, as well as more than a dozen non-Ty novels.

Last year's debut, *Criminal Paradise*, is nominated for an International Thriller Writers Award in the category of Best First Novel — Steven has won dozens of awards and prizes as a poet, essayist, fiction writer and journalist. In *Criminal Karma*, Robert Rivers, the criminal with a quasi-conscience, and his sidekick, Reggie England, steal a \$250,000 necklace of matched rose-colored diamonds. Soon they are entangled in a caper of exotic locales, fast-paced action, and colorful characters, including a 300-pound Venice Beach spiritual guru and members of the Italian mob.

## Clarion Instructor Paul Park

Visits on Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 PM

Clarion Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers' Workshop wraps up its 2009 sessions with instructor Paul Park, who will discuss his four-volume fantasy series set in an alternate version of Rumania before the first world war on Wednesday, August 5, at 7:00 PM. Miranda, a Princess of Roumania and the White Tyger, seeks answers and resolution in *The Hidden World* of spirits, in her alternate world filled with strangeness, terrors and wonders. Paul teaches at Williams College, and has taught at Clarion West Workshops in the past as well.

## Jenna Cooper

Signs *Turned*  
Friday, August 7, 7:00 PM

El Cajon fantasy author Jenna Cooper is not only a new author on the San Diego literary scene, but also one of the youngest. Jenna's debut novel, *Turned*, has been released in the summer between her junior and senior years of high school. *Turned*, which Jenna plans to be the first in a quintet, introduces readers to the world of Siniaria. Two childhood friends from our reality journey to Siniaria, and must come to terms with the different culture there, as well as with their own magical abilities; their paths will cross with those of an orphan, whose special abilities hold the key to their world. Please help us welcome a new author to the Galaxy on Friday, August 7, at 7:00 PM.

## Dr. Chris Holmes

Signs *The Mosquito Tapes*  
Saturday, August 8, 2:00 PM

Dr. Chris Holmes is also local author Chris Holmes, whose latest topical mystery, *The Mosquito Tapes*, envisions mosquitoes as tiny tools of biological warfare. As if the public health wasn't endangered enough by regular mosquitoes breeding and swarming in standing water in the summer... San Diego Medical Examiner Jack Youngblood, a workaholic with a ghoulish sense of humor, tries to juggle solving homicides and a new romantic interest with a co-worker. Chris returns to MG to discuss mosquitoes, food contamination, anthrax, and more on Saturday, August 8, at 2:00 PM.

## Richard Lange

Signs *This Wicked World*  
Sunday, August 9, 2:00 PM

Meet Richard Lange, the award-winning author of the noir collection *Dead Boys*, on Sunday, August 9, at 2:00 PM. Richard's debut novel, *This Wicked World*, is a contemporary hard-boiled novel of Los Angeles, that has made the Los Angeles Times' summer reading list, and drawn praise from the likes of Alafair Burke, Joseph Wambaugh, and a number of our staff members. Ex-convict Jimmy Boone is bartending and trying to keep a clean nose, when a favor for a friend leads him into the murky criminal underbelly of dog-fighting and murder. (See Maryelizabeth's and Terry's reviews on our web site.) Richard's background also includes working in magazine publishing, including work for Larry Flynt and music publications.

## David Rosenfelt

Signs *New Tricks*  
Friday, August 14, 7:00 PM

Andy Carpenter is back with a new canine client and *New Tricks* in David Rosenfelt's latest legal thriller. A major mover and shaker in pharmaceuticals has been murdered, and Andy takes on representation of Waggy, his puppy, who is not only the focus of a custody battle, but also a potential key to the crime. When the man's widow is blown up during the process, and his son is accused of the murder of his stepmother, Andy becomes his legal defense and that's just the beginning of all of the fun. (See Terry's review on the back page.) David visits MG to discuss law, Bernese mountain dogs, and golden retrievers on Friday, August 14, at 7:00 PM.

