October 2019

What's Next

October 28 **Jeffrey Deaver and J A Jance**

November 25 First Time Authors of 2019

December 16 Christmas Short Stories (meeting on 3rd Mon.)

January 27, 2020 Did it get better A book from your past

Vital Details **Meeting Time** 2 PM except for special events

Meeting Day 4th Mon. except on holidays

Meeting Place -Community Room of Public Library **18181 Imperial Highway** Yorba Linda, CA

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J A Jance (in her own words)

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Who Done It?

As a second-grader in Mrs. Spangler's Greenway School class, I was introduced to Frank Baum's Wizard of Oz series. I read the first one and was hooked and knew, from that moment on, that I wanted to be a writer.

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The third child in a large family, I was four years younger than my next older sister and four years older than the next younger sibling. Being both too young and too old left me alone in a crowd and helped turn me into an introspective reader and a top student. When I graduated from Bisbee High School in 1962, I received an academic scholarship that made me the first person in my family to attend a four year college. I graduated in 1966 with a degree in English and Secondary Educa-

tion. In 1970 I received my M. Ed. in Library Science. I taught high school English at Tucson's Pueblo High School for two years and was a K-12 librarian at Indian Oasis School District in Sells, Arizona for five years.

My ambitions to become a writer were frustrated in college and later, first because the professor who taught creative writing at the University of Arizona in those days thought girls "ought to be teachers or nurses" rather than writers. After he refused me admission to the program, I did the next best thing: I married a man who was allowed in the program that was closed to me. My first husband imitated Faulkner and Hemingway primarily by drinking too much and writing too little. Despite the fact that he was allowed in the creative writing program, he never had anything published either prior to or after his death from chronic alcoholism at age forty-two. That didn't keep him from telling me, however, that there would be only one writer in our family, and he was it.

My husband made that statement in 1968 after I had received a favorable letter from an editor in New York who was interested in publishing a children's story I had written. Because I was a newly wed wife who was interested in staying married, I put my writing ambitions on hold. Other than writing poetry in the dark of night when my husband was asleep (see After the Fire). I did nothing more about

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Reader's Ratings

ANNE

McLaughlin, Jen - THE MCCULLAGH INN IN MAINE - 2.0 Barrett, Lorna - NOT THE KILLING TYPE - 2.0 Connelly, Michael - THE LATE SHOW _ 5.0 Lehane, Dennis - THE DROP - 5.0

BOBBI

Bohjallian, Chris - THE SLEEPWALKER - 2017 Mayor, Archer - TRACE - 2017 Box, C J - WOLF PACK- 2019 Evanovich, Janet - LOOK ALIVE TWENTY-FIVE - 2018 McCallin, Luke - THE MAN FROM BERLIN - 2012 Barr, Nevada - 13 ¹/₂ - 2009 Alger, Christina - GIRLS LIKE US - 2019 Friedman, Daniel - DON'T EVER LOOK BACK - 2014 Fowler, Christopher - BRYANT "& MAY" : STRANGE TIDE - 2017 May, Peter - THE BLACK HOUSE

Macneal, Susan Ella - MR. CUCILL'S SECRETARY - 2012 Alexander, Bruce - MURDER ON GRUB STREET - 1995

CHITRA

Seierstad, Asne - TWO SISTERS: A FATHER, HIS DAUGHTERS - 2018 - Norway- 4.25 Brekke, Jorgen - WHERE MONSTERS DWELL - 2014 -Odd Singsaker Mystery - 3.50 Olshan, Joseph - BLACK DIAMOND FALL - 2018 - Ver-

mont-3.50

Koryta, Michael - HOW IT HAPPENED - 2018 - Maine - 4.25

Khan, Ausma Zehanat - A DEADLY DIVIDE - 2019 - - 4.75 Orlean, Susan - THE LIBRARY BOOK - 2018 - 4.50 Perry, Anne - TRIPLE JEOPARDY - 2019 - - 3.75

