

October 2010 Continues...

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Ken Scholes

Signs *Antiphon*

Friday, October 15, 7:00 PM

Publishers Weekly's review of *Antiphon* states "A diverse cast of dynamic characters, a tantalizingly labyrinthine mystery, a world full of wonders, and powerful symbolism and imagery power this seamless merging of epic fantasy and science fiction." We all look forward to our visit with Ken Scholes on Friday, October 15, at 7:00 PM. Our friends at Fairwood Press are working hard to get copies of Ken's short story collection, *Diving Mimes, Weeping Czars and Other Unusual Suspects*, to MG in time for the event.

Lynn Flewelling

Signs *Glimpses*

Saturday, October 16, 2:00 PM

In *Glimpses* Lynn Flewelling explores "lost" moments from her popular Nightrunner Series, events alluded to or passed over — Alec's parents and childhood, Seregil's early liaisons in Skala, Seregil and Alec's first night as lovers, how Seregil and Micum Cavish met. Lynn visits MG on Saturday, October 16, at 2:00 PM, to sign her collection and speculate on what may happen next in the Nightrunner universe.

Richard Kadrey

Signs *Kill the Dead*

Sunday, October 17, 2:00 PM

Sandman Slim, sorcerer and nephilim James Stark, returns in *Kill the Dead*, in a Los Angeles filled with celestial Homeland Security agents, zombies, and the Prince of Lies filming a biopic. (See Patrick's review on our website.) Richard Kadrey discusses making life in LA worse than life in Hell for his popular antihero on Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 PM. He will be joined by Merrie DeStafano, who appeared on a Comic-Con International panel with him this past July.

Merrie DeSanto

Signs *Afterlife*

Sunday, October 17, 2:00 PM

In a future New Orleans, Chaz Dominguez's family business, Fresh Start, holds the key to resurrection, and they offer their services to everyone ... up to the limit of nine lives. Now Chaz is baby sitting a newly resurrected young woman with powerful secrets from her past life that not only will affect his family, but also could hold the key to actual immortality. (See Maryelizabeth's review on our website.) Merrie joins Richard Kadrey on Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 PM.

Vince Flynn

Signs *American Assassin*

Monday, October 18, 7:00 PM

Bestselling novelist Vince Flynn visits on Monday, October 18, at 7:00 PM, to take CIA superagent Mitch Rapp back to his first assignment, with *American Assassin*. This is a numbered event. Numbers for the signing line are available with purchase of *American Assassin* from Mysterious Galaxy, on sale now, with two different book jackets available for the reader's choice! Vince will also update fans on the possibility of a Mitch Rapp movie franchise, starting with *Consent to Kill*.

David Weber

Signs *Out of the Dark*

Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 PM

Readers of David Weber's dark speculative fiction story, "Out of the Dark," in the recent *Warriors* anthology will be delighted to see the story has expanded into the first of a trilogy of novels, *Out of the Dark*. *Out of the Dark* offers vampires, aliens, and military action as the "lunatic local sentients" of the third planet from the sun set up a defense against an invading colonizing force. David will also discuss Honor Harrington, the Safehold novels, and his other works on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 PM.

Christie Golden

Signs *World of Warcraft: The Shattering*

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 PM

Wednesday evening, October 20, at 7:00 PM, set down your control keys and your d20 and join Christie Golden and Richard Knaak, as they stop by en route to BlizzCon 2010. Bestselling author Christie's new World of Warcraft novel, *The Shattering*, is the prelude to the major new event in the world of the massive multiplayer on-line roleplaying game, "Cataclysm." Star Wars fans who missed Christie at Comic-Con in July will have a chance to have her sign copies of *Allies*, her new Fate of the Jedi novel, as well.

Richard Knaak

Signs *Legends of the Dragonrealm, Vol. II*

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 PM

Richard Knaak joins Christie Golden on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 PM for our second of three events this month celebrating game world tie-in novels. Richard, who has crafted original tales set in a variety of game worlds, including World of Warcraft and Dragonlance, has two collections of his Legends of the Dragonrealm stories. The new volume includes a bonus novella, "Skins," appearing in print for the first time.