*Events continue on the back page*

## Thomas Greanias

Signs *The Atlantis Revelation*  
Saturday, August 15, 2:00 PM

*The Atlantis Revelation*, the newest installment in Thomas Greanias' series of thrillers, sets archaeologist Conrad Yeats and Vatican linguist Serena Serghetti against an ancient conspiracy tied to the Third Reich's quest for Atlantis. The first two adventures are now available in a single volume, *The Atlantis Legacy*. Tom's background is in journalism, and he has reported on issues of national security as an on-air correspondent in Washington, D.C., for NBC affiliates, and has advised Congress, the White House and Fortune 50 CEOs on the future of digital convergence – find out more on Saturday, August 15, at 2:00 PM.

## Linwood Barclay

Signs *Fear the Worst*  
Sunday, August 16, 2:00 PM

“One evening your child doesn't come home for dinner, and just like that. The world you thought you knew becomes a strange and terrifying place.” The publisher's blurb on *Fear the Worst* certainly captures one's attention; international best-selling thriller author Linwood Barclay brings the parental nightmare to life in his new novel. When Tim Blake goes to ask questions at the hotel his daughter, Sydney, told him she works at, no one there has heard of her, and her friends don't know what she was doing in the weeks before she disappeared. Linwood's previous acclaimed books include *Too Close to Home* and *No Time for Goodbye*, and we are pleased to welcome him to the Galaxy for his first visit on Sunday, August 16, at 2:00 PM.

## Looking Forward

Check out this list of fabulous author visits  
Plan now!

- ◎ **Additional Awesome August Authors:** Juliet Blackwell – August 21; Ann Parker – August 21; Margaret Grace – August 21; Sophie Littlefield – August 21; Chris Marie Green – August 22; S.M. Stirling – August 25; Timothy Hallinan – August 27; Jeanne Stein – August 29
- ◎ **Falling into September:** Brent Ghelfi – September 3; Margaret Coel – September 4; Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi – September 9; Sheila Lowe – September 11; William Kent Krueger – September 13; Brom – September 13; Raul Ramon y Sanchez – September 24; Monte Schulz – September 30
- ◎ **October is also full of surprises:** R.A. Salvatore – October 6; Jeri Westerson – October 7; Sarah Langhan – October 10; Laura Anne Gilman – October 17; Stephen Jay Schwartz – October 20; Joseph Kanon – October 22; James Dashner – October 23; Michael Connelly – October 24; Eoin Colfer – October 25;
- ◎ **And there is more:** Ken Scholes – November 2; Kate Elliot – November 2; Brandon Sanderson – November 15; Martin Limon – November 18 – Men of Mystery 10 Anniversary Celebration with Michael Connelly – November 21 ... and more as Fall turns to Winter

## Rave Reviews

### The Doomsday Key by James Rollins

Commander Gray Pierce and Sigma Force are back again and you won't regret their return. The story is riddled with a mixture of truth and fiction. As a matter of fact, the first thing I do when I finish a James Rollins novel is read the author's notes at the back of the book. Then I spend an interesting time looking up the resources he lists via Internet search engines.

A series of murders tops the story from the beginning – a Vatican archaeologist is found dead in Rome; a U.S. Senator's son at a Red Cross Camp in Africa; and another at Princeton – and famed geneticist, Commander Pierce finds himself at the center of a grand mystery as these three murders seem to be related ... somehow. (Pssst.... I think everyone is looking for *The Doomsday Key* – what do you think? The only problem is no one knows what the hell that is!) From Rome to Norway to Wales, the story carries you away. James Rollins does it again! William Morrow & Company, \$27.99 — DB

