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In the next 11 days, we'll take you inside the boxing ring and inside the antiques business. We'll be in 17th century China with five young warrior monks and a sixth who's turned against them, in the company of fools in 13th century France, in 18th century Portland with a young widow. And we'll explore a mysterious Indianapolis institution.

Oh, the places we go! We hope you'll join us!

Saturday, May 10, 2 pm: Dick Cady

Dick Cady visits to talk about and sign copies of his new novel, *Champions* (\$17.99), set in the world of boxing. Though the book is not a mystery, it's always a pleasure to welcome Dick to the store. Here's the blurb: "Not many people can reach back and bring the past into the present. But for former light heavyweight champions and longtime rivals Packy O'Brien and 'Jolting Jimmy' Johnson, both in their 60s, the opportunity comes when promoter Michael Damien asks them to put on a grudge-match exhibition preceding the world heavyweight championship fight in Memphis. When a gambler known as Nick The Turk steps in, the outcome of the fight — and how it affects everyone's lives — takes some startling turns."

Dick Cady, a distinguished Pulitzer Prize-winning local journalist, is always interesting, and we look forward to a entertaining and enlightening hour with him. In addition to *Champions*, we also have copies of Cady's 2005 first novel, *The Executioner's Mask* (\$19.95), set here in Indianapolis.

Monday, May 12, 7 pm: Alan Gordon & Sharan Newman

In our last newsletter, we let you know that Alan Gordon will return on Monday, May 12 at 7 pm. What we didn't know at the time is that Sharan Newman will be traveling with Alan, and we're thrilled to add her to this event. Alan and Sharan are two of our favorite writers, two of the very best writers in the historical mystery genre.

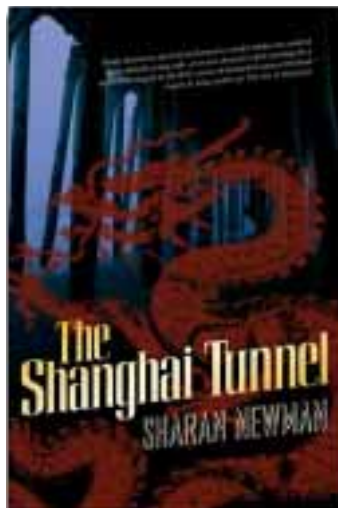
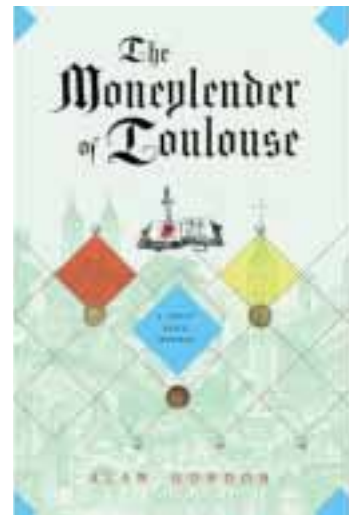
Alan's new novel is *The Moneylender of Toulouse* (St. Martin's, \$24.95), seventh in his Fools' Guild series of mysteries set in the middle ages. Gordon's series is utterly unique: ingenious, clever and witty. Here's what Publishers Weekly has to say about it:

"A wicked sense of humor lifts Gordon's seventh Fools' Guild mystery (after 2007's *The Lark's Lament*). The Fools' Guild, under threat by those in the church who oppose the organization, hopes to manipulate events so that one of its own can replace the bishop of Toulouse. Soon after Theophilus, one of the guild's most trusted agents, and his family arrive in Toulouse in 1204 on this delicate but vital mission, the body of local moneylender Milon Borsella turns up in a tanners pit, the day after Borsella argued violently with Bishop Raimon de Rabastens, the man Theophilus is plotting against. When another murder occurs, Jordan, a local fool, is arrested. Convinced that the crimes are connected to his mission, Theophilus and his capable, independent wife, Claudia, follow the clues to a logical and satisfying conclusion."

