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Happy New Year!
Let's make it a good one.

To start off, wish Mr. P and me a Happy Anniversary. This January makes it 50 years. Really. And you wondered why we look old.

My website is NOT WORKING. I have e-mailed them so many times...I did get a response once by phone that they would work on it right away, and then LATER after another email & 2 months, when they said they "were not aware of any problem" and it's still not fixed. I'll keep trying.

As I write this in late January (well, I've been busy) the snow keeps piling up. We lost a kitchen fixture at home, and the ceiling needs some work. Thanks to our son, the roof is now cleaned off. We've lived in this house since late '72 and this is the first ice jam we've ever had.

Well, it isn't the last: Sherry called from the store and reported roof leakage! More good books thrown out - again. Remember our last store? That was due to a little girl and her love of shoving things down the toilet. The little Rain Princess lived upstairs—above our store.

We heard it on the news first: **Vince Flynn** was diagnosed with Stage III metastatic prostate cancer last November. He said (on his website) that his treatments are working very well, and his near term prognosis is extremely good. "In other words, I have more than a few Rapp novels left in me."

We wish him well, and will keep him in our prayers.

By the way, **Vince Flynn** has signed for a two-book deal (new series) about a New York City-based anti-terror operation. These books will be written in collaboration with retired US Army lieutenant colonel **Brian Haig**, an author in his own right.

Boy, talk about out-of-touch! I did not realize that **William Kent Krueger** had another book out (hardcover, but who cares). "*Vermillion Drift*" had a publication date of September 2010, AND hit the New York Times Bestseller List the same month. Fan-double-tastic! It's another terrific *Cork O'Connor* book.

See, here's the thing: We sell paperbacks, and know without a doubt that **e-readers** are "the thing". But, guess what? They have now come out with COLOR digital-readers. At \$100 bucks or so more, it's unfortunate they weren't ready at Christmas Time. Not too many of us have that kind of money just lying around waiting to be used. So what to do with the "old" black 'n white"? Take it to Goodwill?

Also, remember when purchasing a digital "book" to make sure it fits your type of reader. A Kindle Book will not work in a Nook.

Did you catch the news about **Debbie Macomber**? There will be no more of her books by Harlequin/Silhouette, as the Lady has now signed exclusively with Random House's Ballantine Bantam Dell imprint, to start in 2012. Among others, she will be introducing a series set in Port Orchard, WA, her hometown. And we do like her series!

An "Indie" in Publishers Weekly had some wonderful hints for selling on-line, through your website. Well, **IF** our website was working, maybe we could sell some more books!

Stuart Woods: A new *Stone Barrington* novel (hardcover) was published in January and immediately hit the Bestseller Lists. “*Strategic Moves*” began with 183,502 copies and even tho it looks like more to be printed, we’re waiting for the paperback edition!

Readers ask **Woods** a lot of personal, head-slapper questions in his Interview on the Website, and Woods replies with personal, head-slappers.

He also shares, in a feisty manner, a recipe for a Vodka Gimlet: Pour six ounces from a 750 ml bottle of vodka (you’ll think of something to do with it) and replace it with Rose’s Sweetened Lime Juice and a tiny bit of water. Shake and put in the freezer over night. The water will create ice shards and all you have to do is pour some into a martini glass.

He said you can also make an excellent martini by using 5 oz of vermouth in a 750 ml bottle of gin.

Woods does like his big jugs.

Found a short, but nice, interview in February 7th Publishers Weekly with **Marcia Clark**. Remember her, a former Los Angeles prosecutor from the **O.J. Simpson** trial? She has now made her fiction debut with “*Guilt by Association*”, featuring (alter ego) Assistant DA Rachel Knight.

As Ms Clark spoke four languages back in the 1970s, she wanted to work in the State Department. However, The Good ‘Ol Boys only wanted to know if she knew how to type. So, she entered law school, and the rest (as they say) is history.

Gary Paulsen: ‘got into Paulsen’s website and had some fun. Always sure he’d been born and grew up in Minnesota, well I was wrong. He did run away at the age of 14 and joined a carnival. “Good grief,” all the Mothers are saying, including me; but it was a different era you know.

He had so many adventurous jobs, and *adventures*—including two runs in the Iditarod. Long story short, realizing he wanted to be a writer, he ended up driving to northern Minnesota where he rented a cabin on a lake and at the end of winter, he had his first novel.

In 2011 look for: January: “*Notes from the Dog*” February: “*The Beet Fields*”

March: “*Liar, Liar*” April: “*Lawn Boy Returns*” ---**Paulsen** has written more than 175 books, some 200 articles and short stories.

