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September, already? Our beautiful summer season comes and goes at a faster pace every year. Or so it seems...

Life goes on without **Borders**:
Books-A-Million has agreed to acquire (according to Publishers Weekly) 14 Border's leases. Nothing has been signed on the dotted line at this point. Also, Hudson Group has been eager to take over Border's airport stores.

More news from Publishers Weekly (PW):
Klout (as in Lots of...) released an e-short "Mile 81" by **Stephen King**—taken from his new novel "11/22/63" which has reached the public in its full glory on September 1.

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We are carrying our August Area Authors of the Month a little longer: Renee Geving and Cecelia McKeig have had a successful presentation of their newest publication: "*The 1898 Battle of Sugar Point*."

You will find that book, along with their other publications, *The Bena Centennial, The Longville Centennial, Images of Cass County* (early history in pictures) and their ever-popular *Murder and Mayhem*, an historical account of bad stuff and monkey business in early Cass County.

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The September Issue of *Writer's Digest* had several "Before They Were Famous..." by **Alex Palmer**. Here are two:

Kurt Vonnegut: Managed America's first Saab dealership in the early 1950s. And not too well, as he later joked, "I now believe my failure as a dealer so long ago explains what would otherwise remain a deep mystery: Why the Swedes have never given me a Nobel Prize for Literature."

Stephen King: Was a janitor for a high school. "His time wheeling the cart through the halls inspired him to write the opening girls' locker room scene in *Carrie*, which would become his breakout novel."

Did you know:

Anne Rampling aka **Anne Rice**, and A.N. Roquelaure. Her birth name was Howard Allen O'Brien.

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So many bookstores are resorting to selling Gift Items in these tough economic times. We simply do not have the room for baskets, toys, and crafts. Any "gifts" in the store were purchased with the "apples" or "books" in mind a while back, *before* we chose to promote our **Area Authors**.



With the loss of **Book World**, we are looking into the ability to purchase new or specialty books for our customers. We will keep you posted on that. Publishing companies do not like to deal with stores selling used books—afraid they will end up getting used material as returns.

News Flash! We are going to have a Booksigning on October 21st (11:00 to 2:00) with Mike Holst who, due to his wife's poor health, had to cancel his earlier signing in June.

Dennis Lehane has signed for three new novels featuring recurring characters, the first of which is based on the Blackfriar's Massacre. That incident happened in Boston in 1978, and according to the PW, Lehane said the book's crime will be "reminiscent" of Blackfriar's.

John Sandford's "*Shock Wave*" has received a starred review from PW. The leading man is Virgil Flowers in "one of his best outings to date" so the new book should have readers reaching for the October hardcover.

"*My Life as a White Trash Zombie*" by **Diana Rowland**. Buy a bag of chips, grab the paperback, sit back and if you can eat while enjoying this intriguing mystery and hilarious read, have at it.

Our **Karen** won a book in one of the RT Book Review Magazine Contests. See? Somebody *does* win. They have seven books offered in a drawing in the September review magazine!

The October mag even has a comic along with its book offerings.

L.A. Banks (Leslie Ann Peterson Esdaile Banks), author of many romance, paranormal, Young Adult and graphic novels, passed away August 2, 2011 of adrenal cancer. If you look up her website (just google it) you will see an earlier video of her introducing Pres. Obama regarding health insurance issues. Her (and her daughter's) insurance *more than doubled*. This was before her diagnosis, so everyone is curious as to what kind of insurance she found, or if she went without as she had suggested she might have to do.

Lee Child: Just as his newest novel, "*The Affair*" is about to hit the shelves, **Tom Cruise** was signed to star as *Jack Reacher* in **Child's** "*One Shot*". **Child** said we could agree or disagree with the choice of Cruise, so I disagree. Anyway, he said he had no say either way.

Child's bio claims he has written under 2 or 3 pseudonyms; he thinks. And when asked what his real name is, boy can he talk in circles. In the end he stated that he can't remember! Tom Cruise?

Nora Roberts' *Nora's News* was so interesting. As you know, Ireland is the location of many of her novels, and I love this quote, "The last two weeks of August, Bruce and I traveled in Ireland. Our first stop was Ardmore and the gorgeous Cliff House. It was homecoming of sorts as I lived in Ardmore in my head while creating *The Gallaghers of Ardmore* trilogy." (Ooo, I remember them. And, they even "appeared" in other novels later on!)

J.D.Robb's "*New York to Dallas*" (HC) is on shelves this month, and yes, it's an Eve Dallas novel.

George R.R. Martin: Just checked back into a PW June issue and, sure 'nuff—there they were: All four of his Fantasy Novels under "*A Song of Ice and Fire*" were on the Paperback Bestseller/Mass Market List. All four!

Mr. P is processing the corn and tomatoes as we speak, then it's on to the squash and the carrots and—that's it! I think.

The guys are talking Deer Hunting, so I know Fall and Winter are soon to arrive. Yuck.

Our three oldest step-grandchildren are now married, with the wedding of #3 this month. Gosh, those kids are sure getting old. Congratulations and best wishes to each of you.

Be safe, and be happy!

Gotta go...keep on reading!...

