

Squeaky Clean Reads ABOS Conference 2009 Bonnie Gerken and Theresa Gemmer

Archer, Jeffrey CAT O'NINE TALES

Some of these thirteen witty, sad, satisfying, and surprising short stories are inspired by Archer's two-year prison experience. All have a mystery/criminal theme. This is Archer's fifth collection of short stories.

Baldacci, David THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN

When Tom Langdon mouths off while going through airport security, he's booted off the flight and banned from flying for a year. His only chance to make it to Los Angeles in time for Christmas with his girlfriend is to catch a train. And what a train ride it turns out to be. A thief, a Hollywood director, an eloping couple, an avalanche, and of course, romance are all along for the ride.

Beaton, M.C. DEATH OF A DREAMER

Hamish Macbeth is the local constable in the Scottish highlands. Although the rugged climate and inhospitable locals can discourage newcomers with a fantasy for the simple life, Effie Garrand appears ready to stay for the rest of her life, and she does. Series

Chiaverini, Jennifer CIRCLE OF QUILTERS

As five quilters vie for two teacher openings at the Elm Creek Quilters' Quilt Camp, these heartwarming, funny, and calamitous stories of the time leading up to the interviews, the interviews, and the aftermath are a joy. Series

Claridge, Laura EMILY POST

The first biography of the iconic woman whose name stands for good manners, Emily Post tells the story of a woman who grew to maturity during the Gilded Age and then recorded and shaped etiquette in the United States into the Fifties. A Baltimore blue blood, Emily took the measure of each era and reflected it in her caring attitude towards people.

Coel, Margaret THE SHADOW DANCER

Arapaho attorney, Vicky Holden and her friend, Father John O'Malley, fight to prevent the "end of the world" promised by Orlando who has resurrected the old Shadow Dance religion. May be of interest to readers of Tony Hillerman; Series; Set on the Arapaho Wind River Reservation

Dunn, Carola THE GUNPOWDER PLOT Daisy Dalrymple is visiting a friend for their traditional grand Guy Fawkes Day fireworks celebration. Under the cover of the noisy display, the friend's father is shot along with a houseguest, an Australian tourist who had been invited on a whim. It looks like a murder – suicide, but how could the two have known each other? Once again Daisy finds herself involved in solving a crime, much to the distress of her police chief

inspector husband who finds her propensity for finding dead bodies a bit hard to deal with. LP, Kindle

Funke, Cornelia INKHEART

Meggie discovers that her bookbinder father can bring good and bad characters out of books into the real world when he reads aloud. Unfortunately, people from this world are exchanged, including Meggie's mother. Translation from German; destined to be a teen fantasy classic.

Kaminsky, Stuart HE DONE HER WRONG

In the spring of 1942, private eye Toby Peters finds himself involved with stars in Hollywood, mental patients, and other zany characters in an effort to find out who done Mae West wrong. Kaminsky is a professor of film history. Series

Mason, Daniel A FAR COUNTRY (AJ)

McRae, Cricket

Michaels, Fern FOOL ME ONCE

Olivia Lowell always believed her father's claim that her mother died in childbirth, until the fateful day when a lawyer informed her that her mother had passed away 2 weeks ago and left her a fortune. How Olivia deals with the revelation and all the changes in her life hinges on whether she can forgive. Romance

Pym, Barbara

Roberts, Gillian TILL THE END OF TOM

English teacher, Amanda Pepper continues her crime solving after she discovers the body of wealthy Tom Severin at the bottom of the stairs at Philly Prep. He leaves behind a host of suspects – angry ex-wives and children, a soon-to-be stepfather, and a housekeeper who could be cut out of the will. Mystery

Richards, Emilie

Shaffer, Mary Ann GUERNSEY LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY

A story told in letters beginning in 1946, between a London author and the members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a unique book club formed on the spur-of-the-moment to escape punishment by the Nazis occupying the island during World War II. Sadness, humor, and romance. Some "hells" and "damns".

