

# Apple Seeds

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## To All Message Leavers:

Sometimes all we get on our phone message is a huffy sigh and a *slamy* hang-up, and that's while we are racing to the phone. That, believe me, is better than the, "Yeah, call me at [gobbledygook] and two or three other people listen and they can't decipher the number either. We aren't sure if there's an area code or a hic-cup at the beginning. Is that a five or a nine? (It's worse when they tell you, "George has an appointment at 11:30 a.m. It's important he be on time, and to bring his records." Sorry, it was a wrong number, and they didn't identify who they were!) Technology vs humans.

OK, so, back to books:

The **American Girls' Books** have a new look: Pull-outs, pop-ups, lift-the-flaps, pull-the flaps, paper dolls; all kinds of activities!

I suppose you've heard that **Amazon** has agreed to acquire **Abe**. That must be one thick billfold. We use **abe.com** all the time to check prices of older books; some collectors and some rare, and some just plain older.

YES – **Nathan Jorgenson** is writing. And speaking. And speaking and writing. (We are beginning to think he has a twin!)

Read "*Fleeced*" by **Dick Morris & Eileen McGann**! Read how our wonderful (!) Supreme Court's decision stripped the states of their power to regulate credit card interest, and how the political clout of the companies has stymied congressional attempts at regulation. First, what the heck is wrong with the Supreme Court, and second, what the heck is wrong with Congress? No brains and no guts, that's what. The man on the street has more common sense. Right? ☺

Boy, am I on my soap box – sorry, no more. I promise. Happy, happy, happy. We won't even talk politics.

Surprisingly, we've had some copies of "*The Shack*" by **William P. Young**, in the store—which sold immediately, of course. The novel, penned as a YA and read by everyone is about the murder of a young girl, and the appearance of God.

**Daniel Silva's** paperback "*The Secret Servant*" hit Publishers Weekly Bestseller List. The first week out it was #5. That's fantastic! He also had a new hardcover "*Moscow Rules*" out on July 22. As of August, that one is also on the (Hardcover) Bestseller List.

*Nights in Rodanthe* (**Nicholas Sparks**) is again on the bestseller lists with the printing of the movie tie-in edition. The Richard Gere and Diane Lane film is to hit the screens Sept. 26.

"*Nyah-Nyah-Nyah-Nyah-Nyah-Nyah.*" Darn customers, teasing and bragging they've already read "*Fearless Fourteen*"! Well, that **Janet Evanovich** book IS still a hardcover, ya know! (And I'm still jealous.)

Oh, and truth? I haven't read "*Fleeced*". I just read the reviews. So, if you get a hold of one, how about you give us the lowdown on the credit card stuff on the column from the left. We would believe you! I just don't have time to read every good book that comes out.

A big "**Well Done!**" for **Joanne Moran, The Bards** and their crew for a fantastic **Art & Book Festival in Hackensack**. Next year, they'll need the whole city for room to show artists and authors clamoring to participate!

## Another OOPS

“Nobody” knew about the novel until it was publicly canceled: **Sherry Jones’s** fictional historical novel “*The Jewel of Medina*” depicting the life of A’isha, the pre-pubescent seventh-century wife of the Islamic prophet Muhammad, was potentially inflammatory and would have (supposedly) caused Islamic radical reactions and security risks. ‘nuf said.

Interesting: Bethanne Patrick in Publishers Weekly tells it like it is. Borders.com recently relaunched its website, which already appears several years behind the times. Guess I’d better check it out.

Romantic Times Bookreviews (RT) asked readers if they liked **series**, and WOW, what a response. Everything from **Linda Howard’s** Mackenzies, **J.D. Robb’s** In Death, **Linda Lael Miller’s** McKetricks, **J.R. Ward’s** Black Dagger Brotherhood. etc.; believe me it went on and on. Some of our readers have mixed feelings. How about you?

**Lisa Jackson** is slamming out the books, and selling top notch suspense thrillers. We just put her books on a shelf and you grab them. Thanks, Lisa!

Cute article in RT re Maryjanice Davidson and the hilarious **Undead Series: Undead** and Unwed, **Undead** and Unemployed, **Undead** and Unappreciated, **Undead** and Unreturnable, **Undead** and Unpopular, **Undead** and Uneasy, and **Undead** and Unworthy. The Minnesota author and her husband wrote a *Star Trek* novel on their honeymoon (!) and have continued writing together since—writing YA novels as well.

In October, watch for “*Heat Lightning*” by **John Sandford**. It’s a Virgil Flowers novel, BUT Lucas Davenport has a cameo!

Guess it’s time to check on Alex Kava books. Haven’t seen anything new in the store.

From PW: **Teresa Medeiros** has a cat named Buffy the Mouse Slayer, who has never seen an actual mouse.

**James Patterson** “*Against Medical Advice*” **Hal Friedman**, a True Story: Available October 20, 2008. “In his first work of narrative nonfiction, James Patterson tells the extraordinary and dramatic true story of one family’s struggle with an agonizing medical mystery.” Hardcover.

“*Maximum Ride, The Final Warning*”, originally penned as a YA by **James Patterson**, is the fourth book in the series and is now in print. Hardcover.

A possible publication date is 2010 for (drum roll, please) *The Mickey Mouse Club!* The real one. You know, Annette Funicello real! A behind-the-scene look revealing stories of individual Mousketeers after all these years should be fun for all the baby boomers and the, ah, babysitting brothers and sisters.

A series of graphic novels is in the making for “Twilight Zone”.

Your support of our **Area Authors** is beyond belief. We have reordered books again and again, much to the happy faces of the authors. They thank you for the wonderful responses!

Our **Writers’ Group** is trying to settle into the fall writing patterns once again, especially since the hectic business of the Laporte Celebrations is finally over and some of them can get some rest. Karen and Winnie are pooped, but Sharon has a lot of Rotary doings to keep her busy at this time. Busy people keep busy, you know.

Got a card from Sharon, sending everyone her best wishes. The gal that’s behind the counter is Sherry—guess Sharon/Sherry must have been part of a job requirement!! Anyway, Karen has now joined the crew, and is doing a lot of the catching up work that **I** didn’t get done in the storage rooms this summer...so Sherry still isn’t getting her rest! Prof. Bill stops in to say, “Hey” and Mr. P is still canning and freezing veggies so I can pig out this winter.



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

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