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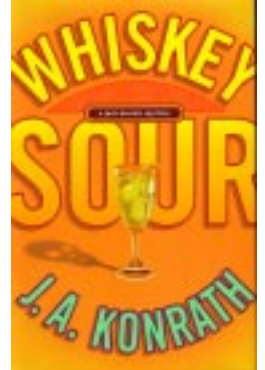
J.A. Konrath visits on Thursday, 5/26!

A late addition to our calendar: Joe Konrath will visit to talk about and sign copies of *Whiskey Sour* (Hyperion, \$21.95 or \$6.99) and *Bloody Mary* (Hyperion, \$22.95), first and second in his series featuring Lt. Jacqueline Daniels of the Chicago Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit — a series that Moni recommends. Here are her reviews:

Whiskey Sour is a page-turning delight and a darn good mystery to-boot. Lt. Jacqueline Daniels — Jack to her colleagues — has been a police officer for more years than she cares to admit. She's seen it all, or so she believes. But the murder she is called to on a cold Chicago day alters that belief.

A woman's body has been found in a garbage can. The victim was strangled, mutilated and posed. A note found on the body announces the arrival on the Chicago scene of a new psycho killer, The Gingerbread Man.

Konrath does a wonderful job of depicting Jack as a fallible human being just doing the best job she can. She is a fortysomething divorcee whose live-in sort of boyfriend has just left her for his personal trainer. She is married to her job, and between her insomnia, her predilection for whiskey sours and her nonexistent social life, she is a woman on the edge. But "the edge of what?" is a question readers take with them through the book. Will she drown herself in drink? Will she go to the dating service as her partner urges to find a social life? Or, will she bury herself in her job until she dies?



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Calendar

Thursday, May 26, 7 pm

J.A. Konrath visits to talk about and sign copies of *Whiskey Sour* & *Bloody Mary*.

Monday, May 30

We will be closed for Memorial Day. Have a safe & happy holiday weekend!

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.

Saturday, June 11, 3 pm

Our second **Masters of Mystery** discussion: Terence Faherty on *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler, the 1939 first novel that stands as a cornerstone of hardboiled private eye fiction and the basis for the Humphrey Bogart/Lauren Bacall film. Indianapolis writer Terence Faherty has won two Shamus Awards for his Scott Elliott series, and has earned two nominations for Edgar Awards (including one this year) for his Owen Keane series. Complete Masters of Mystery discussion series information is on our website.

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.

Wednesday, June 22

Discussion: *Pest Control* by Bill Fitzhugh

Thursday, June 23

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Friday, July 15, 10 pm

Our Harry Potter party starts at 10 pm — food, games, prizes! We'll be able to sell copies of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince beginning at midnight.



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In *Bloody Mary*, the wily murderer has been leaving some of Daniels' personal belongings at the scene. As she and her partner, Det. Herb Benedict, follow the clues, Jack's home life complicates matters: her mother breaks her hip and refuses to accept the help that Jack knows her mother needs; Jack's ex-partner goes undercover on the serial killer case; Jack decides to accept her lover's invitation to move in with him; and her ex-husband shows up to rekindle the flame he doused when he'd walked out.

After Jack's first outing, I thought I knew what to expect from Konrath – snappy dialogue, fast-moving plot and a darned good read. *Bloody Mary* does all that and more. This time out, Konrath hits us in the heart with an honest look at love and friendship. The scenes between Jack and her mother are priceless, so very true-to-life – and touched close to home for this author. Jack's examination of her feelings for her ex-husband rang pitch perfect. I know that the author is a male, but his voice in these scenes concerning two of the kinds of love a woman experiences – for a parent and for a lover – are spot on. And as always, the friendship between Herb and Jack is full of humor, caring, and honesty.

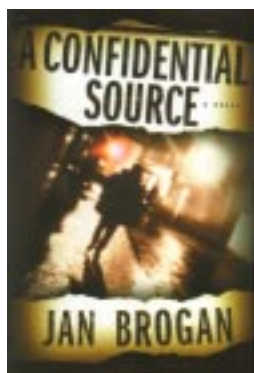
New & noteworthy

A Confidential Source by Jan Brogan

Mysterious Press, \$24.95

What Jan Brogan does so well in *A Confidential Source* is show us how her protagonist, reporter Hallie Ahearn, screws up and still makes us believe in her.

Ahearn is new to Providence, Rhode Island, back in the newspaper business after a hiatus that followed a difficult



experience at a Boston newspaper (chronicled in Brogan's first novel, *Final Copy* — same protagonist, same personal and professional situation but, oddly enough, a different name). Ahearn is a witness to a murder, an apparent supermarket robbery gone wrong. Then she gets a promising tip connecting the murder victim, the store owner, to gambling and loan sharks. The tip comes from a source who asks to remain nameless — and Ahearn has good

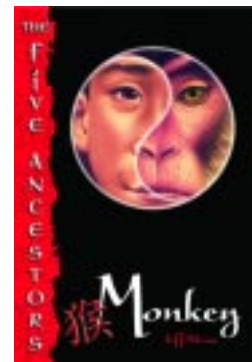
reasons of her own for keeping the source confidential.

Despite conduct that stops short of flawless, we trust Ahearn. Brogan does a great job in stepping us through Ahearn's job, conducting interviews, checking facts and putting together stories. Every detail is both believable and fascinating, and when Ahearn's story blows up on her, it's hard to fault her — not that her employer doesn't try, putting added pressure on her to bring in a story. When the signs point to shenanigans at the lottery, Ahearn pursues leads into the worlds of gambling and Rhode Island politics.

A Confidential Source is convincing and compelling, an intelligent, timely and thoughtful examination of how reporters get it wrong and how they get it right.

— Jim

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