Sisters In Crime San Diego Chapter
Partners in Crime Mystery Books
Thursday, October 5, 7:30 PM
Kathy lives in San Diego where she volunteers for the CCA High School Writers’ Conference, serves as president of the board for Playwrights Project, and is president of Partners in Crime, the San Diego chapter of Sisters in Crime (SinCSD). SinCSD chapter meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of the month, starting with a social period with refreshments, followed by a brief membership meeting. Interested mystery fans may attend the 2:00 PM meeting, which will include a reading by a Sisters in Crime member, a reading & conversation with special guest Charlaine Harris, and a vote for the chapter’s Board of Directors.

Charlaine Harris
Signs All the Little Liars
Saturday, October 8, 3:30 PM
Longtime MG fave and bestselling author Charlaine Harris steps into the spotlight at 3:30 PM, to sign and discuss All the Little Liars, the first Aurora Teagarden mystery in more than a decade. Publishers Weekly noted, “Harris weaves a complex tale of difficult family dynamics that highlights the horrors of being a teenager. Aurora, a smart and witty protagonist, positions herself in the strange charity name to carry this entertaining series.”

In small screen news, viewers of the Hallmark Channel’s Aurora Teagarden mysteries may spot Charlaine in a cameo in forthcoming mystery movie, The Julia House. And NBC has picked up the television rights for the Midnight, Texas series, the latest of which, Night Shift, was released this spring.

This is a numbered event and the signing line is free with the purchase of All the Little Liars from Mysterious Galaxy. Books and tickets will be available for pick-up on October 4, starting at 10 AM!

Spooky Book Tour
Diane Vallere, Gigi Pandian, and Ellen Byeon
Sign Mugging for Trouble, Michelangelo’s Ghost, and Body on the Bayou
Sunday, October 9, 2:00 PM
Join us for some seasonal suspense when we welcome Esotoplasmic Ellen Byeon, Ghostly Gigi Pandian, and Devilish Diane Vallere on their Spooky Book Tour. Diane’s Costume Shop Mystery series debuted in February, with A Disguise to Die For. In Misty Rainforest, Fox Walker brings more tricks than treats for costume shop owner Margo Tamblyn in the second of this mystery series that includes swordplay and costume ideas. After twenty years in the fashion industry, Diane now writes full time, trading fashion accessories for murder weapons. Hunting four murders, Gigi also authors multiple series—she last visited the Galaxy in January with The Maquerading Magician, an Occult Alchemist mystery. Suspense Magazine noted, “If Indiana Jones had a sister, it would definitely be historian Jaya Jones.” In Michelangelo’s Ghost, Jaya deals with a lost work of art linking India to the Italian Renaissance, a killer hiding behind a centuries-old ghost story, and a hidden treasure in Italy’s macabre sculpture garden known as the Park of Monsters.

Ellen writes in multiple media formats, rather than multiple series, as a television writer and a journalist. Plantation Shudders, her debut Cajun Country Mystery, was a well-received multiple-award nominee. In Body on the Bayou, family plantation manager & artist Magnolia “Maggie” Crozat’s hometown is turned into a murder scene resulting from an attempted robbery.

Sign The Scent of Salt & Sand: An Escaped Novella
Thursday, October 13, 7:30 PM
The mother / daughter duo’s best-selling House of Night paranormal young adult series chronicles the adventures of Zoey Redbird, from the first time she was Marked by a Vampire Tracker until she was Redeemed in the epic battle between Dark and Light. Following the House of Night finale, Kristen launched the Escaped series with Amber Smoke. In a parallel world, the souls of the damned are caught, watched over by the Furies, and spending eternity in torment mirroring the devastation and mayhem they created when alive, until someone opens the cage. Not being Sirena, a Siem, must combat her haunter nature and temptation in The Scent of Salt & Sand. Readers who attend our event will also be able to purchase early on-sale copies of Moon Chosen, P.C.’s new postapocalyptic fantasy, prior to the national on-sale date of Tuesday, October 18.

Indy Quillen
Launch Party for Tracker: A Fox Walker Novel
Saturday, October 15, 2:00 PM
Attendees of the Southern California Writers Conference and the Writers Coffeehouse are likely to already be familiar with debut author Indy Quillen. Indy notes on her website, “I like feeling self-reliant. Knowing I have the skills and knowledge to cope with emergencies or natural disasters gives me a peace of mind. I may not need those skills—but it’s nice to have them, all the same. As I venture into this brave new world of publishing, I sense new adventures and more ways to learn self-reliance. I hope to stick around to see what happens and share your experiences as well.” Tracker, Indy’s debut suspense novel, introduces Fox Walker, a loner who has to bring together his skills of self-reliance to the fore when he has to protect a woman in the Colorado wilderness from a determined killer.

