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Thursday, February 28, 7 pm: Tim Dorsey

Tim Dorsey visits on Thursday, February 28 at 7 pm. His latest is *Atomic Lobster* (Morrow, \$24.95). Here's Publishers Weekly's review:

"Dorsey's 10th novel to feature Serge A. Storms and Coleman offers sex, violence, more violence and Three Stooges-like action. After meeting up with Rachael, a stripper and drug addict, Serge and Coleman, bored and broke, take a Florida road trip. Meanwhile, several other characters, destined to converge, start their own treks: killer Tex McGraw, sprung from prison with revenge on his mind; empty-nesters Jim and Martha Davenport, seeking a little excitement; the G-Unit, a group of investing grannies who like to cruise; three American drug dealers and three Mexican drug dealers, with a new smuggling operation; and two Davis Islands residents, one a famous ex-football player. Recurring fave Johnny Vegas pops up, too, along with several government

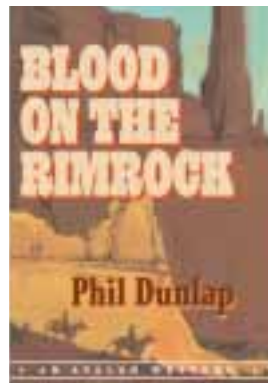


agencies. While Dorsey's brand of comedy isn't for the faint of heart, this fast-moving, raucous tale delivers its usual punch while gleefully skewering everyone and everything along the way."

Austin adds: "If I had to describe *Atomic Lobster* in one word, it would be 'unpredictable.' The events and jokes are manic. Much in the same vein as Dave Barry and Carl Hiaasen, Dorsey proves with this book that Florida is not a safe place for the sane. The book follows two crazed idiots named Serge and Coleman who recently teamed up with a stripper named Rachael who mistook their home for her own. The book also features radical grannies, dead Pet Rocks, the G-Unit, and, of course, people who really shouldn't have access to violent weapons. The combination is over-the-top and simply hilarious."

All nine of Dorsey's earlier books, starting with *Florida Roadkill*, are in stock in paperback. We're looking forward to an entertaining visit!

Saturday, March 8, 2 pm: Phil Dunlap



We're delighted to welcome Phil Dunlap back to The Mystery Company on Saturday, March 8, at 2 pm to celebrate the publication of his fourth novel, *Blood on the Rimrock* (Avalon, \$23.95). Here's Publishers Weekly's review:

"In this solid western from veteran Dunlap, Deputy U.S. Marshal Piedmont Kelly is suspicious when drifter George Alvord shows up at his Arizona desert campsite; Kelly ties up Alvord for the night, and the next morning finds Alvord stabbed and his saddle bags gone. He sets out to catch the killer, and on the first day comes across Spotted Dog, an elderly Apache crippled by a bullet who claims to have been shot by his own people, who see him as a traitor. Once Kelly brings Spotted Dog into town, however, Sheriff Drago identifies the old man as one of the Apaches who robbed the Overland Stage of \$10,000 and killed four people. Kelly suspects Drago knows more about the money than the Apache ever did, and the story moves ahead steadily, with Drago's vile sidekick, Cloyd, providing some squirms. Dunlap delivers few surprises, but a likable hero in Kelly."

The two previous novels in this series, *The Death of Desert Belle* and *Fatal Revenge*, are in stock in hardcover, as is Phil's standalone novel *Call of the Gun*.

Small-caliber Crime: Writing the Mystery Short Story

Mystery writer Terence Faherty will conduct a six-week class on the original form of the mystery, the short story. The class will consider the short story as both as end in itself and as a way to explore ideas and characters that can later be used in longer works. The class will include workshop sessions on the participants' own stories. Each class member will be encouraged to submit a manuscript of 5,000 words or less for group discussion.

Faherty is one of the most honored writers in the mystery genre. He has won the Shamus and Macavity awards for his short fiction, and has been nominated (twice) for the Edgar Award. His work has appeared in Ellery Queen's and Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazines, and numerous anthologies.

This class is co-sponsored by The Mystery Company and The Writers' Center of Indiana. Classess will take place on six consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, beginning on March 19. The cost for the class is \$180, or \$150 for members of the Writers' Center. For registration and additional information, contact The Writers' Center at 317-255-0710.

Our new website promotes all Central Indiana author events

We are launching www.indylit.com, a new website that will help promote all book and author events in central Indiana, regardless of where they're held. We're hoping that the new site will become a vital resource for all book lovers here in Indiana.

Even though we're just getting started, we already have a wide range of really interesting events posted -- all kinds of writers (fiction, nonfiction, poetry) in all kinds of venues (stores both small and large, universities, libraries).

We'll be adding new features and lots more events over the next few weeks. But we can already see the potential, the richness of the community that we cover — and that we hope we'll be able to help grow and develop with this coverage.

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Phil Dunlap. Author's website: phildunlap.com

Sunday, March 9, 2 pm

Anniversary Celebration! The Mystery Company turns 5. Jim will talk for a few minutes about bookselling and answer your questions. Then we'll have a birthday cake.

Wednesday, March 12, 7 pm

Reed Farrel Coleman. His new novel is *Empty After Ever*, latest in his series featuring private eye Moe Prager. His 2007 novel *Soul Patch* has just been nominated for an Edgar Award for Best Novel of 2007.

Sunday, March 16, 2 pm

The Mystery Mavens — **S.D. Tooley, Mary Welk & Luisa Buehler.**

Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm

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Saturday, March 29, 6 pm

Indianapolis' Sherlock Holmes group, The Illustrious Clients, a Baker Street Irregulars scion society, will meet at the store for dinner (bring your own take-out), followed by a discussion of "The Adventure of the Speckled Band." All are welcome. Website: www.illustriousclients.org

IF THE LABEL BELOW IS YELLOW, IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

**Fifth anniversary
celebration on
Sunday, March 9,
and lots more!**