P.L. Gaus

Signs *Blood of the Prodigal*

Thursday, October 21, 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 21, at 7:00 PM, two authors use the structure of the mystery novel to examine two unique cultures. P.L. Gaus has received critical acclaim for his Amish-Country mysteries, published over the last decade by Ohio University Press, and now being brought to a larger audience by Plume publishers. In *Blood of the Prodigal*, an Amish boy is kidnapped by his father, who has been exiled from the community of Old Order Amish of Holmes County, Ohio; and the community's bishop turns to two outsiders for help.

Gary Corby

Signs *The Pericles Commission*

Thursday, October 21, 7:00 PM

In *The Pericles Commission*, Gary Corby offers insights into Classical Athens. From Gary's website: "Nicolao, the ambitious son of a minor sculptor, walks the mean streets as an agent for the promising young politician Pericles. Murder and mayhem don't faze Nico; what's really on his mind is how to get closer (much closer) to Diotima, the intelligent and annoyingly virgin priestess of Artemis, and how to shake off his irritating 12 year old brother Socrates." Gary visits from Australia, signing and discussing his debut novel on Thursday, October 21, at 7:00 PM.

Nancy Holder

Signs *Crusade*

Celebrating Teen Read Week at the San Marcos Library

Friday, October 22, 4:00 PM

Join Nancy Holder at the Sam Marcos Library on Friday, October 22, at 4:00 PM, as part of the library's Teen Read Week celebration. Research shows that teens who read for fun have better test scores and are more likely to succeed in the workforce. This year's theme is "Books with Beat @ your library®;" we're looking forward to learning how Nancy will incorporate the theme of music and audio books into her presentation. Mysterious Galaxy will have copies of *Crusade*, the Wicked series, and the Possession titles on hand.



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Events continue on the back page

Alan Jacobson

Signs *Velocity*

Friday, October 22, 7:00 PM

Alan Jacobson brought Karen Vail to California and wine country in *Crush*, where she ended up confronting a serial killer. Now, in *Velocity*, her boyfriend, Robby Hernandez, has vanished, apparently the victim of the Crush Killer ... who they brought to justice. The *Publishers Weekly* review states, "Jacobson's third thriller featuring Vail sizzles with nonstop action and startling details about drug trafficking." Spend a thrilling evening with Alan on Friday, October 22, at 7:00 PM.

Jeff Mariotte

Signs *Dark Sun: City Under the Sand*

Saturday, October 23, 1:00 PM

Mysterious Galaxy co-owner, author and comics author Jeff Mariotte will discuss writing dark sword and sorcery fantasy set in the Dark Sun roleplaying game world in *City Under the Sand* on Saturday, October 23, at 1:00 PM. Jeff's novel of a half-elf with a rare ability drawn into a quest by a dark king for a trove of weapons is set in the newly relaunched world. Criminal Minds fans can discuss his creepy research project for the companion book, *Criminal Minds: Sociopaths, Serial Killers, and Other Deviants*. Readers may also want to pick up copies of recent comic miniseries "Garrison" and "Fade to Black" from Comickaze.

Adrienne Barbeau

Signs *Love Bites*

Saturday, October 23, 2:00 PM

Meet actor and author Adrienne Barbeau on Saturday, October 23, at 2:00 PM. Adrienne, who is currently appearing on "General Hospital," will share the path that led her to writing. Adrienne introduced readers to Ovsanna Moore and the Vampyres of Hollywood at Comic-Con a couple of years ago. In *Love Bites*, only a short while has passed, and Ovsanna has her hands full with a new romantic interest, rebellious undead celebrities, and attacking werewolves. (See Maryelizabeth's review on our website.)

Ben Boos

Signs *Fantasy: An Artist's Realm*

Sunday, October 24, noon

Ben Boos honed his art skills working on art for computer games. Ben's *Swords: An Artist's Devotion* was a boon to both arms admirers and art lovers alike; now he has broadened his horizons with *Fantasy: An Artist's Realm*. The new work is intended as "an escapist's handbook; full of treasure, far away places, monsters and adventure." Join Ben in his fantastic realm on Sunday, October 24, at noon.