### New Tricks by David Rosenfelt

One of the treats of owning a bookstore is the opportunity to read the newest books from favorite authors as soon as review copies become available, well in advance of publication. This particular treat was reading the new novel in David Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter series earlier this summer. These are always a sure thing for me. I know that I am in for a laugh on every page and a set of characters I look forward to seeing every year. I am going to willingly be dragged along through

a crazy maze of clues and impossible situations as Andy Carpenter takes on another case that for anyone else would be a slam-dunk loss. I also know that I will be surprised and warmed by the attitudes and lifestyle of an all too human man — who like his author would really like to be left alone with his television and his sports teams — but who just can't resist leading us through the enjoyable moments of his narrative. And now that I have finished *New Tricks*, I know that I will have something to look forward to next summer (at least I hope so). In the meantime, join us when David comes to Mysterious Galaxy on Tuesday, August 14. A chuckle or two are guaranteed. Grand Central Publishing, \$24.99. — tlg

### Secondhand Spirits by Juliet Blackwell

Lily Ivory's skills as a witch have isolated her and kept her from making significant emotional connections for most of her life. Now, in San Francisco's eclectic Haight-Ashbury neighborhood, she has opened a vintage clothing shop, and is attempting to put down roots. Lily initially keeps her magic secret from her staff and customers, but an unexpected visit from a male witch who “gifts” her with an unexpected familiar and a disappearing child and a murdered woman she believes she failed to protect lead her to realize she will have to share some of her secrets. Lily's encounters with her fellow independent merchants, the local ghost buster, and the local skeptic enliven the first in this new witchcraft mystery series. Obsidian pbo, \$6.99. — MeH

### The Accidental Sorcerer by K.E. Mills

Monk Markham is a real live magical prodigy. Born into a family of famous witches and wizards, his life has been extraordinary. Not only does he work in the Ottosland Magical Research and Development Department practically creating the cutting edge of spells and enchanted devices, he is about to become the youngest wizard to ever have a paper published in *The Golden Staff*. Now if you would focus your attention on the man standing next to him, yes him, the lead of our story, Gerald Dunnwoody, Third Grade Wizard, formerly of the Department of Thaumaturgy, and all around disaster magnet. Yes, it is Dunnwoody that we will follow from the home he knows into the pit of hell known as the Royal Court of New Ottosland, where he will encounter a “visionary” king, a butterfly obsessed prince and a thoroughly overstressed princess/prime-minister. With sarcasm and wit overflowing from the pages it is at times difficult to take seriously, but though we may laugh, Gerald's world has many dangers in store for him and none come from where you expect them. A tale that is magical from beginning to end, *The Accidental Sorcerer* is the first in what promises to be a riot of a magical trilogy by K.E. Mills (Karen Miller) who has sculpted a character that is utterly endearing within a stage of characters that are utterly mad. Orbit pbo, \$7.99. — MS

### Bone Song by John Meaney

Wow! I loved this first book in a new urban fantasy series. It is a dark fantasy horror police procedural with zombies, slave-wraiths, a bit of snarky humor and a unique love story. The setting is Tristopolis, where below ground, the city hums along, fueled by the bones of its dead citizens. Bones have power and someone is murdering celebrities for their unique bones. Imagine touching the bones of a famous singer or painter and being able to “see” their muse, their inspiration. Tempting, no? Lieutenant Donal Riordan, along with his para-live (kinda dead) partner must hunt above and below ground for a killer feared by both the living and the dead. Lieutenant Riordan can “feel” the bones, and you can feel this world down to your marrow. Be prepared to experience a place like no other, and enjoy its lingering aftertaste. Bantam Spectra pap, \$6.99. The sequel, *Black Blood*, is available as well from Bantam Spectra, \$26.00. — LNT

### Missing Mark by Julie Kramer

Minnesota TV reporter Riley Spartz, having (barely) survived investigating a series of deaths in *Stalking Susan*, is looking for something to boost her station's ratings, and get her more air time. She thinks she's found it in a human interest story sparked by a classified ad for an unworn wedding gown. When she interviews the young woman whose fiancé never made it to the altar, and who hasn't been seen since, she sets off a chain of events leading to multiple murders. Assuming her story doesn't get bumped for continued coverage of the fishnapping of a record-sized fish, and the police dog she's boarding doesn't get assassinated. Kramer fills the story with insider insights. Doubleday, \$23.95. Meet Julie on Thursday, July 30. — MeH

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