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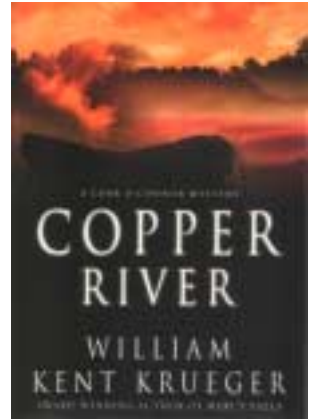
## William Kent Krueger visits Saturday, September 16 at 2 pm!

Since the publication of his 1998 first novel, *Iron Lake*, William Kent Krueger has become one of this genre's most beloved writers. His Cork O'Connor novels appeal to a wide range of readers because Krueger does so many things so well. His depiction of life in a small Minnesota town is beautifully rendered, especially the intricate web of relationships among all of the inhabitants, the local Native American culture, and the intimate details of O'Connor's family life. But Krueger also excels at action; O'Connor takes charge when he needs to, and he's especially good at dealing with the many challenges presented by the people and the rugged northern Minnesota landscape.

If you haven't yet tried Krueger, we recommend that you start this series with the first book, *Iron Lake* (Pocket, \$7.99). If you've been reading this series all along, you'll know that Krueger left us with a cliffhanger at the end of *Mercy River* (Pocket, \$7.99), the fifth Cork O'Connor novel.

This book is just out in paperback, and is a nominee for the Anthony Award for best novel of 2005. If you're up-to-date, you'll be dying to read *Copper River* (Atria, \$24.00), which

*continued inside* ➔



## Calendar

### Saturday, September 16, 2 pm

**William Kent Krueger** visits to talk about his books. His new Cork O'Connor novel, *Copper River*, has just been published.

### Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm

**Judy Clemens** and **Don Bruns** visit to talk about their books. Judy's third Stella Crown novel, *To Thine Own Self Be True*, and Don's third Mick Sever novel, *South Beach Shakedown*, are just out.

### Thursday, September 21, noon

Discussion: *The Contrary Blues* by John Billheimer

### Saturday, September 23, 2 pm

**Phil Dunlap** will sign copies of his books, including the new paperback edition of *Call of the Gun*. This event will take place in the parking lot of our new location at 233 2nd Ave SW -- see inside for details.

### Tuesday, September 26, 7 pm

Discussion: *The Contrary Blues* by John Billheimer

### Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm

**John Billheimer** and **Julia Spencer-Fleming** visit to talk about their books. Julia's fifth novel, *All Mortal Flesh*, will be published in October. John's fifth Owen Allison mystery, *Stonewall Jackson's Elbow*, is due in this month.

### Saturday, October 14, 2 pm

**Brian Freeman** returns to talk about his second novel, *Stripped*. His first, *Immoral*, is a nominee for the Edgar, Barry and MacAvity Awards for best first novel of 2005.

### Wednesday, October 25, 7 pm

Discussion: *The Lincoln Lawyer* by Michael Connelly

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has just been published.

Here's what Booklist says about *Copper River*:

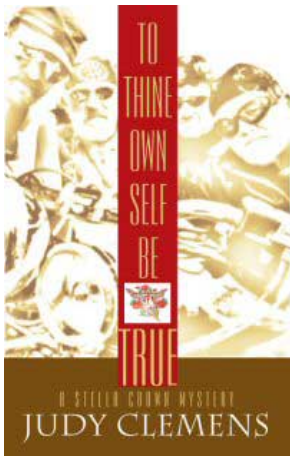
"The sixth Cork O'Connor mystery finds the Minnesota sheriff on the run from hired killers. With a bullet wound in his leg, he makes it to the small town of Bodine, where he hides out with his cousin. But Cork's convalescence is cut short by a murderous child-runaway conspiracy, not to mention his cousin's teenage son, who's so desperate for a father figure that he thinks Cork would be a likely candidate. This series gets darker and more elegantly written with every book. Minnesota has become a hotbed of hardboiled crime fiction, and the Cork O'Connor novels are among the best."

Kent Krueger isn't just one of the best writers in the business, he's also one of the genre's most interesting people. We know you'll enjoy meeting him when he visits The Mystery Company on Saturday, September 16, at 2 pm to talk about and sign copies of his books.

### Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm: Don Bruns and Judy Clemens

Don Bruns and Judy Clemens, two more writers we like, visit on Wednesday, September 20 at 7 pm to talk about and sign copies of their books.