Smith, Haywood THE RED HAT CLUB RIDES AGAIN

When Pru, the black sheep of the Red Hat Club, falls off the wagon, "the girls" stage a hilarious kidnapping in Vegas to help their childhood friend clean up her act. In the tradition of Miss Julia and the Ladies of Covington, this tale of

friendship and support through thick and thin will give the reader laughs and tears. Series

Tey, Josephine

Tyler, Anne DIGGING TO AMERICA

Two families meet by chance at the airport when they each greet their newly adopted Korean daughter. The families become intertwined as they celebrate an "arrival party" each year. Funny and tender observations cast a penetrating light on the American Way as seen from two perspectives, those who are born here and those who are still struggling to fit in.

Updale, Eleanor MONTMORENCY: THIEF, LIAR, GENTLEMAN?

After a petty thief is released from prison, he uses the newly constructed London sewer system to fund a new life as a gentleman. Historical fiction / 1870-1880 / Teen

Wilson, Budge BEFORE GREEN GABLES

The story of Anne Shirley's early life and the journey that led her to Prince Edward Island takes the reader from Anne's birth through two foster homes and then to an orphanage where she is selected for the Cuthberts. Authorized by The Estate of L.M. Montgomery / adult

Binchy, Maeve NIGHT OF STARS AND RAIN

A Greek tour boat sinks in a tragic fire while five travelers watch in horror. High on a hilltop they watch helplessly with the taverna owner, knowing that the village below will suffer a great loss in the accident. The evening creates a bond between them; previously strangers, they become involved in each others lives. LP,

Wall, Elissa STOLEN INNOCENCE; MY STORY OF GROWING UP IN A POLYGAMOUS SECT, BECOMING A TEENAGE BRIDE, AND BREAKING FREE OF WARREN JEFFS

The author grew up in a polygamist household and relates as an insider the tenets of "the Principle" of the Fundamentalist LDS church. She has that rare talent of keeping her child's voice as she relates the events of her childhood, and her forced "marriage" at 14 to an adult first cousin. Biography, LP, Audiobook

Hess, Joan MUMMY DEAREST

On a honeymoon trip to Luxor, Egypt, with her new husband, Lt. Peter Rosen, teenage daughter Caron, and Caron's best friend Inez, Arkansas bookseller Claire Malloy suddenly finds her honeymoon turned upside down

when the two girls are chased through back alleys by unknown pursuers and a blonde college student is kidnapped by two young men on horseback. LP

Tyson, Neil deGrasse THE PLUTO FILES: THE RISE AND FALL OF AMERICA'S FAVORITE PLANET.

Pluto's relatively short history as a planet is described in this brief volume. Tyson's wonderful sense of humor comes across as he explains the evolution of astronomical nomenclature as it applies to our solar system. A fun read with entertaining supplementary material (some of the selected mail the author received from elementary school children is especially charming).

Brown, Rita Mae SANTA CLAWED

Another murder in the small (and getting smaller) town of Crozet, Virginia has Harry Harristeen and her corgi and two cats once again on the trail of a killer. Familiar characters from other books, including the pets and their friends, make this an enjoyable series read. LP, Audiobook

McCall-Smith, Alexander COMFORTS OF A MUDDY SATURDAY

This is for those who read for a love of language and setting. Isabel Dalhousie is a philosopher in Edinborough, Scotland. The ethical dilemmas she deals with in editing her philosophy journal intertwine with issues she deals with in her own life and in a little mystery that adds some intrigue. LP, Audiobook

Mortimer, John RUMPOLE MISBEHAVES

If you have any familiarity with Rumpole, you may wonder at the title since he always misbehaves. However, Rumpole has smoked one too many cigars in chambers and his co-workers take out an ASBO or Anti-Social Behavior Order against him. How Rumpole manages to wiggle out of trouble and combine several cases he is working on to come to satisfactory conclusions, make this another entertaining read in the Rumpole of the Bailey series. Audiobook,