January was a very good month for the Adventure/Crime/Mystery novels, with “*The Girl Who*” books; “*Deliver us from Evil*” by **David Baldacci**; “*Live to Tell*” by **Lisa Gardner**; “*The Lost Symbol*” by **Dan Brown**; “*Altar of Eden*” by **James Rollins**; “*Impact*” by **Douglas Preston**; “*The First Rule*” by **Robert Crais**; “*U is for Undertow*” by **Sue Grafton**; “*Treasure Hunt*” by **John Lescroart**; and the always scary **Michael Palmer** with his “*The Last Surgeon*” all sitting on the PW Paperback Mass Market Best Seller List at the same time!

And if that isn’t enough to get you reading, there are also 3 Romances and 1 Vampire listed along with the above.

Oh my. This “winter/spring” the final book in **Jean Auel’s** Earth’s Children series will be on sale March 29, 2011. Now, all the interviews and ads I’ve received or noted are “a little” confusing. Some say on that date the 6th book, “*The Land of Painted Caves*”, will be published as an e-book all over the world! Not one ad said anything about paper, hardcover or otherwise.

Even PW had a confusing date problem in their wonderful interview. But the last line of the conversation with Ms Auel says it all: “I’m gonna miss ‘em.”

Conundrum, found on a favorite website (stopyourekillingme.com); do I tattle or not? Well, yes, of course!

“New series on the **John Connolly** page: Samuel Johnson, his dachshund Boswell, and an unlucky demon named Nurd, in an adult fantasy thriller series for children.” Huh? (The underlines are mine.)

It’s snowing again. Which is scary, and which reminds me:

Thanks, Joshua for clearing the roof.



Gotta go...keep reading... ...



We also had problems at home resulting in a light fixture full of water. Mr. P did not get shocked, but he dribbled the fixture a few times, emptying the water—it didn't even break! A child's toy tub sat in the middle of the kitchen for a while, catching water. Such fun.

Pick up any local newspaper and you'll find several ads for meeting times for individuals with Bipolar Disorder. Individuals with Bipolar Disorder **MUST** attend these meetings/sessions for reasons they already know. **Terri Cheney** gave us "*Manic: A Memoir*", which brought thousands of questions from parents that are well-addressed in her new book, "*The Dark Side of Innocence: Growing up Bipolar*".

Want to read? Need suggestions? Ask the staff! We all read. A lot.

Grabbed a "*Collecting Romance Novels*" (1995) off my personal shelves for a little perusal. It was great fun, as in: **MacFadden Books** (similar to early Harlequin) by **Jayne Castle** a/k/a **Jayne Ann Krentz**, **Jayne Bentley**, **Jayne Taylor**, **Amanda Glass**, **Amanda Quick** and **Stephanie James** usually sell pretty high. Certain **Jayne Castle**, books sell anywhere from \$10.00 to \$100.00.

Jayne Ann Krentz, books anywhere from \$10 to \$25. Now, these are early books, and **NOT** necessarily books #1 and #2. For instance **Linda Howard's** *Mackenzie's Mountain* & series was the most collectible in the late 1990s and early 2000s. But, with the reprints, only true collectors want the originals. And remember, a collector book is only valued at what you can find a buyer willing to pay for it.

It's hard to stop ----

The most expensive book I found listed was **Susan Kyle's** "*Morci Battalion*" at **\$500**. First, Susan Kyle is also **Diana Palmer**, and some lists show "*Morci*" as "*Morcai*", and it's a contemporary/general big book. **AND** who knows where to go in today's market to sell the books.

The "*Huck Finn*" thing has been **VERY QUIET** since the first couple weeks of hullabaloo. **PW** said the 69-year-old English professor habitually replaced "the word" with "slave" when reading aloud.

"*The Abduction that Changed America*" by **Les Standiford** and **Det. Sgt. Joe Matthews** tells the world about solving the abduction and murder of 6-year-old **Adam Walsh**. Through their personal horror, **John Walsh** has stood for his son, and made for a better America.

Here's a good one: "*I Can't Make You Love Me, but I Can Make You Leave*" by **Dixie Cash**. The reviewer said this is just as sidesplitting as "*Our Red Hot Romance Is Leaving Me Blue*". Hint: It's one of those big-haired down south Country Music romance mysteries with an ex-husband, new, little wife and you're not her, and oh yes, it's in Salt Lick, Texas.

