

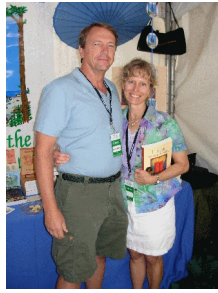


L.A. Times Festival of Books



Katherine Shirek Doughtie & Mara Purl

Guest author Mary Zalmanak & husband Jim



Haven Books was represented in force at LATFOB, with our own authors, and guest authors, at our booth. Katherine Doughtie signed her *Aphrodite in Jeans*. Mara Purl signed her *Milford-Haven Novels*. She and Erin Gray signed their *Act Right*. Guest author Mary Zalmanak was there to sign her *The Art of the Spark*. The LATFOB is now the second-largest book event in the U.S. **JOIN US IN 2008!!!** Look for the Haven Books booth Saturday April 26th and Sunday April 27th on the beautiful campus of UCLA. We'll have signings, talks, and as always some great deals and tasty snacks!

Shivers Celebration -- Pikes Peak Library



Founded by the astounding Peggy Shivers and her late husband Clarence, who as one of the Tuskegee Airmen was a much-honored veteran, this event includes an Author's Tea. Mara was honored to be in the company of four illustrious authors, each a pioneer in her field: Jacqueline Sue, Marie Greenwood, MP, Lonzie Symonette.

WOMEN WRITING THE WEST

Vicki Werkley & Mara Purl both attended this year's Women Writing the West Conference, enjoying outstanding seminars, signing their books, and attending the annual Willa Awards. Learn more about this great organization at www.WomenWritingtheWest.com.



The Milford-Haven Novels . . . the book awards



Closer Than You Think won the GOLD Evvy Award for fiction! This novel then won a USA Book News Finalist Award. *What the Heart Knows*, already a winner of the Silver Benjamin Franklin Award, won a USA Book News Finalist Award as well.



The Milford-Haven Novels . . . the audio awards

The first two novels have now been published as unabridged audiobooks. In 2007 *Closer Than You Think: The Audiobook* won the Gold USA Book News Award for audio fiction. In 2006 *What the Heart Knows: the Audiobook*, won the Silver Benjamin Franklin Award, for audio fiction. Congrats to the production team, especially Bill Berkuta, recording engineer for both projects!



Katherine Shirek Doughtie was the featured speaker at an event sponsored by the Friends of the Azusa City Library where she spoketo a rapt audience about her vibrant book, *Aphrodite in Jeans: Adventure Tales about Men, Midlife & Motherhood*.

Mara Purl



Book Three: *Child Secrets*. Published in September, it's the longest and most exciting so far. Collect the entire series! "*Steeped in California charm,...the people are refreshingly realistic.*" -- *BookWire*
Award-winning writer Mara Purl deepens the intrigue in this captivating window into the little battles, victories, successes, and failings ... in ... Milford-Haven.
-- *Midwest Book Review*



Donis Casey, whose second novel recently won the Arizona Book Award, visited Colorado and joined Mara for a book signing at the famed **Tattered Cover Bookstore**. To find out more about Donis's outstanding historical novel series visit www.DonisCasey.com.

Santa Barbara Book & Author Festival Central Coast Book Festival

Mara was a featured speaker at both events this year, and counts these among her favorite yearly events. Join the many authors who share their books and ideas at these beautiful events next September!



Vicki Hessel Werkley's *Girl-On-Fire*, winner of the Independent Publisher's Award for 2001 in multi-cultural fiction. Now a *classic*, recommended both for adult readers and for young adults.



Katherine Shirek Doughtie's *Aphrodite in Jeans*, is a double-award-winner (Silver Evvy Award and Gold DIY Award) Visit her website and track Kathy's blog, her events, and her next book-in-progress. www.aphroditeinjeans.com



CIPA College 2007

The Colorado Independent Publishers Association's major event of the year is an outstanding three-day marathon that features some of the top professionals in the field of publishing, and last year included two of our own. Vicki Hessel Werkley, an editor and award-winning author, spoke on editorial excellence.

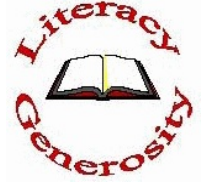
CIPA College 2008 – March 27, 28, 29

Mara Purl is will speak this year. Her topic: *Targeted Marketing: Awards, Book Clubs & Book Festivals*. Many other **outstanding speakers** will be presenting. If you're an author or publisher, and can get to Denver in late March, **DON'T MISS THIS EMPOWERING EVENT!!!**

Reader's Passport

What is going on nationally and locally in the world of reading? What would it look like if literacy joined with generosity? This question is answered by the Reader's Passport. Jointly sponsored by **R.R. Bowker**, owners of Books In Print, and **local libraries** -- and founded by our author **Mara Purl** -- the Pilot program ran successfully at Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs. So far 1,000 books have been donated by publishers and authors to local readers.

How does it work? A full explanation can be found at our new web site. E-mail us at ReadersPassport@msn.com to receive the web address, info and updates. Want to contribute your books? You'll receive tax deductions. Want to bring this to your local library? We'll show you how. Gratitude to the authors at Haven Books, all of whom have stepped up to contribute their books. Many of our friends and colleagues have done the same. Join us!!



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Our Marketing & PR Mavens

Thanks and congratulations again to the Haven Books marketing team for creating another breakthrough year in 2007! Cynthia Johnston masterminded another brilliant year for *Aphrodite*. Jonatha King has helped forge a whole new realm of press contact and public awareness as director of PR for the *Milford-Haven Novels*. King@KingCommunications.biz

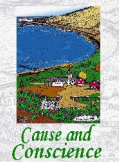
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2008 Events (www.havenbooks.net/events)

Our authors will again be busy next year! A full listing is kept updated at our website. Look for our authors at the **Central Coast Book Festival**, the **Santa Barbara Book Festival**, the **LA Times Festival of Books** and **Book Expo America**. Also check our **CALENDAR** link for individual book signing events that happen throughout the year. Our authors are often at local libraries, Barnes & Nobles, Borders, and independent bookstores, and also speak for local groups and bookclubs.

Mara Purl



Coming Soon...book four of the Milford-Haven Novels!!

Readers are already eager for Book III and Book IV in the compelling series. In April, look for **Mara Purl's Cause and Conscience**. And in September, look for *Nobody's Fault*. Join the movement at www.milfordhaven.com.

And look for special introductory prices at www.havenbooks.net

Coming for Christmas 2008... Christmas Angels, the Audiobook!!

Accomplished actor Roger Kern joined Mara in the studio to record these beautiful stories. This audio collection will be a holiday treasure next year! Check our website for early release next September.



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