



Haven Books

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Mara Purl's
Milford-Haven Series

Short Stories:

Christmas Angels
CIPA Merit Book Award

Novels

What The Heart Knows
Benjamin Franklin Award
Silver
USA Book News Award
Finalist

Closer Than You Think
Evy Award
Gold

USA Book News Award
Finalist
Child Secrets

Audio Drama

*Milford-Haven, U.S.A.**
BBC Radio Drama
NY Festival Finalist Award



May 2008 – Mara Purl's "Child Secrets" wins Beach Book Festival Award, named "Hottest Read for Summer" in Fiction/Romance.

This the Inaugural Beach Book Festival, sponsored by JM Northern Media, held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Mara Purl, author of the popular Milford-Haven Novels, has won several other awards for her writing. "Child Secrets" is book three in her series, "The Milford-Haven Novels."

Child Secrets also nabbed the Indie Excellence Award as in the Fiction/Romance category, and is a Finalist for the ForeWord Book Of the Year Award.

The new award for *Child Secrets* brings the wins for the Milford-Haven Novels to a total of eight. ***What the Heart Knows***, Mara's debut novel, earned a Silver **Benjamin Franklin Award**; ***Closer Than You Think*** won a Gold **Evy Award**; and each earned **USA Book News Finalist Awards**. ***Closer Than You Think*** also just won the **Indie Excellence Finalist Award**.

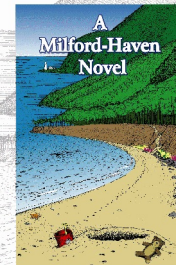
"*Child Secrets* plunges the reader more deeply into the background of each character," author Mara Purl explained. "Childhood experiences imprint all of us. In this story, we trace how these imprints reveal themselves in adult behaviors. And we also develop a new way of discerning these 'child secrets' not only in my characters, but in ourselves."

The core issues in Purl's books make them favorites for her "Women's Fiction" audience—romantic relationships, balancing personal issues with career goals, and creating a nurturing environment readers come to recognize as their own "haven."

Milford-Haven has a long, unusual history, having begun as an original radio drama Purl created that became a hit on BBC Radio with 4.5 million listeners in the U.K. It won the Finalist Award at the New York Festivals.

Mara Purl honed her researching and writing skills with the *Associated Press*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Financial Times of London*, *Working Woman Magazine*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*, to name a few. But she's spent equal time as a performer on-camera and on-stage, with her regular character on *Days Of Our Lives* having been her starting point for soap opera. She was named Woman of the Year 2002 by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women.

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Child Secrets



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