Ashley, Jennifer - DEATH IN KEW GARDENS - 2019 - - 3.50

Silva, Daniel - THE NEW GIRL - 2019 - Gabriel Allon - 4.00 Farah, Nuruddin - NORTH OF DAWN: - 2018 - Somalia & Norway - 4.00

KAREN

Orlean, Susan - THE LIBRARY BOOK - 2018 - L A - 4.0 Roberts, Nora -UNDERCURRENTS - 2019 - N. C. - 4.0 -CD

Rozan, S J - PAPER SON - #12 - 2019- Mississippi - 4.75 Doiron, Paul - ALMOST MIDNIGHT - 2019 - Maine - 5.0 McKinty, Adrian - THE CHAIN - 20119 - Plum Island 2.0 Sager, Riley - LOCK EVERY DOOR - 2019 - NYC - CD -

2.5

Gordon, David - THE BOUNCER - #1 - 2018 - NYC - 3.75 Gould, Howard Michael - LAST LOOKS - #1 - 2018 - -3.75 Westover, Tara - EDUCATED, - 2018 -Idaho - 3.0 Silva, Daniel - THE NEW GIRL - #19 - 2019 - Europe and Israel and England, etc. - 4.7 Kava, Alex - DESPERATE CREED - #5 - 2019 5.0 -Hillier, Jennifer - JAR OF HEARTS - 2018 - 2.0 Crais, Robert - A DANGEROUS MAN - 2019 - - 5.0 -Lawson, Mike - HOUSE ARREST - #13 - 2019 - - 4.8 Rowley, Steven - LILY AND THE OCTOPUS - 2016 -2.5.

Bell, David - LAYOVER - 2019 - SE U.S. - 2.75 Pryor, Mark - THE BOOK ARTIST - #8 - 2019 - 4.5 Box, C. J. - BITTERROOTS # 4 - 2019 - - 4.5

MARCIA

Bowen, Rhys - TUSCAN CHILD - 4.0 Collins, Danielle - MURDER IN MAINE - 2.0

NANCY

Barry, Jessica - FREEFALL - 4.0 Doiron, Paul - ALMOST MIDNIGht - 3.75 Burker, Alafair - THE BETTER SISTER - 3.75 Finder, Joseph - JUDGEMENT - 4.0

PENNY

Fellowes, Julian - PAST IMPERFECT -2008 - 3.0 Connolly, John - THE LOVERS - - 2009 - 4.0 Woods, Stuart - FAST ANDLOOSE - 2017 - 3.0 Penny, Louise - THE LONG WAY HOME - 2014 - 3.0 Smith;, Carrie - SILENT CITY - 215 - 5.0 A biography of Georgia O'Keefe (no author listed)



SUSAN

Doiron, Paull - ALMOST MIDNIGHT - 5.0 Rosenfelt , David - BARK OF NIGHT - 4.75 Coulter, Catherine - LABYRINTH - 5.0 Baldacci, David - ONE GOOD DEED - 4.5 Box, C.J. - THE BITTERROOTS - 4.5 Bowen, Rhys - LOVE AND DEATH AMONG THE CHEE-TAHS - 3.75

YVONNE

Barrrett, Lorna - MURDER ON THE HALF SHELF - 3.0 Donelly, Claire - LAST LICKS - 3.0 Connolly, Sheila - CRUEL WINTER - 4.0

Jance (con.t.)

writing fiction until eleven years later when I was a single, divorced mother with two children and no child support as well as a full time job selling life insurance. My first three books were written between four a.m. and seven a.m. At seven, I would wake my children and send them off to school. After that, I would get myself ready to go sell life insurance.

I started writing in the middle of March of 1982. The first book I wrote, a slightly fictionalized version of a series of murders that happened in Tucson in 1970, was never published. For one thing, it was twelve hundred pages long. Since I was never allowed in the creative writing classes, no one had ever told me there were some things I needed to leave out. For another, the editors who turned it down said that the parts that were real were totally unbelievable, and the parts that were fiction

were fine. My agent finally sat me down and told me that she thought I was a better writer of fiction than I was of non-fiction. Why, she suggested, didn't I try my hand at a novel?

