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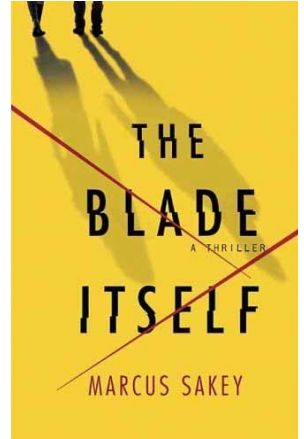
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Today's top first novelists visit this Saturday, February 17 at 2 pm!

Two intense Chicago crime stories. Two hardboiled debuts. Two novels that are getting fabulous reviews. The buzz on both Sean Chercover's *Big City, Bad Blood* (Morrow, \$23.95) and Marcus Sakey's *The Blade Itself* (St. Martin's, \$22.95) has been extraordinary. These two writers are our guests this Saturday, February 17, at 2 pm, when they visit to talk about and sign copies of their books.

Here's Booklist's review of *The Blade Itself*: "After a job goes horribly wrong--a shop owner is shot--small-time burglar Danny Carter leaves the crime business behind for good. He is now a well-paid, respected construction manager in Chicago with a great girlfriend and a comfortable life. Then his former partner in crime, Evan McGann, is released from prison with plans to resume their alliance. Danny isn't interested, but Evan threatens to expose Danny's past, including his presence when the shop owner was shot; worse, he accosts Danny's girlfriend, Karen. Trapped, Danny agrees to Evan's plan: kidnap the son of Danny's boss. Danny hopes that he will be able to keep anyone from getting hurt, but it quickly becomes apparent that Evan can't be controlled. Fast pacing, full-bodied if flawed characters, effective use of the Chicago landscape, surprising plot twists, and some thought-provoking musings on the changing nature of longtime friendships give this debut caper novel both substance and suspense. Sakey is a writer to watch."



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Calendar

Saturday, February 17, 2 pm

Sean Chercover and **Marcus Sakey** visit to talk about their books.

Saturday, February 24, noon

Sisters in crime presentation: **Marianne Halbert** will talk about life as a public defender. She is an attorney at the Marion County Public Defender Agency where she is the Mental Health Coordinator. Sisters in Crime business meeting at 11:30 am; speaker's presentation will begin at noon. This meeting is open to all, whether or not you're a Sisters in Crime member.

Wednesday, February 28, 7 pm

Discussion: *Jar City* by Arnaldur Indridason

Thursday, March 1, noon

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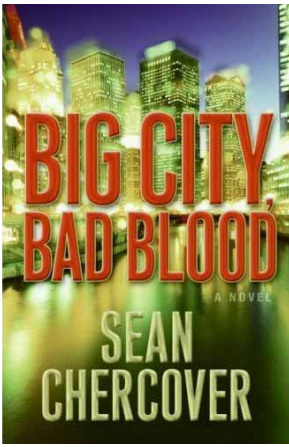
Sharon Short will lead an **All-Ages Mystery Muses Discussion** on *Harriet the Spy*, the beloved 1964 Louise Fitzhugh novel that was the basis of the recent movie. We invite readers of all ages to discover or rediscover this classic, to join us in talking about the book, and to learn more about Sharon Short's own work (including her latest Josie Toadfern mystery, *Murder Unfolds* — due on March 1) and the influence that Fitzhugh's book had on her. Author's website: sharonshort.com

Thursday, March 22, noon

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And here's PW's take on *Big City, Bad Blood*: "Real-life Chicago PI Chercover, in his impressive hardboiled debut, introduces Ray Dudgeon, a former Chicago reporter disillusioned with the newspaper business who has turned private detective. When Bob Loniski, a locations manager for Hollywood films, hires Dudgeon for protection after running afoul of a mid-level gangster, Dudgeon finds himself in the middle of an organized crime war. A number of forces hamper Dudgeon's efforts to keep his client alive, even as his probing reveals that Loniski may have witnessed a prominent local politician keeping unsavory

company and that the violence may be connected to a broader conspiracy. Like many a classic PI, Dudgeon behaves according to his own subjective code. The author's considerable storytelling and characterization gifts compare favorably with those of Loren D. Estleman and other established masters of the crime genre."

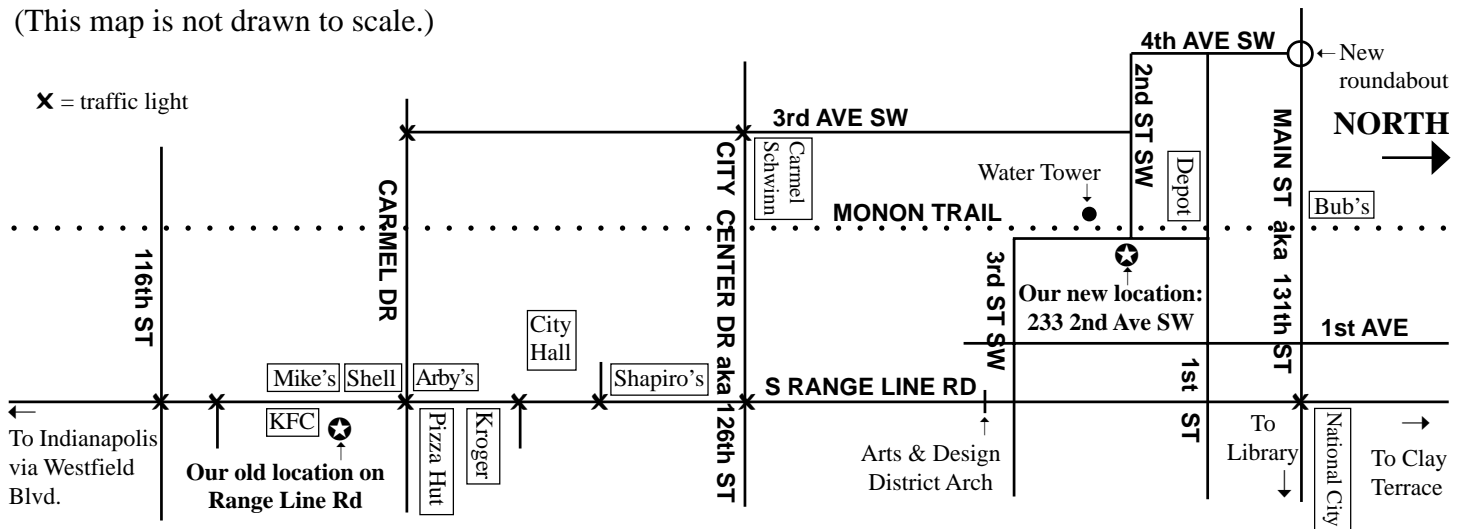
I've read the Chercover and recommend it. I'm in the middle of the Sakey right now, and I'm impressed with it too. We're really thrilled to be able to welcome these two writers at the beginning of their careers.

Websites: www.chercover.com and www.marcussakey.com

We've moved!

Indiana's Mystery Bookshop is now located along the Monon Trail, two blocks south of Main Street, at the corner of 2nd Ave SW and 2nd Street SW. We'll be doing a grand re-opening celebration in early March; stay tuned for details. In the meantime, come see us in our new digs!

(This map is not drawn to scale.)



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