Judy's third Stella Crown novel, *To Thine Own Self Be True*

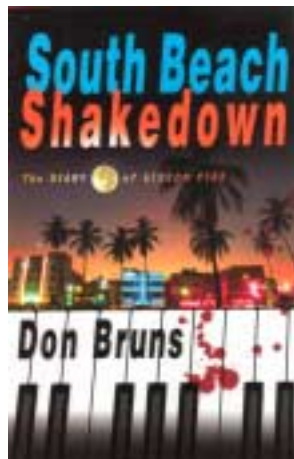


(Poisoned Pen, \$ 24.95) is just out. This book continues the series launched in 2004 with *Till the Cows Come Home* (Poisoned Pen, \$14.95) — a nominee for both the Anthony and Agatha Awards for best first novel — about Pennsylvania dairy farmer Stella Crown, a colorful character who really grows on you.

Here's Booklist's review of *To Thine Own Self Be True*:

"Clemens brings tattooed biker and dairy farmer Stella Crown back for her third unconventional adventure. Treating herself to a new

tattoo for Christmas, Stella is at Wolf Ink, where her friend Wolf and his wife, Mandy, are amusing her with stories as they create the new design. Suddenly, they get a phone call and disappear. Stella dozes off and awakens to find them gone. She goes home and later, the police arrive to tell her that Mandy is dead and Wolf has disappeared. Feeling guilty, Stella tries to assist the police in their search. Since she was the last person to see them, she is also a suspect. An old flame, Nick Hathaway, arrives for a visit and ends up stranded during a severe snowstorm, providing distraction and assistance in her search. Clemens offers readers an intriguing story that takes them inside the world of tattooing and gives them a taste of daily life on a dairy farm. That may seem like an odd combination, but Clemens makes it work, thanks to abundant wit, well-developed characters, and a vividly



realized rural setting."

Don's third Mick Sever novel is *South Beach Shakedown* (Ocenaview, \$24.95). This series features another set of colorful characters and is centered on the music business.

Here's what Booklist has to say about *Shakedown*:

"In his third outing, rock-music journalist and amateur sleuth Mick Sever looks into the disappearance of Gideon Pike, whose legendary status comes as much from his offstage shenanigans as from his performing skills. Pike, who is writing his autobiography, has a fistful of enemies, any of whom might want him permanently silenced. Bruns, a veteran musician, clearly knows the music biz, and readers are sure to enjoy the behind-the-scenes material."

Don is also the co-editor of a new anthology of mystery stories about music; each author also contributes a song to a CD that comes with the book. The stellar lineup includes Val McDermid, Rupert Holmes, Peter Robinson, Jeffrey Deaver and many others. The anthology is called *A Merry Band of Murderers* (Poisoned Pen, \$24.95), and we have it in stock now. Don will be bringing his guitar to perform his song.

### Saturday, Sept. 23, 2-4 pm: Phil Dunlap

Phil Dunlap will sign copies of his books in the parking lot of our new location. This event will give you a chance to meet one of our favorite local writers, whose second novel, *Call of the Gun*, has just been published in paperback (Leisure Books, \$5.99).

Here's what Jaci had to say about *Call of the Gun* when it was published in hardcover last year:

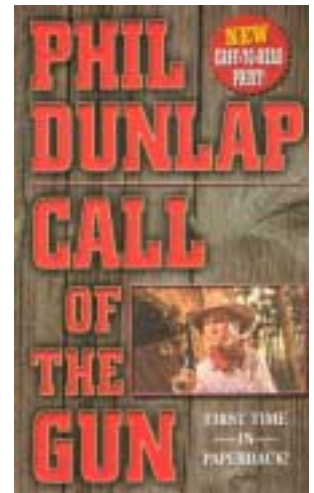
It's nickel-plated with carved ivory grips, and it has a dangerous impact on every person who comes in contact with it. "It" is a .45 caliber Colt Peacemaker. The problem is, it only makes trouble.

Set in late 1870s Colorado, Phil Dunlap's new book, *Call of the Gun* gives the reader a colorful glimpse of the lives of the people who are secondary characters to the real star of the book, the Peacemaker. From the beginning when you are rooting for the death of Creeg Bedloe, a no account ruffian; through the plight of Johnny Beaver, an orphaned stable hand who is wrongly accused of the murder of his mentor; to the introduction of "Ivory" John Morgan, a US Marshal with a vendetta; the gun affects each life differently.