The result of that conversation was the first Detective Beaumont book, UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. Since 1985 when that was published, there have been 21 more Beau books. My work also includes 17 Joanna Brady books set in southeastern Arizona where I grew up, 11 Ali Reynolds books, set in Sedona, AZ, and five novel-

las. In addition there are five thrillers, starting with HOUR OF THE HUNTER and KISS OF THE BEES, that 3

reflect what I learned during the years when I was teaching on the Tohono O'Odham reservation west of Tucson, Arizona.

The week before Until Proven Guilty was published, I did a poetry reading of After the Fire at a widowed retreat sponsored by a group called WICS (Widowed Information Consultation Services) of King County. By June of 1985, it was five years after my divorce in 1980 and two years

after my former husband's death. I went to the retreat feeling as though I hadn't quite had my ticket punched and didn't deserve to be there. After all, the other people there were all still married when their spouses died. I was divorced. At the retreat I met a man whose wife had died of breast cancer two years to the day and within a matter of minutes of the time my husband died. We struck up a conversation based on that coincidence. Six months later, to the dismay of our five children, we told the kids they weren't the Brady Bunch, but they'd do, and we got married. We now have four new in-laws as well as six grandchildren.

When my second husband and I first married, he supported all of us-his kids and mine as well as the two of us. It was a long time before my income from writing was anything more than fun money-the IMPROBABLE CAUSE trip to Walt Disney World; the Minor in Possession memorial powder room; the Payment in Kind memorial hot tub. Eventually, however, the worm turned. My husband was able to retire at age 54 and took up golf and oil painting.

One of the wonderful things about being a writer is that everything-even the bad stuff-is usable. The eighteen years I spent while married to an alcoholic have helped shape the experience and character of Detective J. P. Beaumont. My experiences as a single parent have gone into the background for Joanna Brady-including her first tentative steps toward a new life after the devastation of

losing her husband in DESERT HEAT. And then there's the evil creative writing professor in HOUR OF THE HUNTER and KISS OF THE BEES, but that's another story.

Another wonderful part of being a writer is hearing from fans. I learned on the reservation that the ancient, sacred charge of the storyteller is to beguile the time. It gratifies me to know that by immersing themselves in my stories, people are able to set their own lives aside and live and walk in someone else's shoes. It tells me I'm doing a good job at the best job in the world.

Books Due in October

Bloody Genius by John Sandford - Oct 1, 2019

At the local state university, two feuding departments have faced off on the battleground of PC culture. Then someone winds up dead, and Virgil Flowers is brought in to investigate.



The Guardians by John Grisham Oct 15, 2019

For 22 years Quincy Miller has sat on Death Row without friends, family or legal representation. He was accused of killing Keith Russo, a lawyer in a small Florida town. But there were no witnesses and no motive. Just the fact that Quincy was black in an all-white town and that a blood-splattered torch was found in the boot of his car.

<u>Blue Moon (Jack Reacher, book 24) - by Lee Child -</u> Oct 29, 2019

Reacher comes to the aid of an elderly couple in a heartland American city - and must confront his most dangerous opponents yet.

The Night Fire (Renee Ballard and Harry Bosch, book 2) by Michael Connelly -

Oct 22, 2019

Back when Harry Bosch was just a rookie homicide detective, he had an inspiring mentor who taught him to take the work personally and light the fire of relentlessness for every case. Now that mentor,



John Jack Thompson, is dead, but after his funeral his widow gives Bosch a murder book that Thompson took with him when he left the LAPD 20 years before --

Quantum (Captain Chase, book 1) by Patricia Cornwell - Oct 1, 2019

On the eve of a top secret space mission, Captain Calli Chase detects a tripped alarm in the tunnels deep below a NASA research center. A NASA pilot, quantum physicist, and cybercrime investigator, Calli knows that a looming blizzard and government shutdown could provide the perfect cover for sabotage, .

