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October 2008 continues and then November ...

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Brandon Sanderson and David Farland

Sign *Hero of Ages* and *The Wyrmling Horde*
Saturday, October 25, 2:00 PM

Brandon Sanderson concludes the Mistborn trilogy with *Hero of Ages*. (See Michael's review on our web site.) Crisis solutions in the previous books have led to the release of the evil spirit, Ruin, and Emperor Eland Venture and his wife, Vin, must save the land from the consequences of their actions. Fans of Alcatraz Smedry will be delighted to pick up his new adventure, *Alcatraz versus the Scrivener's Bones*, as our young hero continues to battle the evil librarians. Brandon can also tell readers about the forthcoming Mistborn RPG game, and his work completing Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time #12: A Memory of Light*.

Fellow epic fantasy author **David Farland** joins Brandon on **Saturday, October 25, at 2:00 PM**. *The Wyrmling Horde* is the seventh Runelords novel, and the penultimate in a second quartet. The Earthking's son, Fallion Orden, is held captive in the dungeons of Rugassa where Lord Despair gloats over him. His quest to unite all of the shadow worlds into one "true world" where mankind can live in peace and harmony has failed. But Fallion has begun to waken to his powers, and he is not alone in his vision.

James Swain

Signs *The Night Stalker*
Sunday, October 26, 2:00 PM

The *Publisher's Weekly* review of *The Night Stalker* asks, "What crime fiction fan can resist a guy who isn't afraid to knock a few slime-bag heads when no one is watching?" The second **James Swain** suspense novel featuring South Florida PI Jack Carpenter (after last year's *Midnight Rambler*, which made Christine's Holiday Picks list) is based in part on various actual crimes in James' home state of Florida. Carpenter, a specialist in finding missing kids, is hired by a serial killer on death row to find his abducted grandson. The serial killer is talking to the FBI about his crimes, and has received a ransom note from the kidnapper telling him to stop, or his grandson will die. Get in on the suspense on **Sunday, October 26, at 2:00 PM**.

James Luceno

Signs *Star Wars: Millennium Falcon*
Sunday, October 26, 4:30 PM

James Luceno is the *New York Times* bestselling author of multiple *Star Wars* novels, including two *New Jedi Order* novels, as well as *Dark Lord: The Rise of Darth Vader* and *Labyrinth of Evil*. Grandpa Han and Grandma Leia take "everyone's favorite bucket of bolts, the *Millennium Falcon*," on a journey back to its very construction, accompanied by granddaughter Allana, after discovering a dark secret on board that threatens the Emperor. The consequences of their voyage will lead directly into the new multi-book series launching in the Spring of 2009: *Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi*. Watch for members of the San Diego Fan Force among the attendees on **Sunday, October 26, at 4:30PM!** Fans of Dr. Indiana Jones — remember James' books on the famed archaeologist as well.

Clare O'Donohue and Kathryn Lilley

Sign *The Lover's Knot* and *A Killer Workout*
Monday, October 27, 7:00 PM

Join us for a cozy evening of mystery on **Monday, October 27, at 7:00 PM**. Linda Rae is a particular fan of *The Lover's Knot*, the debut mystery by television writer **Clare O'Donohue**. (See our web site for review). Twenty-something Nell Fitzgerald receives a handmade quilt as an engagement gift from her grandmother Eleanor ... on the same day her fiancé calls off the wedding. Nell seeks succor in her grandmother's home and quilt shop. Someday Quilts in a small town. Along with the shop's quilting circle, Nell also meets the local handyman, known as much for his flirting as his carpentry. When he's found dead, Nell is drawn into the case — and drawn to the shy local police chief.

Kathryn Lilley introduced plus-sized TV reporter and

amateur sleuth Kate Gallagher in last fall's *Dying to be Thin*. During a work hiatus, Kate enrolls herself at Body Blast, a book camp-style fitness program with *A Killer Workout*. The program organizers take themselves deadly seriously — Marnie Taylor, Kate's roommate, is in danger of being thrown out of camp for breaking the strict rules. When Marnie is found with a broken neck, and Kate learns it is not the first suspicious death, her weight challenges take a back seat to her sleuthing skills.

Alan Jacobson

Signs *The 7th Victim*
Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 PM

It's been a while since MG has hosted an event with **Alan Jacobson**, author of the thrillers: *False Accusations* and *The Hunted*. The reason? The former Medical Examiner spent years meticulously researching *The 7th Victim* in order to bring the highest degree of authenticity possible to his novel of the first female profiler working for the FBI. Agent Karen Vail and her team are on the trail of the Dead Eyes Killer — a killer working right in the Behavioral Analysis Unit's neighborhood, mocking their special skills. Join Alan on **Tuesday, October 28, at 7:00 PM**, pick up a copy, and see why James Patterson, James Rollins, and Tess Gerritsen are fans of their fellow author.

