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We have an amazing line-up of events next week. We know that four events in five days is a pretty ambitious schedule, but we rarely control the dates for events. It's just a matter of saying yes or no when the opportunities arise. When we have a chance to host **Michael Koryta** on the national release date of his new book, a chance to introduce the hilarious **Chris Grabenstein** and **Julie Kramer** (whose first novel, *Stalking Susan*, is getting lots of buzz), to visit again with local favorites **S.D. Tooley**, **Terence Faherty**, **Kit Ehrman**, **Phil Dunlap**, and a chance to play a round of my 100 Favorites Mysteries of the Century gameshow ... well, when these are the opportunities that are presented to us, how can we say no?

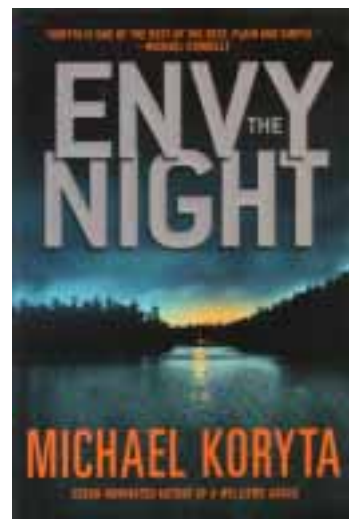
We hope that you find these opportunities just as irresistible as we do. We'll have a big bonus for all of you who are able to attend all four — one of our brand-new Mystery Company gift cards loaded with \$20. Just attend our events on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and the card is yours. We look forward to seeing you!

## Tuesday, August 5, 7 pm: Michael Koryta

We're thrilled to welcome Michael Koryta back on the publication date of his new novel, *Envy the Night* (St. Martin's, \$24.95). After three books featuring PI Lincoln Perry, including the Edgar Award nominee *Tonight I Said Goodbye*, Koryta is publishing a standalone thriller of family secrets, mob hitmen and a father's shadowy legacy. We didn't get an advance copy, but the folks who did are raving about it. Here's what Publishers Weekly had to say:

"Revenge drives this superb standalone. Frank Temple II, a U.S. marshal, commits suicide after a tip leads to the exposure of his secret life as a hit man. Seven years later, Frank II's 24-year-old son, Frank Temple III, learns from an old Vietnam pal of his father's that the man who ratted out Frank II, Devin Matteson, is returning to Wisconsin from Florida. Temple heads to his father's cabin in remote Willow Flowage, Wis., to confront Matteson, who first recruited Frank II into the assassination game. Temple realizes that there's more at stake than his vendetta against Matteson, as he encounters a group of ruthless killers and joins forces with Nora Stafford, the owner of an auto repair shop. Koryta's dialogue is as sharp as the knives his characters wield, and his plot twists at the most unexpected moments. This thriller places Koryta solidly in the company of the genre's most powerful voices."

It's always a pleasure to host Michael, who is as impressive in person as he is in his books.

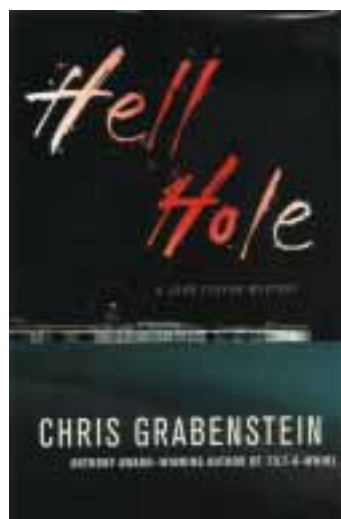


## Wednesday, August 6, 7 pm: Chris Grabenstein

Chris Grabenstein visits The Mystery Company for the first time. He is the author of two mystery series for adults. His latest novel is *Hell Hole* (St. Martin's, \$24.95), fourth in his series set on the Jersey shore featuring police detective John Ceepak. Chris does a lot of things really well in these books: they're funny, they beautifully capture both the allure and the seediness of the Jersey Shore setting and they're cleverly plotted stories. But most of all, what you'll enjoy about these books is the fabulous portrayal of the relationship between Ceepak and Officer Danny Boyle, his young partner.