Good and evil are clearly defined in *Call of the Gun*. You will have to choose: white hat or black.

This event will also be preview peek at our new building, and give you a chance to visit our new neighborhood as it hosts Carmel's 9th annual International Arts Festival. We expect the neighborhood will be busy; plan on big crowds and parking challenges. We're not planning on the usual program. Phil will chat with you when you arrive, and will be happy to sign books for you. We'll also have giveaways, drawings, and other hoopla to highlight our upcoming move.

For more information on the Arts Festival, which will run September 23 and 24, visit: [www.carmelartsfestival.org](http://www.carmelartsfestival.org)

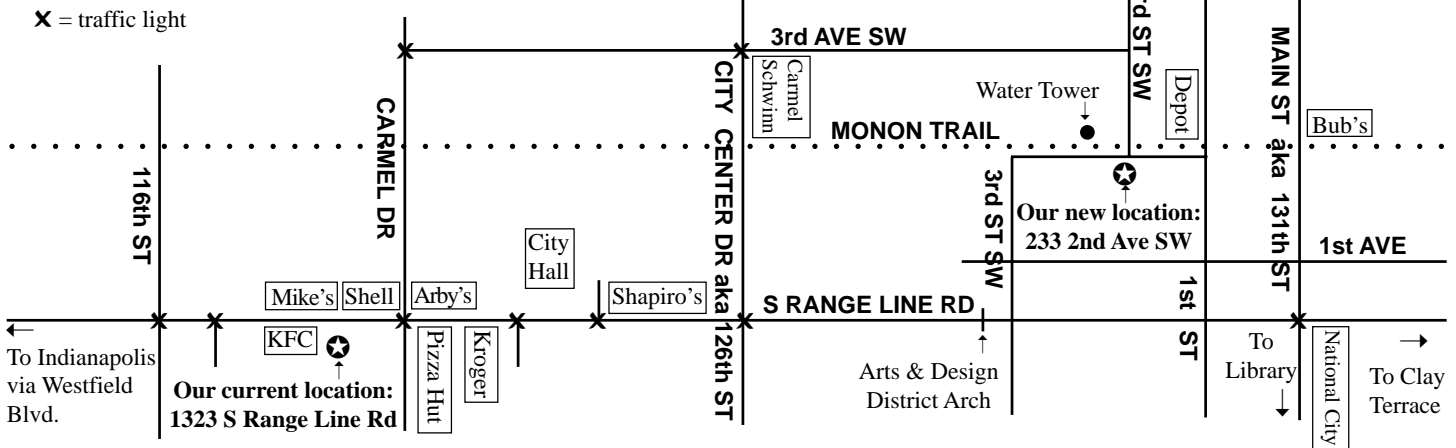


# The Mystery Company moves to the Monon this Fall

We don't have a date yet. There's still a lot of work that we need to do, so it's going to be a while yet. But if you'd like to take a peek, here's a map. As a preview, we'll be hosting a signing with Phil Dunlap in the parking lot of our new building on Saturday, September 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, during Carmel's International Arts Fair.

Our new location is at the corner of 2nd Ave & 2nd St SW, on the Monon Trail.

This map is not drawn to scale.



## IN THE AREA:

### Carmel: Gilded Leaf Luncheon Thursday, October 26

This event features four popular authors at an elegant luncheon benefiting the Carmel Clay Public Library's Foundation. Ralph McInerney is among the guests; the other featured writers are Richard Paul Evans, Beth Gutcheon and James Alexander Thom. For more reservations and information, contact the library foundation at 317-814-3905.

### Muncie: Magna Cum Murder Friday, October 27 to Sunday October 29

This three day festival for mystery lovers returns to Muncie with guest of honor M.C. Beaton, author of the Hamish Macbeth and Agatha Raisin series. Beaton also writes both mysteries and romances under the name Marion Chesney.

The conference begins on Friday at 2 pm and continues through Sunday's luncheon. You can register for Saturday only; we'll have a full day's worth of programming, 8 am to 6 pm. The program will include panels, discussions, talks, signings, meals and plenty of opportunity for you to meet about 50 writers.