Even Wikipedia has a hard time convincing itself that its information on **Jack Higgins/Harry Patterson** etc is correct! It's not that he's so illusive; it's just that he's so prolific, no one is really sure which author really wrote which book in the past. In any case, **Jack Higgins'** latest "*The Judas Gate*" has 116,475 copies in print, and this one is still in hardcover.

"*Fatal Error*" by **J. A. Jance**, which is of course, on the Hardcover Bestseller List, is actually based on one of her friend's internet experience of falling in love and went as far as picking out rings. Trouble is, he was making the same plans with several others at the same time.

Oh me, oh my. The April Romantic Times (RT) Book Review Magazine review for **Danielle Steel's** "*44 Charles Street*" was awfully awful. A two star. "*A painfully boring read.*" (Poor reviews always make me want to read the books!)

Did we tell you? Nathan Jorgenson will have his new book out in June. We will have them here, believe me!

Want to reserve one or some? Tell us! They will be autographed as you wish!

Remember that as “Things Change!” you may find your favorite author only on Audio, e-book and Hardcover. Until enough protests are made, the authors don’t have a whole lot of voice, and may have to change editors, agents, publishers and PR people.

For example: **Leigh Greenwood**. His *Night Rider Series* was published by Dorchester, which changed their business model to focus on e-book first releases. He is moving to Sourcebooks, and working with former Dorchester editor Leah Hultenschmidt, who is now at the independent publisher.

Another note, thanks to Romantic Times: The headline read: So Long “Silhouette”.

Silhouette has decided to put its remaining Silhouette romances under the Harlequin banner, which means you will find Harlequin Desire, Harlequin Special Edition and Harlequin Romantic Suspense, AND the little guy in the diamond (the *Harlequin*) is gone, to be replaced by the Harlequin “H”.

All these changes are fine with RT, “So long as they don’t go messing with the books!”

Oh, and the Steeple Hill line is gone, and readers are to look or the popular Love Inspired titles.

I guess the publishers know what they’re doing; but, I don’t think so. Over the 20 years in business, I’ve heard, “I like Silhouette, but not Harlequin” so many times even I started to believe it.

Just gotta tell you: You all know that our son loves his Ice Racing on Garfield Lake in Laporte. That’s Ice CAR racing, to you folks that do not know.

Next to the last Sunday of racing, a couple came up to him and asked if they could ride with someone. A sneaky smile, and “Sure, you can ride with me.” (Racers like the extra weight, riders are shocked at the speed, narrow misses, and engine noise.)

They climbed in the beat up station wagon, all excited, and the race was on. Around the track once, and somebody’s car quit. Start over. They were still shaking from the roar of engines at the last “Go”, but when they saw the green flag, yelled, “Go, Go, Go!” And they went.

Our son said he’d never heard such screeching and screaming. Slide too high on this corner,

scream at him that he’ll get behind, he cuts in front of everyone and is in first place. His passengers are pounding on the seats, “Go, Go, Go!” “Watch out!” “Ahhhhh” “Move, move, move.” “Get ‘em!” Pound, pound, pound. Now they’re yelling at the other drivers. “Get outta the way, turkey.” “Move it, move it.”

They won, and claim it was due to their cheerleading, and oh, yes, to his good driving. And, “We’re already getting our reservations for next year so we can go car racing in Laporte! And, by the way; we’re from Alabama and have never been on a frozen lake before and it’s the scariest thing we ever did! Dang if that wasn’t somethin’ else!”

For all you who have “kids” who think you’re ancient: I found some information on Wikipedia about **Jack Webb**, actor, television producer, director and screenwriter. We knew him best as **Sgt. Joe Friday** of *Dragnet* fame. Born in Santa Monica, CA, believe it or not, he attended St. John’s University in Minnesota and studied art.

Webb married four times; he and his first wife, Julie London, had two daughters. Webb died at the age of 62 in 1982, and was given a funeral with full police honors. Badge number 714 would be retired, and he was buried with a replica LAPD badge bearing the rank of Sergeant and the number 714.

Four and ½ ☆: That’s **Dean Koontz**’ “*What the Night Knows*” – and it’s just as creepy as Koontz can get. See, this Blackwood guy murdered four families, but was killed by the sole survivor of his last attack, teen ager John Calvino. Well, Calvino is now a homicide detective, married, with three kids, and a 14-year-old (Billy Lucas) kills his own family. Except Billy repeats the final words Blackwood spoke before John killed him. Now, what and who are next? Hm?

Sleep tight, you readers!

I’ll fight harder and harder to get my website up and running again!

Have a great day, everyone!