

# THE PLOT THINGS

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June 2010 Begins ...

## Dianne Emley

Signs *Love Kills*

Thursday, June 3, 7:00 PM

LAPD homicide officer Nan Vining has mostly recovered from the (briefly) fatal attack and subsequent threats to her and her daughter in the Cut trilogy, with some residual effects. Nan joins lover and partner Jim Kissick in an investigation among the Los Angeles elite at a private retreat in *Love Kills*. Los Angeles author Dianne Emley joins Kris Neri on Thursday, June 3, at 7:00 PM for an evening of murder in the City of Angels.

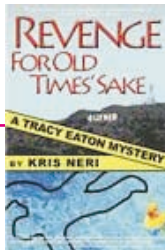


## Kris Neri

Signs *Revenge for Old Time's Sake*

Thursday, June 3, 7:00 PM

Teacher, bookseller (with husband Joe, she owns Sedona's The Well Red Coyote), and author Kris Neri joins Dianne Emley on Thursday, June 3, at 7:00 PM. Kris's *High Crimes on the Magical Plane* was a Lefty nominee for the best humorous mystery at the 2010 Left Coast Crime convention. In *Revenge for Old Time's Sake*, Tracy Eaton strives to clear her beloved husband, Drew, of the charge of murdering his boss, while impeded by the good intentions of their family.



## Michael Stevens

Signs *Fortuna*

Friday, June 4, 7:00 PM

Debut author Michael Stevens, like Peter May with *Virtually Dead*, examines the impact on-line role-playing games can have on their players in the real world in *Fortuna*. Jason Lind is addicted to playing "Fortuna," a game set in Renaissance Florence, not worrying about the consequences of his avatar's choices, or thinking about the real world value of items in the game's economy, when he discovers the game has an impact on the real world. Meet Michael on Friday, June 4, at 7:00 PM.

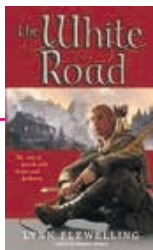


## Lynn Flewelling

Signs *The White Road*

Saturday, June 5, 2:00 PM

Fantasy author Lynn Flewelling, safely ashore from her teaching voyage on her Writing on the Waves! Caribbean writing cruise in late May, returns to Mysterious Galaxy on Saturday, June 5, at 2:00 PM. *The White Road* is the latest installment in Lynn's Nightrunner fantasy / mystery series. Partners Alec and Seregil's hopes to return to a more peaceful way of life and espionage are disrupted when they become responsible for the care of a mysterious and powerful homunculus. The Nightrunner books have been optioned by an indie film company.



## Jane Lindskold

Signs *Five Odd Honors*

Saturday, June 5, 4:00 PM

On Saturday, June 5, at 4:00 PM, fantasy author Jane Lindskold visits with the third book in the Breaking the Wall series, *Five Odd Honors*. Brenda Morris, who began to explore her legacy of the powers of the Rat of Chinese mythology, tries to resume her college studies. But when other members of the Exiles try to return to the Lands Born from Smoke and Sacrifice to restore five lost members, they discover the lands have been corrupted by a powerful adversary.



## Supernatural Summer Tour

Sunday, June 6, 2:00 PM

Kelley Armstrong signs *The Reckoning*  
 Kimberley Derting signs *The Body Finder*  
 Kim Harrison signs *Early to Death, Early to Rise*  
 Ellen Schreiber signs *Vampire Kisses 7: Love Bites*



It's sure to be a most epic afternoon when the Supernatural Summer Tour stops at Mysterious Galaxy on Sunday, June 6, at 2:00 PM, with four fabulous young adult fantasy authors.

**Kelley Armstrong** concludes her first Darkest Powers trilogy with *The Reckoning*. Teen Chloe Saunders aspires to be normal – a stretch for a necromancer torn between her attraction to a werewolf and a sorcerer. Kelley is also the author of the Otherworld paranormal suspense series (set in the same universe as Darkest Powers, but without overlapping characters) and Nadia Stafford thrillers. *Waking the Witch* is due in August, and her collection, *Men of the Otherworld*, benefits World Literacy of Canada.

**Kimberley Derting's** March debut, *The Body Finder*, received a Best Fiction for Young Adults nomination from the Young Adult Library Services Association. High school student Violet Ambrose has inherited her grandmother's ability to hear the "echo" left behind by those who have died violently. When a series of young women meet violent ends in her town, she is determined to find the killer. The next book, *Desires of the Dead*, is due in early 2011.

Madison Avery, introduced in *Prom Nights from Hell*, is back in her second novel, *Early to Death, Early to Rise*. Upon her death, Madison discovered her destiny as a timekeeper, in charge of Heaven's dark angels. When she decides to form a rogue band and bend the celestial rules, things quickly escalate beyond her control. **Kim Harrison** is also the author of the popular novels set in The Hollows, including February's *Black Magic Sanction*, pitting Rachel Morgan against another witch.

