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- All authors will happily sign their works during our autographing session.

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 9:00 - 9:30 Registration**  
Book Sales... Table selection
- 9:30 - 1:00 Morning Session: Joan Hansen, *presiding***  
Introductions of Authors  
**Speaker: William Kent Krueger**  
Autographing Session  
*Time to buy books... collect autographs...  
enjoy a drink... socialize with friends.*
- 1:00 - 3:30 Afternoon Session**  
Lunch and Table Talks  
Introductions of Student Honorees  
**Speaker: Lawrence Block**

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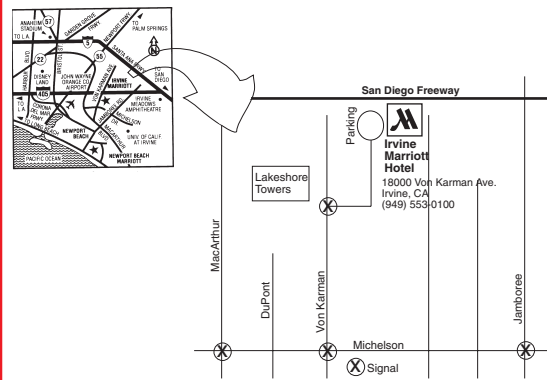
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**MEET FIFTY MALE MASTERS OF MYSTERY**

including

**LAWRENCE BLOCK  
WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER**





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## MAJOR SPEAKERS

**LAWRENCE BLOCK** – Prolific author of over fifty books and numerous short stories, he has been named a Grand Master of the Mystery Writers of America and is a four-time winner of the prestigious Edgar and Shamus Awards, as well as a recipient of prizes in France, Germany, and Japan. His series include Matthew Scudder's novels, Bernie Rhodenbarr's mysteries, Evan Tanner's adventures, and Chip Harrison's affairs. In addition, he has crafted books on writing including *Spider*, *Spin Me a Web* and *Telling Lies for Fun & Profit*.

**WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER** – The winner of numerous awards for the Cork O'Connor mysteries set in the north woods of Minnesota, he just released his eagerly-awaited eleventh installment in the series, *Northwest Angle*. Cork is a complex character of tremendous resources who straddles the cultures of his mixed heritage of Irish-American and the Ojibwe. Among Krueger's honors are a Barry, three Anthonys, and four Minnesota Book Awards for his "works of art ... literary wonders that capture the sense of place while they deliver a powerful emotional punch".

## THE OTHER MEN

**JERRY BANKS** – After working over forty years as a trial lawyer, he is now retired and using his knowledge of civil law to write his Barry O'Shea legal mysteries: *Secret Agenda*, *Second District*, and now his third, *Vital to the Defense*, which "sizzles with courtroom drama" when O'Shea joins a team of high-powered lawyers in a mega-watt arson case.

**ERIC BEETNER** – His debut novel, *One Too Many Blows to the Head*, has been called "a powerful tale of vengeance, rife with pounding action and colorful, complex characters...a first round knock-out!" His second, *Borrowed Trouble* – also written with co-author J.B. Kohl, whom Beetner has never met – has received equal accolades for its hardboiled noir.

**MIKE BEFELER** – His is a delightful genre – geezer-lit mysteries. His sleuth lived in a seniors' home in Hawaii and encountered dead bodies in *Retirement Homes are Murder* and then killers in the sequel *Living with Your Kids Is Murder*. His latest hit *Senior Moments are Murder* is now delighting his multitude of fans.

**DAVID BELL** – His debut novel, *Cemetery Girl*, is being hailed as a missing persons story like none you've ever read – "a winner on every level" – staking his claim as "a writer to watch." John Lescroart calls it "an intense, unrelenting powerhouse of a book, and the work of a master." Bell is an Assistant Professor of English at Western Kentucky University.

**JAMES SCOTT BELL** – LA lawyer Ty Buchanan serves the poor and underrepresented on the mean streets and in the courtrooms of the city in *Try Dying*, *Try Darkness*, and *Try Fear*. The author also shares his talents in his books for fellow authors including *The Art of War for Writers*.

**MICHAEL A. BLACK** – A long-time police officer in Chicago, he brings his expertise and experience to his Ron Slade series *Windy City Knights*, *Random Victim*, *A Killing Frost*, and *Hostile Takeovers*. His other books include police procedurals as well as two books co-written with actor Richard Belzer, *I Am Not a Psychic* and *I Am Not a Cop*.

