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## Next week: return visits with three favorites!

It's been a hectic time at The Mystery Company. We had a terrific event with Jeff Stone two weeks ago, helping to launch *Tiger*, first in his Five Ancestors series of historical novels set in China. We just just heard that the book has gone into a fourth printing, which is great news. (Collectors note: we still have signed first editions.) We had a really pleasant evening last week with The Mystery Mavens, putting faces on a Mystery Mt. Rushmore. We ended up with Arthur Conan Doyle, Agatha Christie, Dashiell Hammett and Nancy Drew (though we're not exactly sure which face should represent the great teen sleuth). And we have great new titles arriving in store every day. We're especially pleased to be able to offer signed first editions by Elizabeth Peters (a new Amelia Peabody!), Randy Wayne White, Jonathon King and Stephen White.

Our next two author events are return visits with three favorites, new and old. We've written more extensively about Susan, Beverle and Kit in the past. Here are reviews of their latest books:

### SUSAN WITTIG ALBERT Wednesday, April 20, 7 pm

Susan Wittig Albert's latest is *Dead Man's Bones* (Berkley, \$23.95), thirteenth in her China Bayles series. Publishers Weekly comments: "the herbalist and ex-lawyer is worried about the ef-



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## Calendar

### Wednesday, April 20, 7 pm

**Susan Wittig Albert** visits to talk about and sign copies of her books, including her new China Bayles novel, *Dead Man's Bones*.

### Saturday, April 23, 2 pm

**Kit Ehrman and Beverle Graves Myers** visit to talk about "Non-traditional sleuths and settings" and sign copies of their books.

**Wednesday, April 27, 7 pm.** Discussion: *One Virgin Too Many* by Lindsey Davis

**Thursday, April 28, noon.** Discussion: *One Virgin Too Many* by Lindsey Davis

### Tuesday, May 3, noon

Lunch with **Sharan Newman**. See back for details.

### Thursday, May 12, 7 pm

Edgar Award winner **David Ellis** visits to talk about and sign copies of his books, including *In the Company of Liars*, a thriller told in reverse chronological order.

### Saturday, May 14, 3 pm

Our first **Masters of Mystery** discussion: Jeanne Dams on *Gaudy Night*.

### Tuesday, May 31, 7 pm

**Patricia Harwin** visits to talk about and sign copies of her books *Arson and Old Lace* and *Slaying Is Such Sweet Sorrow*.

### Saturday, June 4, 2 pm

Carmel's own **Phil Dunlap** visits to talk about and sign copies of *Call of the Gun*, his second historical novel set in the American West.

### Thursday, June 16, 7 pm

**Judith Skillings** visits to talk about and sign copies of her books *Dead End* and *Dangerous Curves*, books one and two in a series about a woman who runs a car restoration business.



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fect of the poor tourist trade on her Pecan Springs, Tex., herb shop, tea room and New Age store owned jointly with her best friend, Ruby Wilcox, when her 14-year-old stepson, Brian, announces a disturbing discovery: while on an archeological dig in a cave, he found a skeleton with its skull bashed in. Analysis later shows that the bones are about 30 years old. After a leading citizen shoots dead an apparent intruder in self-defense, China begins to suspect there's a link between this incident and the past murder. China's warmth and sensitivity toward Ruby's new boyfriend, the new professor at the local university and others will endear her to readers, while her investigative skills make her a leader among female sleuths. Fascinating information about herbs and tempting recipes round out this leisurely cozy with a Southwestern flair."

New in paperback is *A Dilly of A Death* (Berkley, \$6.99). Also in recently are a new books in the series Susan writes with her husband Bill under the pseudonym Robin Paige: *Death in Hyde Park* (\$6.50) and *Death at Blenheim Palace* (\$23.95).

**KIT EHRMAN & BEVERLE GRAVES MYERS**  
**Saturday, April 23, 2 pm**

Kit Ehrman and Beverle Graves Myers will talk about "Non-traditional sleuths and settings" and sign copies of their books.

Kit's latest is *Cold Burn* (Poisoned Pen, \$24.95). Booklist comments: "Ehrman's third Steve Cline mystery finds Cline working the night shift at a Virginia Thoroughbred farm in foaling season, and the detailed, apparently accurate account of what normally goes on there is among the book's chief attractions. Another is Cline's secret attempt to find out what was behind the baffling disappearance of his predecessor, Bruce Claremont, whose knockout sister has convinced Cline to play sleuth. In that role, he encounters a rash of arson fires that eerily mimics a spate of fires that occurred 19 years earlier, an irrationally jealous boyfriend of one of the farm's employees, and a quantity of missing cocaine. Ehrman skillfully ratchets up the suspense en route to a surprising conclusion that nonetheless makes perfect sense. That is to say she fully engages the reader, then leaves him or her satisfied. What more could you ask of a mystery?"



Myers second novel is *Painted Veil* (Poisoned Pen, \$24.95). Booklist notes: "Myers' second Baroque mystery returns readers to eighteenth-century Venice, where castrato soprano Tito Amato is again preparing for an opera role at Teatro San Marco--but not the lead. After a bout of diva excess, Tito is replaced as the star by famous visiting castrato, Francesco Florio, an even bigger diva. Humbly taking responsibility for his own actions, Tito begins working hard to get his voice back in top shape while gracefully dodging the taunts of Florio. Meanwhile, scene-painter Luca Cavalieri goes missing, and theater-director Torani asks Tito to investigate. Jumping at the chance to restore the maestro's faith in him, Tito sets off with his new English friend, Gussie Rumbolt, to find Luca. Along the way, Myers exposes readers to a dark side of Venice: prejudice. Like a grand opera, Myers' story transports readers to a fascinating world of glamour, deceit, intrigue, and passion. Bravo!"



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**Sharan Newman visits**  
 Medievalist and mystery writer Sharan Newman visits Indiana May 2-3. In addition to her fine series set in 12th century France featuring Catherine LeVendeur, Newman is also the author of *The Real History Behind The Da Vinci Code* (Berkley, \$15.00), a nonfiction companion to Dan Brown's bestseller. As both a medievalist and a novelist, Newman is uniquely able to fill in the background and shed light on some of the mysteries of the Dark Ages.  
 Newman will be speaking at the Nora Library on Monday, May 2 at 4 pm and again at 7 pm. Both appearances are free and open to all.  
 We're also hosting a luncheon with Newman here in the store on Tuesday, May 3 at noon. This will be a ticketed event that includes both a boxed lunch and a copy of one of her books. Tickets are \$26 (\$24 for members of our frequent buyer's program), and we are taking reservations now. Seating will be limited.