Men of Mystery

The Irvine Marriott
Saturday, November 1

Mysterious Galaxy is pleased to be the bookseller once again for Men of Mystery at the Irvine Marriott. This annual event offers attendees the chance to visit with and get books signed by more than 50 male mystery writers — everything from legal thrillers to surfer P.I.'s. Featured Speakers in 2008 are **Andrew Gross** (*The Dark Tide*), and a special legal thriller team of **Paul Levine** (*Trial & Error*), **Sheldon Siegel** (*Judgment Day*), **Robert Tanenbaum** (*Escape*), **James Grippando** (*Last Call*) and Alfredo Barrios. San Diego's own Ken Kuhlken and Jeffrey J. Mariotte, as well as returning favorites like Tim Maleeny and Thomas Greanias, are highlights among the men from all over the nation, and all over the genre. For more information, visit the event's web site: www.menofmystery.org.

Carola Dunn

Signs *Black Ship*
Saturday, November 1, 2:00 PM

Prohibition and neighbors are central to the new Daisy Dalrymple Fletcher mystery, *Black Ship*. Daisy and husband Alec (of Scotland Yard) and their small children have moved to a home on the outskirts of London. When a neighbor's body is found in the community garden, it is officially Alec's task to investigate his murder, but Daisy, when not trying to educate her nanny in her "modern" mothering methods, is ultimately the one responsible for discovering his fate. **Carola Dunn** returns to Mysterious Galaxy to celebrate the publication of the 17th novel in this series of 1920's mysteries on **Saturday, November 1, at 2:00 PM**.

James Owen

Signs *The Indigo King*
Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 PM

An Oxford professor is murdered in World War I London. The death has repercussions for John, a soldier and the professor's correspondence student; Jack, a young Oxford student; and Charles, an editor at the Oxford University Press. One night Jack, Charles and John are met by a mysterious stranger named Bert who tells them they are the caretakers of *Imaginarium Geographica*, an atlas of imaginary lands. Together with Bert, the fellows are forced to flee to the Archipelago of Dreams, where a battle over Arthur Pendragon's throne threatens to place the evil Winter King in charge. And, in the process, they discover who they really are, and what they're destined to do. Weaving together legend, mythology and classic fantasy, **James Owen** creates an adventurous tale that's at once wonderfully familiar and completely unique. Don't miss his event for *The Indigo King* on **Wednesday, November 5, at 7:00 PM**.

The La Jolla Writers Conference

Paradise Point Resort & Spa
November 7 – November 9

Aspiring authors seeking inspiration and instruction are encouraged to register for **The La Jolla Writers Conference** at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa the weekend of **November 7th through November 9th**. Instructors include **James Rollins, Margaret Weis, Christopher Reich, Jesse Kellerman, Lisa Lutz, and Eldon Thompson**. Agents and editors take part as well as authors. Mysterious Galaxy will be the on-site bookseller. For more information, visit the conference's web site:

www.lajollawritersconference.com/main.html.

Jeri Westerson and Larry Karp

Sign *Veil of Lies* and *The King of Ragtime*
Thursday, November 13, 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 PM, we invite you to join us for an evening of history and mystery. Debut author **Jeri Westerson** sets *Veil of Lies* in the 14th century, with a disgraced knight for a protagonist. Crispin Guest was stripped of his knighthood after being implicated in a plot against King Richard II, and now makes his living in a more unconventional fashion, such as spying on a merchant's wife suspected of infidelity. When the investigation leads to the discovery of a murder, the die is cast for this unusual amateur sleuth. Then we take a leap to the 20th Century. In 1916, Scott Joplin wants to provide for his wife and secure his place in musical history before he dies. He's written a musical drama, and his young piano student, Martin Niederhoffer, convinces him to try to get Irving Berlin to publish and produce the work. The next day, Niederhoffer walks into his office and finds Joplin crouched over the blood-soaked body of a young man. Accusations of theft, kidnappings, and more mayhem ensue in *The King of Ragtime*, the second installment in **Larry Karp's** acclaimed series.

Dennis McKiernan

Signs *City of Jade*
Saturday, November 15, 2:00 PM

Mithgar is arguably fantasy author **Dennis McKiernan's** most beloved creation, and fans will be delighted he is returning to Mithgar after a long hiatus. *City of Jade*, the first Mythgar novel since *Silver Wolf, Black Falcon* was published at the end of the 20th century, finds a group of adventurers questing for the mythic lost city of the title. Their Elvenship voyage will be beset not only by the dangers protecting the legendary city, but also by a being of dark Magekind, seeking revenge. Dennis will also let fans know where they can obtain a limited edition map of The Brega Path when he visits MG on **Saturday, November 15, at 2:00 PM**.

Looking Ahead!

