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Thursday, May 29, 7 pm: Barbara Fister

Barbara Fister visits to talk about and sign copies of her new novel, *In the Wind* (St. Martin's, \$24.95). Here's Publishers Weekly's take:

"Chicago PI Anni Koskinen investigates a case ranging from the Vietnam era to a current FBI manhunt. As a favor, Koskinen agrees to take Rosa Saenz, one of her friend Father Sikora's community center volunteers, to Bemidji, Minn. That innocent errand sets the ex-cop on a path that will bring her into conflict with FBI agents, her former Chicago police colleagues and even her mentor, FBI Agent Jim Tilquist. In 1972, Tilquist's FBI father, Agent Arne Tilquist, was murdered, and the bureau is still tracking his killer. Fister expertly brings the turbulent past into focus with emphasis on Ishkode, a militant splinter group of AIM (the American Indian Movement), and the FBI's questionable responses to such movements. The Windy City already has plenty of fictional PIs, but they'll have to make room for the gutsy and appealing Anni Koskinen."

The book also comes with glowing endorsements from some of our favorite writers. Marcia Muller writes "An engaging character, a fast-paced plot, and a story that draws thought-provoking parallels between the turbulent 1970s and the world we live in today." Kent Krueger adds: "To the fine list of tough female PIs like V. I. Warshawski, Kinsey Millhone and Sharon McCone, eager readers can now add another terrific name: Anni Koskinen. *In the Wind* is smart and tough, and Barbara Fister, delivers her story with the wallop of a good right cross."

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Calendar

Thursday, May 29, 7 pm

Barbara Fister visits to talk about and sign copies of *In the Wind*, a new novel about a former Chicago cop who unwittingly helps a fugitive, a former member of a radical faction of the American Indian movement, escape.

Friday, May 30, 7 pm

Wayne Caldwell visits to talk about and sign copies of *Cataloochee*. This book is not a mystery, but it comes highly recommended by Kathryn Kennison.

Sunday, June 1, 2 pm

Three local mystery writers — Diana Catt, S.M. Harding and D.B. Reddick — have stories in *Medium of Murder*, a new anthology.

Wednesday, June 4, 7 pm

Elizabeth Zelvin visits to talk about and sign copies of *Death Will Get You Sober*, a first novel that draws on Zelvin's work as a psychotherapist

Saturday, June 14, 2 pm

Libby Fischer Hellmann and Michael Allen Dymmoach return to talk about and sign copies of their new novels. Libby's latest is *Easy Innocence*, a new mystery that spins-off a character from her Ellie Foreman series. Michael's latest is *M.I.A.*, a standalone.

Saturday, June 15, 2 pm

Indiana native Ben Small returns home to talk about and sign copies of his novels *Alibi on Ice* and *The Olive Horseshoe*.

Saturday, June 21, 2 pm

Wes D. Gehring, a film professor at Ball State University, visits to talk about and sign copies of his new novel, *The Charlie Chaplin Murder Mystery*.

Fister works as an academic librarian at a liberal arts college in Minnesota. She is a sharp and articulate observer of the publishing world, and is a frequent contributor to a wide range of mystery and library periodicals. Visit her website at www.barbarafister.com for links to some of her articles.

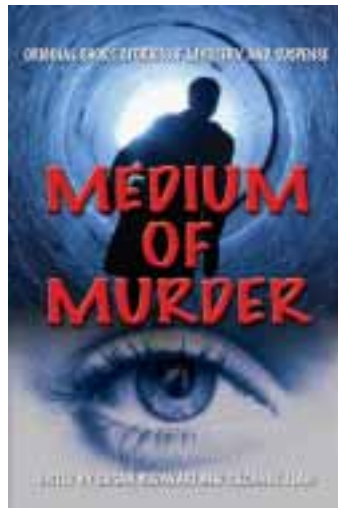
Friday, May 30, 7 pm: Wayne Caldwell

Kathryn Kennison, the whirlwind force at Ball State behind *Magna Cum Murder*, is so enthusiastic about Wayne Caldwell's first novel, *Cataloochee* (Random House, \$24.95) that she's bringing him here to The Mystery Company to talk about and sign copies of his book. Here's Publishers Weekly's review:

"The first time Ezra Banks sees the promised land called Cataloochee is when he runs away at age 14 and joins the Confederate army. So begins Caldwell's rambling account of life in the western mountains of North Carolina from 1864 to 1928. Land-poor Ezra returns to Cataloochee in 1880, marries Hannah Carter of the land-rich Carter family, takes over some of her father's property and goes on to raise a family and acquire more land, making him one of the wealthiest men in Cataloochee. But cantankerous Ezra is mean as a snake when he's drunk (and only slightly less when sober), earning him the community's enmity ... A meandering and diverting collection of tangential yarns, Caldwell's debut will find a spot on many readers' shelves near Charles Frazier's *Thirteen Moons*."

Sunday, June 1, 2 pm: Medium of Murder

Three local mystery writers — Diana Catt, S.M. Harding and D.B. Reddick — have stories in *Medium of Murder* (Red Coyote Press, \$14.95), an anthology of 18 original mystery and suspense stories involving "mediums, mass media and unusual forms of

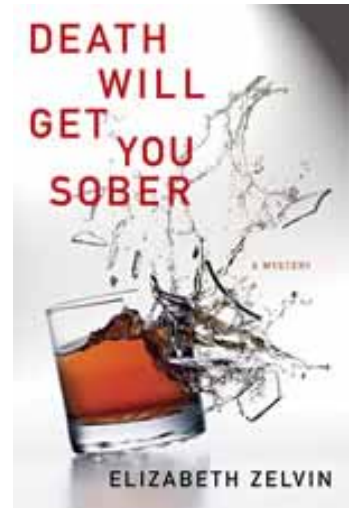


murder." We are delighted to host a "mini-launch party" for this new book, and to celebrate the publication of these new stories by three members of the writers' group that meets here at The Mystery Company.

Wednesday, June 4, 7 pm: Elizabeth Zelvin

Elizabeth Zelvin visits to talk about and sign copies of her first novel, *Death Will Get You Sober* (St. Martin's, \$23.95), a novel based on Zelvin's own experiences as a psychotherapist who works on addiction. Here's Booklist's review:

"Bruce Kohler wakes up in a detox center on the Bowery on Christmas Day. He knows that he needs to change his life and wants to stop drinking, but sobriety is so boring. When the fellow in the next bed, who had introduced himself as God-Godfrey Brandon Kettleworth III, dies that night, Bruce finds a way to avoid the boredom. He wonders why no one feels that it is necessary to determine the cause of death. His friend and former drinking buddy, Jimmy, and Jimmy's wife, Barbara, an addiction counselor, help him investigate Godfrey's past. They uncover some unsavory family secrets as well as some facts that the detox center would prefer to keep hidden. This entertaining debut novel by a psychotherapist will give readers a view of the recovery process as they turn the pages to a good surprise ending."



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