Sharan's new novel, *The Shanghai Tunnel* (Forge, \$24.95) is a departure from her medieval series, an engaging tale set in 18th century Portland. Booklist writes:

"Newman takes a break from her Catherine LeVendeur series to visit her hometown, Portland, Oregon. In 1868, Portland was a rough, bustling trading outpost in the growing western frontier. Horace Stratton, one of the town's wealthiest citizens, is returning home after making a fortune in Shanghai, accompanied by his wife, Emily, a shy daughter of missionaries who was raised in China, and teenage son, Robert. When Horace dies suddenly in

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San Francisco, Emily is on her own. Once she arrives in Portland and begins to set up her household, she finds that Horace's business partners do not want her there. She is a strong and determined woman, though, willing to expose her husband's unsavory past and make a life for her family in a new place. As she does with medieval France in the *LeVendeur* series, Newman brings nineteenth-century Portland to life with a vivid cast of characters and a historically accurate plot. Historical mystery readers will love the story, which deals with social issues that are relevant today."

Saturday, May 17, noon: Sisters in Crime

Monthly meeting of the Indiana chapter of Sisters in Crime, an international organization of readers and writers who work to raise the visibility of women in the mystery genre. Meetings are open to all, regardless of membership in SinC.

This month's speaker is Wanda Lou Willis, who will screen the 50 minute documentary *Central State: Asylum for the Insane* and discuss elements of the film. Filmmaker Dan T. Hall worked with a team of experts in the fields of psychology, the paranormal and folklore history to uncover some of the mysteries left behind when the mental facility closed its doors in 1994. Some of the souls hospitalized in the facility have apparently never left the building.

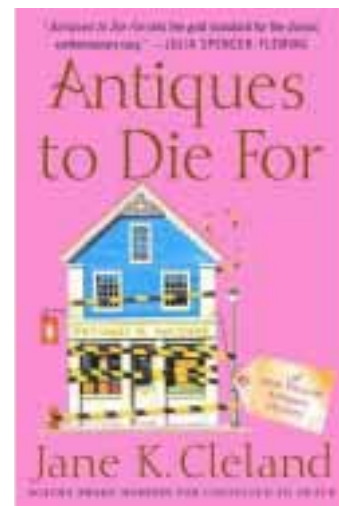
Willis, who appears in the film, is a historian specializing in Hoosier folklore. She has taught at IUPUI and is a popular presenter at schools, libraries, clubs, and historical societies. She is the author of *Haunted Hoosier Trails* and *More Haunted Hoosier Trails*, both of which will be available for purchase.

Saturday, May 17, 2 pm: Jane Cleland

Jane K. Cleland visits to talk about and sign copies of her novels featuring antiques appraiser Josie Prescott. The new novel is *Antiques to Die For* (St. Martin's, \$23.95). Here's Publishers Weekly's review:

"In Cleland's engaging third mystery to feature the New Hampshire antiques dealer, Josie is stunned to learn that her fun-loving friend, Rosalie Chaffee, has been found drowned on the Rocky Point shore. When it becomes clear Rosalie was a victim of foul play, suspicion falls on Rosalie's boss at Heyer's Modular Furniture, his scheming wife and Rosalie's gorgeous volunteer

fireman boyfriend. The warm, endearing Josie decides not only to investigate but also to take care of Rosalie's 12-year-old sister, Paige. Aided by a large support group of well-drawn characters headed by her police chief boyfriend, Josie follows such clues as an old diary, an artist's palette and a misplaced tote bag. Among other antique lore, readers will learn the difference between a highboy and a tallboy in this cleverly crafted cozy."



Sunday, May 18, 2 pm: Jeff Stone

Jeff Stone visits to talk about and sign copies of *Eagle*, the long-awaited fifth book in his Five Ancestors series. This terrific series of fast-paced adventure novels set in 17th century China is published for middle school readers, but readers of all ages have been enjoying them. **A special treat:** Jeff will be reading short excerpts from his manuscript-in-progress for *Mouse*, the sixth book in the series which won't be published until 2009!

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