The Shape of Night by Tess Gerritsen Oct 1, 2019

Ava Collette is punishing herself for an unspeakable tragedy. So she flees Boston and rents an old home named Brodie's Watch on a remote coastal peninsula of Maine.



Rumor has it that a sea captain named Brodie has haunted the house for decades.

<u>The Deserter</u> by Alex Demille and <u>Nelson DeMille - Oct</u> 22, 2019

When Captain Kyle Mercer of the Army's elite Delta Force disappeared from his post in Afghanistan, a video released by his Taliban captors made international headlines. Mercer is spotted two years later in Caracas, Venezueland Scott Brodie and Maggie Taylor are sent to bring Mercer back to America.



<u>A Bitter Feast (Duncan Kincaid / Gemma James, book</u> **18) by <u>Deborah Crombie -</u>Oct 8, 2019**

<u>A Cruel Deception</u> (Bess Crawford Mystery, book 11) by <u>Charles Todd</u> - Oct 22, 2019 <u>Historical Mystery</u>

<u>I See You (Criminal Profiler</u>, book 3) -Novel by <u>Mary</u> <u>Burton -</u> Oct 8, 2019 -

FBI special agent Zoe Spencer uses skeletal remains to recreate the faces of murder victims through sculpture. Though highly scientific, the process is also sensitive and intimate; she becomes attached to the individuals she identifies, desperate to find justice for each

Bad Memory (Jessica Shaw, book 2) -Novel by Lisa Gray -Oct 24, 2019: Mystery

Dachshund Through the Snow (Andy

Carpenter, book 20) by David Rosenfelt Oct 1, 2019: Mystery

Lawyer Andy Carpenter and his wife, Laurie, have started a new Christmas tradition. Their local pet store has a Christmas tree, where instead of ornaments there are wish-



es from those in need. One poignant wish leads Andy to a child named Danny, whose selfless plea strikes a chord.

Takes One to Know OneNovel by Susan Isaacs - Oct 1, 2019 : Mystery

Just a few years ago, Corie Geller was busting terrorists as an agent for the FBI. But at thirty-five, she traded in her badge for the stability of marriage and motherhood. Now Corie is married to the brilliant and remarkably handsome Judge Josh Geller and is the adoptive mother of his lovely 14-year-old daughter.

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To the Land of Long Lost Friends - (No 1 Ladies' Detective agency, book 20) by Alexander McCall Smith Oct 22, 2019: Mystery



The Body on the Train (Kate Shackleton,

book 11) Novel by Frances Brody - Oct 17, 2019 Historical Mystery

The Art of Theft (Lady Sherlock, book 4) Novel by **Sherry Thomas** Oct 15, 2019 Historical Mystery

Penny for Your Secrets (Verity Kent, book 3) -Novel by Anna Lee Huber -Oct 29, 2019 Historical Mystery

Sarah Jane by James Sallis -Oct 1, 2019

Sarah Jane Pullman is a good cop with a complicated past. From her small-town chicken-farming roots through her runaway adolescence, court-ordered Army stint, ill-advised marriage and years slinging scrambled eggs over greasy spoon griddles,

Let Justice Descend (Gardiner and Renner, book 5) by Lisa Black-Oct 29, 2019 Mystery

Your House Will Pay [NS] by Steph Cha

A Book of Bones [Charlie Parker #17] by John Connolly

The Man That Got Away [Constable Twitten #2] by Lynne Truss

: In the beach town of Brighton, music is playing and guests are sunning themselves, when a young man is found dead, dripping blood, in a deck chair. Constable Twitten of the Brighton Police Force has a hunch that the fiendish mur-



der may be connected to a notorious nightspot, but his captain and his colleagues are-as ever-busy with other more important issues.



An Interview with Jeffery Deaver

Ten words to sum up your working life to date ...

