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AREA AUTHORS:

The new *Images of America--Cass County - Cass County Historical Society* by **Renee Geving & Cecelia McKeig** has received great reviews by our readers. Even those with no ties to the area have been purchasing the book for their cabins and summer retreats. Praised for their archival selection of pictures and thoroughly informative captions, this team of historians has produced a winning publication.

We have a reader who has been waiting for you to bring in a **J.R. Ward** vampire romance. Now we know why. Ward has received the Best Vampire Romance for "*Lover Unbound*" by Romantic Times (RT) Bookreviews 2007 Awards!

Lisa Gardner remains my most favorite scariest thriller author. Her "*The Perfect Husband*" was, well, in an RT interview she said she wanted to "scare the bejesus out of people" - and she did!

Where does she get the time? **Nora Roberts** in the middle of "The Sign of Seven Trilogy" has a stand-alone novel "*Tribute*" out in July that is (of course) a four star romantic suspense. True to form, **Roberts** introduces a secondary character—this time it's a "charmingly ugly dog, Spock" that's a scene stealer.

To our readers: We don't blame you for asking, but "*The Last Lecture*" by **Randy Pausch** (HC) is still #1 and **Scott McClellan's** "*What Happened*" (HC) is #1 or #2 depending on what Bestseller List you are looking at—so you can be sure **we do NOT have them in the store!** That also goes for all the FLDS-Escape Type books on the market. They're just too new and so popular, they're still being passed around.

I knew this, but I thought you'd like to be confused too: "*Innocent as Sin*" is on the Bestseller List. It's by **Elizabeth Lowell**. She's actually **Ann Maxwell**, who writes SciFi. But, she also writes as **A.E. Maxwell** as mystery/suspense novels, with **Evan** (her husband). Oh, by the way, **Elizabeth Lowell** is actually her middle name *and* **Evan's** middle name. Got it straight?

Those of you who have been hunting for Catherine Anderson's 1990 "Comanche Moon" can find it on bookshelves again. It's been reprinted, and already on the Paperback Bestseller List! Boy, the publishers must have been inundated with letters for that one!

Per "The Writer Magazine" **J.K. Rowling** was born Joanne Rowling, with no middle name. The "K" stands for Kathleen, after her grandmother.

Diana Gabaldon: (Gah-bull-dohn) Last syllable rhymes with stone, according to The Writer Magazine. Review in July magazine made me happy. *She's a night person!* Her main writing time is around midnight to 4:30 am. (Oh, yeah, she gets research and other writing "stuff" done beforehand.)

Also in The Writer was an archival article written by **John D. MacDonald** (1916-1986) about the "long journey of getting to know what would become his popular series character, Travis McGee". I believe the article was originally published in September 1964. Some of the paperbacks are considered "collectors" and some are "rare", depending on condition and, of course, the print number.

6/18 *Fearless Fourteen* by **Janet Evanovich!**

Those Minnesota Mosquitoes have an extra barb in their biter, don't they?

Danielle Steel has another: *Rogue*. June 23.

I'm sitting in my messy office, and I'd really like a cup of coffee. But, Mr. P missed a grab at a spider earlier and I just know my bare feet will somehow connect with that ugly thing. Ggaah. I'm so dry.

Hey readers—you won't believe the new **Area Author Books** in the store.

First, we have **Stephen J. Pitzen** of Benedict, MN. His book (titled "*The Flowers of Autumn, A Novel and Three Short Stories*") is at the publishers, (should be here any day) and I have this type-written copy to read.

Next, **Terry Oliver Mejdrih** showed up at our door with his new book, which is surprisingly not a part of his suspense series. The central character, a little girl, just would not leave Terry alone and he once said he was going to have to write about her. This stand-alone novel "*The Tranquility Child*" is labeled a Science Fiction novel.

I have **Win Borden** (Whom I have yet to call) with his "*Ruminations—Memories & Tales of a Furrowed Mind*". He sent me a copy and I intend to order books so you too can enjoy them.

I braved the walk and nuked my coffee. I'm sure some beady little eyes followed me from under the sofa while I quickly sloshed coffee back to the office.

Anyway, **Bill Turgeon** came in the store with his "*Hiram Hill Homestead—Back to the Land at 50*". With often humorous adventures this couple left their jobs and moved back north to live close to the land. (By the way, Bill, a classmate saw your book—come back in and I'll send you in his direction!)

Jim Proebstle has penned a fantastic northern Minnesota suspense, "*In The Absence Of Honor*" that I am currently reading. I've got about 50 pages left to read and am holding off. I hate to finish a really good book!

Okay, one more. (Gosh I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.) You just met **Mike Holst** in last month's newsletter when we introduced his "*A Long Way Back*". Well that turkey went and published another book! (Prolific little devil, isn't he?) I was giving him such a bad time, but I'm so proud of him. Look to our shelves for "*Nothing to Lose*".

Bonnie Shallbetter (of the "The Hawk" series) stopped in to chat and say, "Hello." Bonnie also said that she's been to a lecture given by **Nathan Jorgenson** ("Waiting for White Horses" & "the mulligan"). Both authors have been trying to find time to pen another novel. (It sure is fun to "toss around famous names" like that!)

Wow, didn't know this: According to PW, **Robert B. Parker** created his character, Sunny Randall, at the request of actress Helen Hunt. Though this particular heroine has yet to make the screen, "one never knows..."

For some reason **Clive Cussler** books have been going out & none have been coming in. Hmm.

No matter the brand, do you still call the refrigerator "the 'fridge" or even "the ice box"? Do you even know what an ice box is?

Mr. P is recovering his winter health problems, and doldrums, and is back to talking to his veggies—and they're growing! (They wouldn't dare do otherwise...)

Prof. Bill stops in to give us the word of the day, and words of encouragement. Which reminds me—a great big hug to each of you for your prayers, your cards and sticky notes. Yes, things are getting better. Instead of taking gallons of blood, they're now taking pints (two or three at a time), so if you see someone with fangs skulking around at midnight, it's just me! Anyway, prayers do work, all of you proved it! Thank you. God bless.

Gotta go...bye for now.....