A special part of this year's conference is our "One Festival, One Book" selection of Maureen Jennings' *Except the Dying*. We hope that everyone attending this year will read this book. We've picked this book not only because we like it, but also because we have an opportunity this year to screen its Canadian TV adaptation — which has never been shown in the US — and also to hear from producer/director, Michael DeCarlo who will talk about the adaptation process. The screening will be on Friday evening; programs on the book and movie will continue on Saturday. We have copies of *Except the Dying* in stock now.

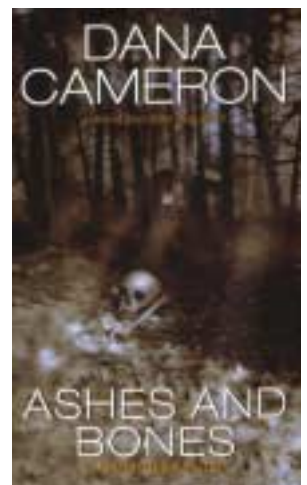
For more information, including an up-to-date listing of attending writers, visit: [www.magnacummurder.com](http://www.magnacummurder.com). You can also call 765-285-8975 for information and registration.

## NEW AND NOTEWORTHY:

### Ashes and Bones by Dana Cameron Avon, \$6.99

Emma seems to have it all — tenure, a wonderful, loving husband, her health, and the wherewithal to finally hire people to finish the refurbishment of her beautiful home. But someone is stalking her — someone who is supposed to be dead — Tony Markham. Markham was a former colleague who had turned to the dark side of archaeology and stole and sold artifacts on the black market; several years earlier, he sailed off into a hurricane-tossed sea and was presumed dead. But the notes, the phone calls, the appropriate, but scary gifts made to her nearest and dearest all smack of his perverted touch. Is she crazy? Is this a copycat — someone else who knew Tony and hates her? She's made enough enemies over the years with her solving of several crimes. Or, has Tony really come back from the dead? This is a knuckle-biting story with a lot of Hitchcockian suspense. Cameron just keeps getting better.

— Moni Draper



### The King of Lies by John Hart

St. Martin's Minotaur, \$22.95

Why aren't more mysteries depressing? In almost all of them, someone is murdered for a selfish reason. Yet we, as the audience, are kept out of the suffering of the ones close to the victim. This is not the case in *The King of Lies*, John Hart's debut novel. Set in a North Carolina town, *King* is a very emotional look at lawyer Work Perkins, a man who never loved his father even after he was



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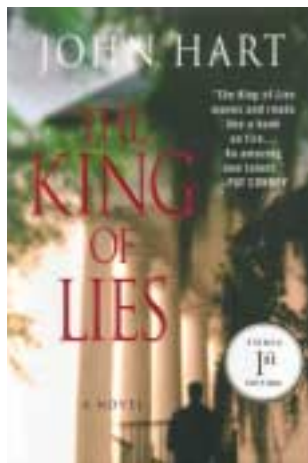
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murdered. Perkins sees how his life and others around him were ruined by this man. Things don't get better when he becomes the lead suspect. There are some scenes in this book that are just dialogue, but the way Hart writes them, they're unforgettable. I read *King of Lies* in one sitting. This is one of the best debut novels I've seen in a while.

— Austin



**NEWS AND NOTES:**

Until we complete our move, please hold off on bringing your used books in for trade. We're normally happy to take used books from members of our Frequent Buyers Program. But we're hoping to keep inventory down right now so that we have less to move. We'll keep you posted about the move — at this moment, we still don't know when the new building will be ready. In the meantime, don't forget to take advantage of the "buy one, get one free" coupon for used books.

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In addition to all the events listed in the calendar on the front of this newsletter, we hope you'll mark your calendar for our Fourth Annual Holiday Party, on Saturday, November 18, 2-4 pm. Once again, we're inviting all of Indiana's mystery writers to join us in celebrating the holidays and our state's writing community. We'll let you know shortly who'll be attending. Don't forget that signed books make great holiday gifts!

Finally, we hope you'll remember that we offer free shipping on all new books orders sent to US addresses. Even if all you need is a single paperback book, we'll send it to you without any additional mailing charge. This offer is good every day, on every book that we normally stock. Of course we enjoy having you walk into the store and we know that most all of you prefer to shop in person too. But we also know that it's not always easy for you to make the trip, and we hope that you'll take advantage of our services by phone and/or on our website in between visits.

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Yours in mystery, Jim

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