**GRAHAM BROWN** – A former pilot and lawyer, he is now the writer of adventure thrillers steeped in suspense. His first novel, *Black Rain*, melds the quest for cold fusion with the Mayan creation legend; the second, *Black Sun*, features a race to stop an apocalypse associated with the Mayan prophecy of 2012. His third, *The Eden Prophecy*, is due out next year.

**MARK DANIELSON** – Twice honored as the US Navy's top aviation safety author, he is an international airline pilot and freelance writer for *Flight Training* magazine. In his 2011 release, *Writer's Block*, Fort Worth Homicide Detective Maxx Watts suspects that one of The Guillotine Press authors is responsible for the death of the publisher Charlie CC Coulter. Danielson's other novels include *Diablo's Shadow*, *The Innocent Never Knew*, and *Danger Within*.

**SEAN DOOLITTLE** – The award-winning author of *Dirt* (an Amazon.com Top 100 Editor's Pick for 2001), *Burn*, "uproarious" ... *Rain Dogs* "brain-tingling" ... and *The Cleanup*, "quirky". His latest is *Safer*, a "high-octane, rip-roaring page-turner" of a thriller, earning him "an A+ in skin-crawling suspense" according to fellow writers Harlan Coben and Kay Hooper.

**JOEL FOX** – A professor at Pepperdine, author of political articles and non-fiction, and nationally-known campaign advisor, he turns to history for his debut mystery, *Lincoln's Hand*. When DNA from a hand matches that of a bone from Lincoln's Tomb, an FBI agent must solve a murder and uncover a buried secret.

**STEVEN GORE** – This Bay Area-based international private investigator-turned-novelist has traveled globally for thirty years as a PI specializing in financial and international crimes, and has parlayed his adventures into *Final Target* and *Absolute Risk*, his first two novels of a trilogy.

**RICHARD HARRIS** – This former Superior Court judge features a tough ex-cop in his Mike Driscoll trilogy; Mike tangles with the mob in the debut mystery thriller, *The Capo's Mistress*, which features a lying gold-digger, Treasure Island in Vegas and mobsters. Driscoll's heroics propel him into the sequel *Mafia Target*, a paranormal thriller.

**DICK HOLT** – His earlier works including *The Domestik* placed the spotlight on contemporary political issues; however, his latest, *Return for Good*, a time-travel thriller, sends its hero into Vichy France to help Holocaust victims and to shape the outcome of World War II.

**ALAN JACOBSON** – National bestselling author of *False Accusations*, *The Hunted*, *The 7th Victim*, *Crush*, *Velocity*, and *Inmate 1577*, his novels have appeared on numerous "Best Books of the Year" lists. His eighteen years of research and training with law enforcement have helped shape the stories he tells and the diverse characters that populate his novels. Two of his novels are under development in Hollywood.

**DARRELL JAMES** – This award-winning author of short stories now has a debut thriller due out in September. His *Nazareth Child* introduces the determined, young, female missing persons investigator, Del Shannon, who embarks on a dangerous quest to find the mother she's never known. Another honor – from a field of over 230 submissions, his was one of Ten Top Stories selected to be published in the *2012 MWA Anthology* edited by Lee Child.

**LES KLINGER** – This scholar is the award-winning authority on the two major literary figures of Victorian England, Sherlock Holmes and Dracula. He has been honored for his extensive and minutely-detailed works, including his latest, *The New Annotated Dracula*, and he won the Edgar for *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes*.

**KEN KUHLKEN** – Winner of the Private Eye Writers of America Best First P.I. Novel Award for *The Loud Adios*, a 2007 Shamus Award finalist, and Hemingway Award finalist for *Midheaven*, his latest are *The Vagabond Virgins* and *The Biggest Liar in LA*.

**MIKE LAWSON** – A former nuclear engineer for the US Navy, he is the author of the popular and much-lauded Joe DeMarco series of thrillers. His sixth in the series, *House Divided*, which has received two Starred Reviews for its "multifaceted characters" and "relentless pacing", places his hero in a lethal game between two major organizations, one led by a master spy and the other by a power-hungry general.