**Ellen Schreiber's** Vampire Kisses series exists in two complimentary incarnations – as novels, and as manga. *Vampire Kisses 7: Love Bites*, continues the love affair between vampire obsessed, goth girl Raven and her favorite mysterious dark-eyed hottie, Alexander Sterling. Raven hopes to find out from Alexander's visiting BFF, Sebastian, the key to getting Alexander to make her a vampire as well and helping her escape Dullsville. Early 2011 promises *Once in a Full Moon*, her "New Series about a Hot & Heroic Werewolf!"

*This is a numbered event. Numbers for the signing line are available with purchase of any of the Supernatural Summer authors' most recent book (see above) from Mysterious Galaxy. Tickets will be issued to customers with receipts from your March and April purchases of Kimberly and Kelley's books.*

## Carola Dunn

Signs *A Colourful Death*

Thursday, June 10, 7:00 PM

Carola Dunn returns to the small Cornish town of Port Mayben with *A Colourful Death* on Thursday, June 10, at 7:00 PM. Eleanor Trewynn's neighbor, artist Nick Gresham, returns from a trip to find his paintings have been destroyed in his studio. When the culprit is murdered, Nick is the prime suspect – but Eleanor finds that even in a small town, there are plenty of others who had issues with Nick's rival artist, including the members of a local commune. Carola is also the author of 18 Daisy Dalrymple mysteries, and is planning at least two more in her historical British series.

## Vicki Petterson

Signs *Cheat the Grave: The Fifth Sign of the Zodiac*

Friday, June 11, 7:00 PM

Fans of Vicki Petterson's Sign of the Zodiac urban fantasy superhero series are eagerly awaiting *Cheat the Grave*, following the events of *City of Souls*, including Joanna Archer's sacrificing her immortality and powers to save an innocent. Joanna, having altered her destiny, is still a figure of prophecy, sought both by her former enemies and allies and the target of a death-dealer, as she takes refuge in Las Vegas's supernatural underworld. Vicki returns to Mysterious Galaxy on Friday, June 11, at 7:00 PM. Also watch for a new story from Vicki in the *Dark and Stormy Knights* anthology in July.

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## Lisa Brackmann

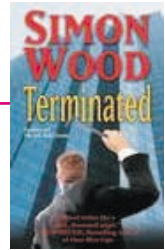
Signs *Rock Paper Tiger*  
Saturday, June 12, 2:00 PM



San Diego native Lisa Brackmann takes readers on a couch trip to contemporary China in her debut novel, *Rock Paper Tiger*, our Signed First Mystery Pick for June. (See Maryelizabeth's review on our website.) An Iraq war vet tangled in the death throes of a marriage, Ellie Cooper finds herself caught up in a conspiracy against the Chinese government, with no clear way to determine who her allies are, especially when her primary source of information is via on-line game avatars. Meet Lisa on Saturday, June 12, at 2:00 PM, and find out what inspired her to write about "China as the kind of place where there's a Starbucks on every corner."

## Simon Wood

Signs *Terminated*  
Sunday, June 13, 2:00 PM



Everyone's worked with someone who is never responsible for any of his / her own issues at work – they are always the victim of someone else's special treatment or malice. In *Terminated*, Simon Wood takes that obnoxious co-worker to a dangerous and deadly level. When Gwen Ferris, recently promoted to Manager of Quality Assurance on her own merits over Stephen Tarbell, gives Tarbell a poor performance review, he reacts unreasonably. He begins a campaign of intimidation and terror, encompassing her job, her family, and her life. Spend a chilling afternoon with the award-winning thriller author on Sunday, June 13, at 2:00 PM.

## Looking Ahead:

More Exciting Events and Hot Summer Reads ...  
Mark your calendars!

- **June continues:** Juliet Blackwell – June 18; Sophie Littlefield – June 18; Shawna Lynn Stewart – June 19; Jodi Compton – June 22; Jeffery Deaver – June 25; J.V. Jones – June 26; Rebecca Cantrell – June 27; P.F. Chisholm – June 27; Scott Sigler – June 28; Tarquin Hall – June 29; Delia Sherman – June 30
- **One Hot July:** George R.R. Martin – July 7; Gregg Hurwitz – July 11; Dale Bailey – July 14; Don Winslow – July 15; Samuel R. Delany – July 20; Comic-Con International – July 21 – 25; Ann VanderMeer and Jeff VanderMeer – July 28; Lisa Gardner – July 29; Dorothy Howell – July 31
- **August and beyond:** Alex Kava – August 2; Brent Weeks – August 27; Smart Chicks Kick It Tour with Melissa Marr, Kelley Armstrong, Alyson Noel, Mary Pearson and Carrie Ryan – September 21; William Kent Krueger – September 24 ... and more great events and authors as summer turns to fall!

