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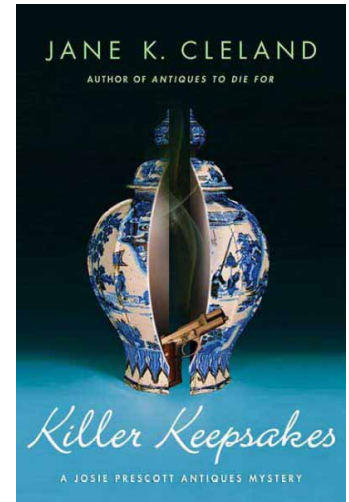
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## Saturday, May 16, 2:30 pm: Jane K. Cleland

Jane K. Cleland returns to talk about and sign copies of *Killer Keepsakes* (Minotaur Books, \$24.95). Here's what Publishers Weekly has to say about this new book:

"At the start of Cleland's absorbing fourth mystery to feature New Hampshire antiques dealer Josie Prescott (after 2008's *Antiques to Die For*), Josie's dependable assistant, Gretchen, fails to show up for a second day and hasn't even called. When a worried Josie checks Gretchen's apartment, she discovers the bloodied body of a strange man in his early 30s on the sofa. A valuable Meissen vase missing from the apartment and a Native American belt buckle on the dead man appear to be the only clues to guide Josie in her amateur sleuthing, though Wes Smith, a local newspaperman, later unearths the suspicious fact that Gretchen's Social Security number was issued only four years earlier, at the time she started working for Josie. Ty Alvarez, a Homeland Security officer who's drop-dead gorgeous, lends emotional support. A Web search for the origins of the vase leads to a frightening escape for Josie and an ingenious solution to the mystery."

We are fans of Jane's work, and especially enjoy not just the antiques stuff but the day-to-day details of Josie's workplace, which sounds wonderful. We have all four of Jane's books in stock, including the first book in the series, *Consigned to Death* in both paperback (\$6.99) and hardcover (\$23.95, second printing).



## 10 Things This Independent Store Does For You

### 1. OUR INVENTORY

On our shelves, you'll find a wider range of mysteries -- suspense, whodunits, thrillers, detective stories, espionage, capers, etc. -- than you'll find in most any other store anywhere in the country. We offer far more than just the bestsellers, including many great titles from small, alternative publishing companies that the big chain stores won't even think about stocking.

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### 3. EXPERTISE

It's one thing to stock lots of titles. It's far more important that we can tell you something about practically everything we stock. Our expertise in the genre is unmatched and widely recognized. In this decade, we have won three Anthony Awards and two Agatha Awards for reference work on the mystery genre.

### 4. AUTHOR EVENTS

Over the past six years, we've brought in hundreds of authors from across the country plus few from overseas, giving you an opportunity to meet and talk with some our genre's finest writers and most intriguing personalities. Our author events are designed to be more than just book signings, and include time for authors to introduce themselves and their work, and time for you to ask your questions.

### 5. DISCUSSION GROUPS

We host two discussion groups that get together each month to talk about mysteries. Our groups, which meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7 pm and the fourth Thursday at noon, are *continued on the back*

lively, engaging, intelligent and funny. Both groups welcome newcomers. I've learned a lot about mysteries from listening to everyone in these groups, and always look forward to our next meetings.

## 6. SUPPORTING INDIANA WRITERS

Our Indiana writers table is right up front, one of the first things you see when you walk in our store. We're proud to support the fabulous writers in our backyard by stocking, selling and promoting their books every day. We are fortunate to have great writers here in Indiana, something that you might not know from the media or from what other stores are displaying.

## 7. SUPPORTING ASPIRING WRITERS

Our support for writers does not begin when they're published. We spend hours every month working with folks who are aspiring to publish their first fiction, talking with them about the business, connecting them with resources and helping them figure out how to take the next step. We host writers' critique groups, we stock and sell books about writing, we've created classes that help writers work on their craft.

## 8. REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY

We partner with a wide range of people and groups throughout central Indiana. We worked with The Writers' Center of Indiana on two series of classes on mystery writing. We host monthly meetings for the Indiana Chapter of Sisters in Crime, an international organization that supports women in the genre. We conceived of and hosted fundraisers for Indy Reads, a fabulous local agency working to build literacy skills among adults right here in Indiana. We've supported author events at libraries across Indiana. We've visited classrooms and hosted visits from classes where we've had a chance to talk with students about mysteries and about the book business in general.

## 9. BRINGING THE WORLD TO YOU

We are bringing Bouchercon, the 40th Annual World Mystery Convention, here to Indianapolis this October. This is the largest annual get-together in the genre. This the first time this event has ever been in Indiana, and it's a very big deal. We expect close to

2000 attendees, including about 400 published mystery writers. Our featured guests include Michael Connelly and S.J. Rozan; among the many other writers who've already registered are Sue Grafton, Lee Child and Sara Paretsky, to name just a few. The event would not be coming here but for our store and the many hard-working volunteers we've recruited from among our customers.

## 10. INDEPENDENCE

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