**JEFFREY LEEVER** – He is the author of the frightening novel, *Dark Friday*, hailed as "a gripping nail-biter" of a debut set in a small town with one high school, one cop, and one terrifying autumn night. His second book, *The University*, depicts college life and learning – and murder – in a pulse-racing mystery which is "swift and highly visual" with conspiracies, cover-ups, and chills.

**JOHN LESCROART** – This *New York Times* bestselling author, whose unique last name is pronounced Less-kwah, has published over twenty legal and crime thriller novels. Surviving his earlier personal battle with death, he was determined to write and has given us the long-running, acclaimed Dismas Hardy series, as well as several standalones. His latest, *Damage*, is "an explosive look at the seductive power of revenge and the often terrible human cost of the pursuit of justice."

**ROBERT S. LEVINSON** – This Derringer Award-winner is the bestselling author of *The Rumba in Waltz Time* – which received a Publisher's Weekly Starred Review – *In the Key of Death*, *Where the Lies Begin*, and *Ask a Dead Man*. He has also written the Neil Gulliver/Stevie Marriner Series including *The Andy Warhol Affair (Hot Paint)*, *The John Lennon Affair*, *The James Dean Affair*, and *The Elvis and Marilyn Affair*.

**WILLIAM LINK** – The iconic television writer of *Columbo*, *Murder She Wrote*, *Ellery Queen*, and *Mannix* among twelve other series has won numerous awards, including two Emmys, two Golden Globes, the Peabody, and four Edgar Allan Poe awards. His latest, *The Columbo Collection*, regales readers with short stories starring the rumbled but unflappable Lieutenant Columbo.

**DENNIS PALUMBO, M.A., MFT** – Formerly a Hollywood screenwriter (*My Favorite Year*, *Welcome Back, Kotter*), he is now a licensed psychotherapist in private practice. His novel *Mirror Image* features a psychotherapist who treats crime victims. The sequel, *Fever Dream*, appears in November just in time for our event!

**JAMES R. PRESTON** – This former writer of science fiction short stories is now the author of the Surf City Mysteries: *Leave a Good-Looking Corpse*, *Read 'Em and Weep*, and *The Road to Hell*, in which his witty first-person protagonist is often reminiscent of the narrators of film noir classics of the 1940s.

**KWEI QUARTEY, M.D.** – Now practicing medicine in California, he was born in Ghana and sets his debut sociological mystery *Wife of the Gods* in a Ghanaian village; in his second release, *Children of the Street*, his "at once powerful and perceptive, tough and sympathetic" protagonist is hailed as one "everyone will root for" as he follows a gruesome and perplexing case in the violent badlands of Ghanaian slums.

**NEIL RUSSELL** – A veteran executive with major film companies – including Paramount, Columbia, MGM/UA and Carolco – he has created Rail Black, a larger-than-life superhero billionaire with power, connections, and Delta Force training. His startling opening of *City of War* got Rail Black a movie deal. His second, *Wildcase*, "is even more startling" and *Beverly Hills Is Burning* will follow in 2012.

**TODD RITTER** – His debut mystery, *Death Notice*, has been called "a tense and twisty whodunnit from a fresh new voice in fiction...with well-drawn characters and spare, unflinching prose, Todd offers an atmospheric and emotionally rich debut." His second novel, *Bad Moon*, is due out in October 2011.

**THOMAS B. SAWYER** – Novelist, screen and TV writer, playwright, teacher. His powerful thriller, *No Place to Run*, stars a young woman and her kid brother desperately fleeing rogue Federal Agents trying to kill them before the pair can uncover the truth behind 9/11 events.

**STEVE SCARBOROUGH** – A retired forensic scientist, he has recently released *Scrafitto*, in which he vividly brings to life a vibrant tropical rainforest and a small Costa Rican village. His ex-cop hero, now adventure tour photographer, is compelled to track down a killer after his fellow artists and his new love are targeted by a crazed slasher. This debut recently won First Place from the Public Safety Writers Association.

**GERALD SCHILLER** – An award-winning script writer and filmmaker – including the award-winning documentaries: CHAPLIN – A CHARACTER IS BORN and KEATON: THE GREAT STONE FACE – he writes for all ages in his mysteries: *Deadly Dreams*, *Death Underground*, *The Man Who Defied Death*, *The Abracadabra Kid*, and *It Happened in Hollywood*.