Derek Taylor Kent
Sign Kubrick’s Game
Sunday, October 2, 2:00 PM
Multi-genre kids author Derek Taylor Kent ventures into the realm of adult thrillers with a multi-platform puzzle/adventure work that echoes the structure of some of the titular character’s films, Kubrick’s Game. The novel’s puzzles and auxiliary materials were created in collaboration with Bob Gluberski and Larry Toffer, founders of “The Fantastic Race.” College film student Shaun Hagan, obsessed with legendary filmmaker Stanley Kubrick, discovers hidden clues in his movies which lead him on a harrowing quest toward a mysterious treasure Kubrick left behind that he believes will hold the power to change history. Will there be a reading, Q and A, and signing to celebrate the launch of Kubrick’s Game, as well as a booklovers Scavenger Hunt around the store with awesome prizes for the winners. Will you be able to decipher the puzzles and achieve glory? Come find out!

Looking Ahead
Greg Hurwitz – October 18; Eric Bittern, Dietrich Kalteis, S.W. Lauden, and David Moss – October 22; Whispers from the Abyss II – October 23; Amie Kaufman, Jay Kristoff, and Marie Lu – October 25; Brett Weeks – October 29; Hallows’ Celebration with Patrick Shannon Duncan, Matt Lewis, Thommy Hutson, Robbie Angel, Vince Churchill, Kat Rocha and Bobby Norman – October 30; Nicole Yoon and Sara Wolf – November 2; Adri Tantimbach – November 5; and more magic to share as 2016 concludes!

Out and About
Gaslight Gathering
Tomay Go Round October 7 – 9
Gaslight Gathering: 6 Steampunk and Victorian Convention will be held October 7 – 9 at the Tomay Go Round & Country Resort Hotel in San Diego. Join us for a blend of Victorian inspired technology, with a bit of science fiction and fantasy. Airships, goggles, jet packs, corsets, top hats, parasols, combined with your imagination, a wee bit of whimsy, and lots of books! Author Guest of Honor caps off the exploration of “All the Steampunk Things That Go Bump In The Night.” MG will be in theVendor Hall, along with other purveyors of shiny items.
The Tourist by Robert Dickinson
Robert Dickinson’s The Tourist is a terrifically intriguing time-travel novel. Dickinson gets everything right about time travel, were it real: the time tourists and the time tourism business, the psyche of its fans from the future shadowing Bach and Beethoven, and more darkly, how all our human prejudices and politics would get themselves mapped onto slices of time, with one period admiring, hating, and ignoring another, just as we do to each other now: on account of race, religion, and gender. The narrative is a wonderful puzzle, as the reader puts together pieces of time to figure out just what is going on, just what is at stake in this novel. The Tourist is a challenging, intelligent, and satisfying read. – David Redbrook/Orbit, $26.00.

Welcome to Night Vale Episodes, Volumes 1 & 2 by Joseph Fink and Jeffrey Cranor
Mostly Void, Partially Stars and The Great Glowing Cows of the Universe are the first two volumes of the Welcome to Night Vale script books. Whether you’re a long-time listener, or you’ve never heard of Night Vale at all, this is the place to start. Each volume contains a year’s worth of podcast episodes, illustrations by “our favorite weird artist” Jessica Hayworth, and behind the scenes introductions by the extraordinary creators Joseph Fink and Jeffrey Cranor. Night Vale is a quiet desert community where conspiracy theories are always true, and all us residents can do is tune in to the Community Radio and hope for the best. In these volumes, you’ll learn about the forbidden dog park, Old Woman Josie and the angels, a preternatural glowing cloud (ALL HALLOWS), and a babbling nonchalant freight train host and that new scientist with his perfect hair. – Gary Harper Perennial trade paper original, $16.99 each. Signed copies available while supplies last.