## Summer Special (Limited) Signed First Edition

Occasionally, Mysterious Galaxy creates a limited signed first edition for an author with a book of particular merit or interest. We create this special edition by incorporating special materials and a limited edition stamp. We will be creating a limited edition for *Savages*. Details and pricing will be announced in June.

### Savages by Don Winslow

I have been a huge fan of Don's since the very first book I read (*A Cool Breeze on the Underground*) when we opened the bookstore 17 years ago. And my enthusiasm has never been diminished. With every book I read, my personal fandom for Don grows. The only thing that puzzles me is why Don Winslow is not yet a household name.

With the publication of *Savages*, I think this puzzle will be solved as Don once again proves that he is a master at his craft. This time he takes on the Mexican drug cartel, Southern California law enforcement, and a bunch of extremely likable drug dealers. This in-your-face, spare-no-one, adrenalin rush of a novel is as addictive as the drugs that Ben and Chon create and "dispense." This novel will have you shivering in your boots because you know that this is as much fact as it is fiction. And Don spares no one and treads lightly nowhere. This smart, frantic look into one of the deadliest crime issues in our current history will ensure a place on every bookshelf for Don Winslow. Meet Don at Mysterious Galaxy on July 15.

From Simon & Schuster this July, \$25.00.

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## Rave Reviews

### The Burning Wire by Jeffery Deaver

Lincoln Rhyme is fighting criminals in two cities. The Watchmaker has been spotted in Mexico and Rhyme desperately needs to capture the man who once eluded him. On Rhyme's home turf, a city bus is incinerated and one man killed by an invisible and deadly force. Someone is using electricity to make a point and the forensic criminologist eagerly joins the chase. With Amelia Sachs and Ron Pulaski investigating the crime scenes and FBI agent Fred Delray undercover tapping his confidential sources, Rhyme attempts to profile and second guess the perpetrator. As the attacks escalate, the death toll rises, and demand letters appear, and Rhyme begins to suffer as his health is compromised by long hours and an ever-increasing workload.

Jeffery Deaver writes the best thrillers on the market. He twists and manipulates the story line making second guessing impossible. Every time this reader thinks the suspect is obvious, Deaver presents new information and shakes the foundations the theory is built upon. While all clues and information are fairly presented, I am never able to solve his puzzles. That fact alone makes the man my favorite author. His plots are a roller coaster ride and his characters frequently place themselves in danger to protect citizens. Because Deaver's characters are old friends that I know and love, I read each new book with a low level of panic. This book is at the top of my list for action, terror, and unexpected twists. After a frantic chase and unexpected results, the final chapter is one of the most uplifting endings I have ever encountered. While I cannot wait for my next encounter with Lincoln Rhyme and his entourage, I was excited and delighted with the final words in this novel. Meet Jeff at Mysterious Galaxy on June 25. Simon & Schuster, June, \$26.99. – Guest Reviewer Sandra Hale

### Song of Scarabaeus by Sara Creasy

Fans of Elizabeth Bear and Karen Traviss's ecological science fiction have a new author to investigate – Sara Creasy. Edie Sha'nim is working her wetware tech magic as something of an indentured servant to the controlling government corporation the Crib when she is kidnapped by mercenaries who want her to do work for the members of the Fringe planets. The Crib and its techs, including Edie, specialize in terraforming planets, via technology that requires annual updates for a steep price from the Crib. (A familiar situation to anyone with knowledge of the current industrialized food industry.) Edie and her bodyguard, a political prisoner of the Crib who is tethered to her by a variation of a radius bomb, are asked to retrieve technology from Scarabaeus, an unsuccessful terraforming experiment from Edie's past. While Edie is a little reactive rather than active for my personal tastes, her personality is a good match for her background. I look forward to more in this series. Eos pbo, \$7.99. – MeH

### The End Game by Gerrie Ferris Finger

When Moriah Dru, founder of Child Trace, is asked to investigate the disappearance of two sisters, the former police officer finds a torched house containing the bodies of the girls' foster parents. Atlanta Police Lieutenant Richard Lake, Dru's lover, is also working the abduction. In spite of the involvement of two Search and Rescue dogs, there is no sign of the girls. When Dru and Lake begin to question the neighbors, they find tension and in-fighting among the residents. The couple interviews an elderly woman who appears to know more than she is telling them and a young boy with information about a strange car. Learning that two girls have vanished from the neighborhood in the past eight years, the investigators are led to a sexual predator living in the neighborhood. The case is complicated by a second fire, a murder, and an accident. When the computer hacker on Moriah's payroll begins to check blogs on the internet, he finds the girls' information tied to a secret sex organization using references to rooks, bishops, and knights. He finds codes tying the movement of two girls with train and plane schedules. With time running out, Dru and Lake find themselves out of touch with their team and acting on their own. This fast-paced debut is filled with twists, turns, and unexpected events. Non-stop action and two engaging, well-developed characters, keep the reader turning pages until the end of the book. Minotaur Books, \$24.99. – Guest Reviewer Sandra Hale

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