The best comment on these books that I see right now comes from Louise Ure, Shamus Award winning author of *The Fault Tree*: "Grabenstein has raised the stakes in *Hell Hole*, the latest offering in the Ceepak mystery series. All the reasons I fell in love with the series are still there:

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Danny is still the Candide-like character through whom we see the honorable, lie-hating John Ceepak, the writing is still as smooth as glass and as honest as a boy scout, the dialogue still rings as true as a dinner bell. But in *Hell Hole*, Grabenstein has taken it to a whole new level. Like the boardwalk ride he describes, he drops the bottom out of what we think we know, and gives us a story that's as dark and mesmerizing as the Hell Hole itself. Don't let the sunny weather of Sea Haven fool you, *Hell Hole* is one spectacular, gripping ride."

Chris has also just published *The Crossroads*, a new mystery novel for younger readers. Here's the starred review from Booklist: "If Grabenstein's first YA book were to receive a one-word review, the word would be Coool, a term that applies in a variety of ways—from the book's cover image (a face peering out of the bark of a tree) and its hitchhiking, hot-rodding ghosts to its creepy atmosphere, believable story, and suspense that engulfs readers from the very first page. Even the characters are cool, including contemporary, doo-wop, and even Dickensian types. Grabenstein, who has won the Anthony Award for his adult mysteries and whose writing career encompassed writing for television and work for the Muppets, brings a great sense of timing to this mysterious fright ride... An absorbing psychological thriller (the ghost of Zack's malevolent mother plays a part), as well as a rip-roaring ghost story, this switches points of view among humans, trees, and ghosts with astonishing elan."

Chris is also one of the genre's most engaging personalities. Don't miss this chance to meet him!

### Friday, August 8, 7 pm: Lee Driver

S.D. Tooley aka Lee Driver's new paranormal suspense novel, *Chasing Ghosts*, is the fourth in her series featuring Chase Dagger. Here's the blurb: "What if everything you knew about your past was wrong? What if who you thought you were was all a lie? In *Chasing Ghosts*, Dagger comes face-to-face with his past in the form of an intruder who first wants to hire him, then tries to kill him. What prompted this response? The answer lies in a series of numbers which triggers Dagger's memory and leads him to a remote city one mile below the surface, technologically advanced yet abandoned ... or is it?"



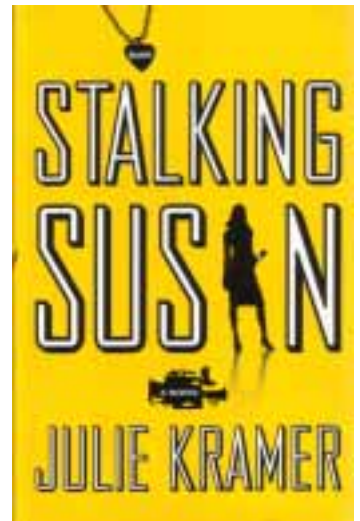
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### Saturday, August 9, 1:30 pm: 100 Favorite Mysteries gameshow

Join us at the Glendale Branch of the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library for an exciting afternoon of mystery trivia and a chance to visit with four terrific mystery writers. I will lead a round of my gameshow based on the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association 100 Favorite Mysteries of the Century list. We'll assign folks in the audience to teams that will compete to identify titles based on clues I will provide. The teams will be lead by four terrific mystery writers — **Phil Dunlap, Kit Ehrman, Terence Faherty** and first novelist **Julie Kramer**—who will then stay on after the game to talk about and sign copies of their books.

We've had a chance to tell you about Phil, Kit and Terry here before. Julie Kramer is new to us. Here's what Booklist has to say about her snappy debut novel, *Stalking Susan* (Doubleday, \$22.95): "Minneapolis television reporter Riley Spartz is struggling with grief and guilt after her husband's death. Then ex-cop, friend, and fellow film buff Nick Garnett provides what could be her comeback scoop. Two cold cases reveal that women named Susan were strangled in the same manner on the same date in 1991 and 1992. Meanwhile, her producer assigns her to follow the trail of a veterinarian who proves to be as dangerous as he is disreputable. But it's the Susan story that absorbs Riley, who follows some leads to dead ends before she entices the killer out of hiding. First-novelist Kramer, a TV producer, knows the news biz ... she spins a good story with a gutsy and appealing protagonist and leaves some plot threads dangling for Riley's next adventure. This is a series worth joining at the start."



Registration for this event is requested; phone the library at 317-275- 4410.