Disappearance at Devil’s Rock by Paul Tremblay
It is not always a good thing to escape that pain one night you made an irreversible decision that would change your life forever? The gift of eternity is not always a good thing. In this Persephone and Hadès retelling, Brodi Ashton weaves a story of love, misunderstandings, betrayal, and unwavering loyalty where the bounds of what we will do for self-love, or love for someone else, are tested. This book shows you can spend a lifetime trying to change the outcome of one bad choice and how even in our darkest times, though we may be blind to those around us who care, they are still there waiting for us to see them. The way that the author took this ancient myth and made it her own unique world has given it a special place in my heart. – Constance Balzer & Bray trade paperback, $9.99.

A Christmas Caramel Murder (A Hannah Swensen Holiday Mystery with Recipes) by Joanne Fluke
If there’s a body around, Hannah Swensen will figure it out. Mike, Detective and Hannah’s devoted fiancé, is a quiet dirty community where conspiracy theories are always true, and all us residents can do is tune in to the Community Radio and hope for the best. In these volumes, you’ll learn about the forbidden dog park, Old Woman Josie and the angels, a preternatural glowing cloud (ALL HALLOWS), and a babbling nonchalant freight train host and that new scientist with his perfect hair. – Gary Harper Perennial trade paper original, $16.99 each. Signed copies available while supplies last.

V for Victory
Rebel Genius by Michael Dante DiMartino
Set in a Venetian renaissance setting, this book has the complex world-building and strong characterization that made Avatar: The Last Airbender such a hit. In this world, great artists have a bird-like daemon called a Genius. With the help of their Genius, they can work magic using their artistic talent. An oppressive ruler has killed or captured most of the Genii. A team of four orphans, sheltered and supported by a sympathetic duke, go questing for a sacred artifact to defeat the oppressive regime and save their Genii. They are pursued by a renegade sorcerer and his made man, the four-armed Tulpa. The nuanced interactions, particularly between minor characters, brought an exceptional complexity and depth to both the imaginative and unique world and the ideas behind it. I look forward to further exploring DiMartino’s creation. – São Paulo Times, $12.00. Roaring Brook Press, $16.99.

Stealing Snow by Danielle Paige
Snow has lived in an institution since the tender age of six, but not for tender reasons. She tried to walk through a mirror into another land and will carry the scars of her attempt for the rest of her life. At the institution she has her dijual regime (kindly nicknamed her dwarfs), which numb different things depending on the day, to try and normalize her. That is the goal for all us right? To be normal and fit. To control anger inside that tries to lash out and destroy. What if Snow’s abnormalities are what will save her? The boy in her dreams calls her princess and pushes her towards a tree promising they will all kneel for her on the other side; that is what she has been waiting for. This book was a great start to a series I am excited to see more of and an interesting retelling of The Snow Queen. – Constance Bloomsbury, $18.99.

Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas by Jonathan W. Stokes
Addison and Molly Cooke have problems. Their archeologist uncle has been kidnapped, they are wanted by the police for trashuing a museum, and their aunt is missing. Book-smart Addison feels he has the solution: find the second key leading to a lost Inca treasure (the first key was kidnapped with their uncle) and deliver it to the police. – Guest Reviewer Sandra Hale Philomel Books, $16.99.

Everneath by Brodi Ashton
Love can hurt and pain can push us to do rash destructive things. Why would you escape that pain one night you made an irreversible decision that would change your life forever? The gift of eternity is not always a good thing. In this Persephone and Hadès retelling, Brodi Ashton weaves a story of love, misunderstandings, betrayal, and unwavering loyalty where the bounds of what we will do for self-love, or love for someone else, are tested. This book shows you can spend a lifetime trying to change the outcome of one bad choice and how even in our darkest times, though we may be blind to those around us who care, they are still there waiting for us to see them. The way that the author took this ancient myth and made it her own unique world has given it a special place in my heart. – Constance Balzer & Bray trade paperback, $9.99.

A Kid For October by Jonathan W. Stokes
The Impuscifil’s Tale: Or, the Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gimritz
The year is 1242. The place, a dark, sunless night in a world of darkness and the gods. What if to escape that pain one night you made an irreversible decision that would change your life forever? The gift of eternity is not always a good thing. In this Persephone and Hadès retelling, Brodi Ashton weaves a story of love, misunderstandings, betrayal, and unwavering loyalty where the bounds of what we will do for self-love, or love for someone else, are tested. This book shows you can spend a lifetime trying to change the outcome of one bad choice and how even in our darkest times, though we may be blind to those around us who care, they are still there waiting for us to see them. The way that the author took this ancient myth and made it her own unique world has given it a special place in my heart. – Constance Balzer & Bray trade paperback, $9.99.

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