**TOM SCHUYLER** – Intrigued by the tragedies of fortunes lost during the Holocaust, this former English teacher depicts a contemporary thrilling and dangerous search for *The Rightful Heirs* of a secret inheritance as past and present collide in a world-wide journey as the seekers "follow the money" through a maze of mystery, intrigue, hate and rivalry.

**STEPHEN JAY SCHWARTZ** – This director of development for films such as *Air Force One*, *In the Line of Fire*, *The Perfect Storm*, and *Troy* is also a bestselling author whose dark crime thrillers feature LAPD Robbery-Homicide Detective Hayden Glass in *Boulevard* and *Beat*. In addition to novels, this multitalented writer currently has a screenplay going into production.

**SHELDON SIEGEL** – *Perfect Alibi*, the seventh in his series, is joined by the paperback release of *Judgment Day* the sixth of his critically acclaimed, best-selling courtroom dramas featuring San Francisco criminal defense attorneys Mike Daley and Rosie Fernandez – a couple unsuccessful at marriage but unbeatable in court. He has sold millions of copies worldwide which have been translated into eight languages.

**MICHAEL SIVERLING** – He wrote his debut *The Sterling Inheritance* while working for the government as a criminal investigator – and won the St. Martin's Press Best First Private Eye Novel Award. With the unique and quirky PI firm as his main characters, he continued his entertaining series and his stellar writing with *The Sorcerer's Circle*. Look for yet another winner with his forthcoming *The Blood of Alexander*.

**BEN F. SMALL** – A veteran trial lawyer, he makes his attorney-protagonist the murderer in his suspenseful *Alibi on Ice*, set in Seattle and on the slopes of Mt. Rainier. *The Olive Horseshoe* sends a man from the souks of Marrakesh into the Atlas mountains and to medieval Spanish towns, seeking vengeance for his father's murder.

**T. B. SMITH** – His debut, *The Sticking Place* – whose title is taken from the line about courage from "Macbeth" – features a high-minded protagonist who "uses Shakespeare to squelch jerks" and the author's literary conventions common to the cop-story genre: young cop/old cop, after-work drinking bouts, cynical cops with messy marriages, and ribald humor.

**MICHAEL SPRADLIN** – Award-winning author of books for children, teens, and adults. His latest, *The Raven's Shadow* – due out in 2011 – is set in Washington DC in 1825 and features a teenage Abraham Lincoln, Charles Darwin, and Edgar Allan Poe, who must band together to defeat an evil the modern world will come to know as Count Dracula.

**MARCOS VILLATORO** – The author of nine books, he has won numerous prizes, including two Emmy Awards for his PBS Television essays. His first Romilia Chacón thriller was The Los Angeles Times Best Book of 2001, and his latest in the series, *Blood Daughters*, forces Chacón into a world of horror leading her deeper into her own troubles.

**JOHN VORHAUS** – Raconteur, writing instructor, poker expert, international creative consultant, and oh, by the way, novelist...John Vorhaus wears so many hats he needs more heads. The one he's currently using has produced the "sunshine noir" novels *The California Roll* and *The Albuquerque Turkey*, plus the poker-related mysteries *Under the Gun* and *World Series of Murder*.

**KENNETH WISHNIA, PH.D.** – His *23 Shades of Black* was nominated for both the Edgar and the Anthony; *Soft Money* was listed by the *Library Journal* as one of the Best Mysteries of the Year. The culmination of his scholarly research is his literary historical work of crime fiction, *The Fifth Servant*, which brings alive the volatile 16th century culturally diverse city of Prague – and won the 11th ADEI-WIZO "Adelina Della Pergola" Prize in Italy.

**TIM WOHLFORTH** – Award-winning writer of more than seventy acclaimed short stories, this Oregon author has joined nine of these creations filled with unexpected characters to form *The Pink Tarantula* with "muscular prose, noirish settings, and homage to Dashiell Hammett."

**STEPHEN WOODWORTH** – He writes the Violet series of paranormal thrillers with colorful titles, including *With Red Hands*, *Through Violet Eyes*, *In Golden Blood*, and *From Black Rooms*. Because his "Violets" communicate with the dead, they are able to summon crime victims to testify against their killers and to identify thieves of major heists.

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