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It's been a while since we sent out a newsletter. Have you missed us? We'll try to get better about keeping to a schedule.

Deb and Gary

Getting settled in new location

We finally feel at home in our new location on Garners Ferry Road. The cats are thrilled with the lovely window ledges that allow them to check out the birds and squirrels. We feel that we have a brighter store and more useable room.

For those of you who haven't been by to see our new home, this store is easier to find than the old one was. If you need driving directions or a map, you can find both on the web site (www.aliensandalibis.com). We're not as far out of town as you might think -- we're only 2.5 miles from the 9A exit on I77. It's not immediately obvious, as you drive along Garners Ferry Road, but this area is growing by leaps and bounds. Hopefully you've just been too busy to come by the store -- I'd hate to think you've given up on us.

[Directions to the store](#)

Scheduled Signings

Alexandra Sokoloff - - author of THE HARROWING. Tuesday, September 5 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

This is Alexandra's debut novel and it's gotten some very good reviews. You can check out the reviews and even read an excerpt from the book at Alexandra's site -- <http://alexandrasokoloff.com/>

Colin Cotterill -- author of DISCO FOR THE DEPARTED Tuesday, October 3 from 4 PM to 7 PM

DISCO FOR THE DEPARTED is the third book in Colin's Dr. Siri Paiboun series which is set in 1977 Laos. I love this quirky series and highly recommend all of the books.

New on the Mystery Side of the Store

For those of you who like Patricia Cornwell, take a look at the books by Kathy Reichs. **DEJA DEAD** (which we carry) is the first book in the Temperance Brennan series. Tempe is a forensic anthropologist who usually splits her working time between Montreal and North Carolina. However, her newest book - - **BREAK NO BONES**, ninth in the series - - is set in Charleston and Mount Pleasant. Her web site is at www.kathyreichs.com .

Those of you who read and enjoyed **COLD GRANITE** by Stuart MacBride will be glad to know that the second in the series, **DYING LIGHT**, is now on our shelves. If you haven't read Stuart's books, you are missing out on some good mysteries. Check out Stuart's web site at www.stuartmacbride.com .

Donna Andrews has a new book in the zany Meg Langslow series -- **NO NEST FOR THE WICKED**. This one starts with a game of "eXtreme croquet" set in an obstacle-ridden cow and sheep pasture. Meg finds a body and things get even stranger.

The first of Janet Gleeson's books that I read was **THE GRENADILLO BOX** which was a mystery set in 18th century London which had interesting detail about cabinetmaking. I enjoyed that book so I had no qualms about ordering her current book, **THE THIEF TAKER** which is set in the same time period but revolves around a family of silversmiths. I wasn't disappointed and this book is definitely recommended.

Other new books:

- **ONE HEX OF A WEDDING** by Jasmine Galenorm
- **FORENSIC DETECTIVE** by Robert Mann
- **STILL LIFE** by Louise Penny

New on the Fantasy/Science Fiction Side

I know that many of you bought and enjoyed **GIL'S ALL FRIGHT DINER** by A. Lee Martinez. The newest book from this creative author is **IN THE COMPANY OF OGRES** and it looks to be just as silly and good as the first book. From the Amazon synopsis: "For someone whos immortal, Never Dead Ned manages to die with alarming frequency -- he just has the annoying habit of rising from the grave. But this soldier might truly be better dead than face his newest assignment. Ogre Company is the legions dumping grounda motley, undisciplined group of monsters whose leaders tend to die under somewhat questionable circumstances."

NIGHTWATCH by Russian author, Sergei Lukyanenko has generated a huge amount of attention. The story is set in present day Moscow but in a setting where shape shifters, vampires and street sorcerers exist. The trilogy, of which this is the first, chronicles the eternal war of the "Others" who are an ancient race of humans with supernatural powers. If the story sounds familiar, you may have seen the trailers for the movie of the same name and story on Pay Per View.

TOUCH THE DARK is a debut book by Karen Chance that has been compared to books by Kim Harrison (**FISTFUL OF CHARMS**) and Patricia Briggs (**MOON CALLED**)

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Sisters In Crime -- Columbia, SC Chapter

The Sisters in Crime meetings had not been scheduled during the summer but we are planning another organizational meeting here at the store on Thursday, August 24 beginning at 6:30 PM. We'll talk about subjects such as how to recruit new members, how to celebrate the 20th anniversary of SInC in October, etc. We especially need to find a name for our chapter. All suggestions welcome.

Please join us. Men are welcome -- readers are welcome -- authors are welcome. Come and have a great time talking about authors and mysteries.

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