Lois McMaster Bujold

Signs *Cryoburn*

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 PM

Miles Vorkosigan is back! Lois McMaster Bujold's fans, who have been waiting for eight years, probably don't require any more information than that to plan to join us on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 PM. Just in case, *Cryoburn* takes Miles on assignment by Emperor Gregor to exercise his diplomatic / spy skills investigating the cryonics industry on a distant planet. (See Maryelizabeth's review on our website.) This is a numbered event. Numbers for the signing line are available with purchase of *Cryoburn* from Mysterious Galaxy, on sale now.

Connie Willis

Signs *All Clear*

Thursday, October 28, 7:00 PM

World Fantasy Convention 2011 Toastmistress and multiple award-winning author Connie Willis returns to MG on Thursday, October 28, at 7:00 PM with the second volume of her very long novel, *All Clear*. From Connie's website: "I solemnly promise it" only two volumes, not the teaser beginning to a fifteen-volume series or something, and that the book reaches an actual and complete ending in *All Clear*." MG has a limited number of copies of first editions of volume one, *Blackout*, available. This is a numbered event. Numbers for the signing line are available with purchase of *All Clear* from Mysterious Galaxy, on sale beginning Tuesday, October 19.



Hallowe'en at MG

With Nancy Holder and Kiersten White

Friday, October 29, 7:00 PM

Spend an otherworldly evening celebrating All Hallow's Eve a bit early on Friday, October 29, at 7:00 PM with Mysterious Galaxy and two local authors of paranormal young adult fiction. Longtime favorite and bestselling author Nancy Holder will be discussing the world of *Crusade*, a world where vampires have come out of the shadows, and The Cursed Ones are laying siege to humanity, with only a few who can stand against them. Nancy will also discuss her Possessions series, as well as update fans on Wicked coming to television.

Debut local author Kiersten White received a starred review for *Paranormalcy* in *Publishers Weekly*, which favorably compared the novel to Joss Whedon's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Like *Crusade*'s Jenn, sixteen year old Evie lives in a world where supernatural creatures abound, and she and the other members of her organization are tasked with keeping them under control. When Evie meets a shape-shifter who challenges what she's been taught, she must reexamine her values.

Men of Mystery

Guests of Honor: Gregg Hurwitz, Christopher Rice and Don Winslow

Saturday, October 30 at the Irvine Marriott

Mysterious Galaxy is pleased to be the bookseller once again for Men of Mystery at the Irvine Marriott. This annual event offers attendees the chance to visit with and get books signed by more than 50 male mystery writers — everything from legal thrillers to surfer P.I.'s. Featured speakers at the 2010 Celebration are Gregg Hurwitz (*They're Watching*) in conversation with Christopher Rice (*The Moonlit Earth*) in the morning, and San Diego's own Don Winslow (*Savages*) in the afternoon. Meet new authors like Graham Brown and Dennis Palumbo, as well as returning favorites like Thomas Perry, Shane Gericke, and Thomas Greanias. Attendees get to have lunch with men from all over North America, and all over the genre.

For more information, visit the event's web site:

www.menofmystery.org

Barbara Hamilton

Signs *A Marked Man*

Friday, November 5, 7:00 PM

Last fall, Barbara Hamilton, better known to Mysterious Galaxy's readers as Barbara Hambly, launched a new historical mystery series with *The Ninth Daughter*. Sleuth Abigail Hamilton, wife of attorney (not yet President) John Adams, is very involved with her husband's organization, the Sons of Liberty - and shocked when one of the members is accused of murder. Barbara will discuss *A Marked Man* with historical mystery fans on Friday, November 5, at 7:00 PM.

Looking Ahead :

November through the end of 2010 as we know it so far

- **So Far in November:** The La Jolla Writers Conference – November 5 – 7; Scott Prussing – November 6; David Burton – November 6; The Southern CA Independent Booksellers Children's Books & Literacy Tea – November 7; TusCon with Jim Butcher and Shannon Butcher – November 12 – 14; Jeri Westerson – November 13; Miles Corwin – November 14; MaryJanice Davidson – November 21; Sandra Brannan – November 28;
- **Planning Mysterious Galaxy's Holiday Party** with authors Debra Ginsberg, S.G. Browne, Juliet Blackwell, and Gini Koch – December 11 (so far!!)

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