Reasons to Keep Visiting in 2008

- ▣ **Still coming in November:** Todd McCaffrey and America Unchained! – November 22; Lorelei Armstrong – November 28
- ▣ **And the year rounds out with:** David Morrell – December 5; MG Holiday Party with James Blaylock, Robin Burcell, and Tim Maleeny – December 13; J.A. Jance – December 14 ... with more to come!

Signed First Edition Spotlight on:

The Brass Verdict by Michael Connelly

Bringing together Michael Connelly's two most popular characters, *The Brass Verdict* is sure to be his biggest book yet. Things are finally looking up for defense attorney Mickey Haller. After two years of wrong turns, Haller is back in the courtroom. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent is murdered, Haller inherits his biggest case yet: the defense of Walter Elliott, a prominent studio executive accused of murdering his wife and her lover. But as Haller prepares for the case that could launch him into the big time, he learns that Vincent's killer may be coming for him next. Enter Harry Bosch. Determined to find Vincent's killer, he is not opposed to using Haller as bait. But as danger mounts and the stakes rise, these two loners realize their only choice is to work together.

Signed books are on sale on Tuesday, October 14 from Little, Brown & Co., \$26.99.

Don't forget to check our website and shelves for other signed books we expect and have just received.

Rave Reviews

Blood Lite ed. by Kevin J. Anderson

Sandy says: This book of 21 short stories comes out just in time for Halloween. Jim Butcher, Charlaime Harris, and Kelley Armstrong are among the authors bringing you vampires, ghouls, and assorted other traditional Halloween figures. Each story has a twist, a Halloween trick, if you will. Joe Lansdale takes a famous furry protector of forests in a shocking direction. Jaime Vegas tangles with a truly obnoxious ghost in Kelley Armstrong's addition to the book. Heaven plays a trick on Hell with a really noxious payback in Lucien Soulban's contribution. Sharyn McCrumb introduces her readers to NASCAR in an unexpected manner. As in any collection of short stories, some will appeal to you as a reader more than others but all of the stories take unexpected turns. A fun, easy read.

Maryelizabeth says: *Blood Lite* is an exercise in the idea that one person's humor is another person's "what the heck??" In addition to the standout entries noted by Sandy, check out F. Paul Wilson and J.A. Konrath's twisted takeoff on a famous Bradbury tale, and Charlaime Harris's tale of environmental justice, served up supernatural style. Pocket tpo, \$16.00.

— MeH & Guest Reviewer Sandra Hale

The Pyramid and Four Other Kurt Wallander Mysteries by Henning Mankell

After writing the last Kurt Wallander mystery, Henning thought of a subtitle for his books that he felt best described their mood and mind set: "Novels about the Swedish Anxiety." After writing *Sidetracked*, Henning found himself writing stories that took place before the first book in the series. He looked back on his body of work and was inspired to write more. *The Pyramid* contains stories, chronologically, with Wallander's growth from a rookie cop all the way through to his life as a divorced father and respected detective. I loved reading about Wallander's roots, the mistakes he made, and the lessons he learned as a rookie patrolman. *The Pyramid* contains five stories, all worthy, with a look into the mind of the Swedish democratic system, the welfare state, and it's cost, both monetarily and the sacrifice of certain personal freedoms. Oh yeah, his stories are also first rate classic mysteries. The New Press, \$26.95. — LNT

I Am Not a Cop! By Richard Belzer

"Richard Belzer," who has played Detective John Munch on more television shows than any other character I know of in the history of television, uses his mostly familiar face and the cop persona tricks he has picked up to solve the disappearance of a friend, in this work of meta-fiction. Richard Belzer, the character, gets mixed up with the Russian Mob as he searches for his friend, a NYC medical examiner. He is accompanied by a young woman who is asked by the studio to keep him out of trouble, and who proves both a valuable asset and a liability. More than a little of Belzer's lanconic mistrusting sarcasm slips through. A fun read. Simon & Schuster, \$24.00. — MeH

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

This wonderful debut fantasy novel just hit our shelves – make sure you pick your copy up right away. I only regret that despite Cashore's publisher's best attempts to enable me to read this delightful book earlier, I didn't get to it until recently. In a land of seven uneasily ruled kingdoms, some people have a particular Grace, or gift – it might be an ability to hold one's breath underwater, to create wonderful baked goods, or to be a swordsperson. Katsa, the Graceling of the title, is Graced with the ability to fight – an ability her uncle, the King of Middluns, exerts his royal right to direct at those who displease him. When Katsa encounters a stranger while on an illicit rescue mission, it transforms her world. One of the things I liked best about the character is that the author legitimately makes her socially awkward and distanced from others by her role as her uncle's thug, but she also gives her friends who are able to point out her lack of social graces directly to her. An utterly charming book, and I can't wait for next fall to bring another in the series. Harcourt, \$17.00. — MeH

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