Spending every minute writing books thrilling and fun for readers. Nine things you can see from where you're sitting ...

The hotel room walls where I'm appearing at a writers' convention.

The outline of the next book I'm working on.

The computer on which I am writing this.

The router that is connecting me online.

A cup of cold Starbucks coffee from breakfast.

A bottle of Crown Royal whiskey, unopened, as it is early afternoon (I have my standards).

A suitcase filled with one week's worth of dirty clothes, as I've been on the road that long.

A flyer advertising the Mob Museum in Las Vegas, which I have just toured.

My broken prescription eyeglasses (sniff) and the bag of drug store reader glasses that will temporarily replace them.

Eight minutes to prepare a meal. What's it going to be ? So many options. Since it's a cold winter's day: Onion soup, made with Vidalia sweet onion, sliced tenderloin, beef stock flavoured with a dry sherry and thickened with a roux of butter and flower, topped with Swiss cheese. Steamed green beans. A rocket salad with feta. A baguette. A pinot noir from Burgundy.

Seven people you'd like to go for a drink with ...

Assume they can be living or dead:

John Kennedy, Barack Obama, Ian Fleming, JRR Tolkien, Sheryl Crow, Julia Child, Edward de Vere, the 17th of Oxford, who is a real ancestor of mine, according to family lore.

Six things you can't live without ...

Writing. Music. Dogs. Friends and family. Wine. Good bread and cheese (sorry, but they really are inseparable, don't you think?) Five favourite words ... Yes. Onomatopoeia. Strident. Poetic. Cerebral. Four places you'd run away to ... Laguna Beach, California. Cinque Terre, Italy The Cotswolds. Any small island off the coast of Maine, US Three books you've bought recently ...

The Road to Jonestown by Jeff Gunn.

Fear by Bob Woodward.

Beneath A Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan.

One thing that make you rant ...

Clerks who respond to a "thank you" with the phrase, "No problem.

J A Jance Books

Only some of these are available at the library and those with a half number are novellas probably available on line. **Series**

J. P. Beaumont

- 1. Until Proven Guilty (1985)
- 2. Injustice for All (1986)
- 3. Trial by Fury (1986)
- 4. Taking the Fifth (1987)
- 5. Improbable Cause (1988)
- 6. A More Perfect Union (1988)
- 7. Dismissed with Prejudice (1989)
- 8. Minor in Possession (1990)
- 9. Payment in Kind (1991)
- 10. Without Due Process (1992)
- 11. Failure to Appear (1993)
- 12. Lying in Wait (1994)
- 13. Name Withheld (1996)
- 14. Breach of Duty (1999)
- 15. Birds Of Prey (2001)
- 16. Partner In Crime (2002)
- 17. Long Time Gone (2005)
- 18. Justice Denied (2007)
- 19. Fire and Ice (2009)
- 20. Betrayal of Trust (2011)
- 20.5. Ring In the Dead (2013)
- 21. Second Watch (2013)
- 21.5. Stand Down (2015)
- 22. Dance of the Bones (2015)
- 22.5. Still Dead (2017)
- 23. Proof of Life (2017)
- 24. Sins of the Fathers (2019)

Walker Family Mysteries

- 1. Hour of the Hunter (1991)
- 2. Kiss of the Bees (2000)
- 3. Day of the Dead (2004)
- 4. Queen of the Night (2010)
- 5. Dance of the Bones (2015)

Joanna Brady

- 1. Desert Heat (1993)
- 2. Tombstone Courage (1994)
- 3. <u>Shoot, Don't Shoot (1995</u>)
- 4. Dead to Rights (1996)
- 5. Skeleton Canyon (1997)
- 6. Rattlesnake Crossing (1998)
- 7. Outlaw Mountain (1999)

- 8. Devil's Claw (2000)
- 9. Paradise Lost (2001)
- 10. Partner In Crime (2002)
- 11. Exit Wounds (2003)
- 12. Dead Wrong (2006)
- 13. Damage Control (2008)
- 14. Fire and Ice (2009)
- 15. Judgment Call (2012)
- 16. Remains of Innocence (2014)
- 16.5. The Old Blue Line (2014)
- 16.6. <u>Random Acts</u> (2016)
- 17. Downfall (2016)
- 18. Field of Bones (2018)

Ali Reynolds

- 1. Edge of Evil (2005)
- 2. Web of Evil (2007)
- 3. Hand of Evil (2007)
- 4. Cruel Intent (2008)
- 5. Trial by Fire (2009)
- 6. Fatal Error (2011)
- 7. Left for Dead (2012)
- 8. Deadly Stakes (2013)
- 9. Moving Target (2014)
- 9.5. <u>A Last Goodbye</u> (2014)
- 10. Cold Betrayal (2015)
- 10.5. No Honor Among Thieves (2015)
- 11. <u>Claw Back</u> (2016)
- 12. Man Overboard (2017)
- 13. Duel to the Death (2018)
- 14. The A List (2019)
- 15. Credible Threat (2020)



Jeffery Deaver Books

Our library does not appear to have any books in print. A few audio books are available. But other libraries and bookstores should have many.

Series

Rune

- 1. Manhattan Is My Beat (1989)
- 2. Death of a Blue Movie Star (1990)
- 3. Hard News (1991)

John Pellam (as by William Jefferies)

- 1. Shallow Graves (1992)
- 2. Bloody River Blues (1993)
- 3. <u>Hell's Kitchen (2001)</u>

Lincoln Rhyme

- 1. The Bone Collector (1997)
- 2. The Coffin Dancer (1998)
- 3. The Empty Chair (2000)
- 4. The Stone Monkey (2002)
- 5. The Vanished Man (2001)
- 6. The Twelfth Card (2005)
- 7. The Cold Moon (2006)
- 8 The Broken Window (2008)
- 9. The Burning Wire (2010)
- 9.5. <u>A Textbook Case (2013)</u>
- 10. The Kill Room (2013)
- 10.5. Rhymes with Prey (2014) (with John Sandford)
- 11. The Skin Collector (2014)
- 11.5. The Deliveryman (2016)
- 12. <u>The Steel Kiss</u> (2016)
- 13. The Burial Hour (2017)
- 14. The Cutting Edge (2018)

Kathryn Dance

- 1. The Sleeping Doll (2007)
- 2. Roadside Crosses (2009)
- 3. <u>XO</u> (<u>2012</u>)
- 4. Solitude Creek (2015)

Lucas Davenport (with John Sandford) 24. Rhymes with Prey (2014)

Colter Shaw

- 0.5. <u>Captivated</u> (2019)
- 1. <u>The Never Game</u> (2019)
- 2. The Goodbye Man (2020)

Novels

Voodoo (1988) (as by Jeffery Wilds Deaver) Always a Thief (1988) (as by Jeffery Wilds Deaver) Mistress of Justice (1992) The Lesson of Her Death (1993) Praying for Sleep (1993) A Maiden's Grave (1995) Speaking in Tongues (1995) The Devil's Teardrop (1999) The Blue Nowhere (2001) Garden of Beasts (2004) The Bodies Left Behind (2008) Edge (2010)

Jeffery Deaver is the New York Times bestselling author of nineteen suspense novels, including The Blue Nowhere and The Bone Collector. He has been nominated for three Edgar Awards from the Mystery Writers of America and is a two-time recipient of the Ellery Queen Readers Award for Best Short Story of the Year. Mr. Deaver lives in California and Virginia







For your entertainment

I'M LACTOSE INTOLERANT.

IAM

CARAMEL PHOBIC!

DO YOU HAVE GLUTEN-FREE TREATS, LADY

> DYOU HAVe VEGAN CHOCOLATE?

I CAN'T EAT NUTS

I HAVE A

NOUGAT



Fill in the grids so that each column, row, and box contains one and an only one of the letters from the given word.



