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Potpourri

Did you know? For those of you who live in Tallahassee, Florida, my granddaughter, **Carrie Litherland**, is running for mayor of your city! When the time comes, please vote for her! Meanwhile, check out her website:

www.Carrie4tally.wordpress.com

One of my favorite pastimes, other than reading, is working jigsaw puzzles. Thanks to Scott & Cathy, here is a picture of the most difficult one I've ever attempted. Black and white lines to be colored in later. Yes, I finished it, I colored it, and it was agonizing FUN!!



This fall I will be going on a little vacation that will include a **funicular**. Do you know what that is? A cable railway on a steep incline. Oooooo!!

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are available at:**

Amazon.com
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REVIEWS

"My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read."

—Abraham Lincoln

America's First Daughter (Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie, 2016). **HISTORICAL FICTION.** This is the best—most interesting—book I've read in a long time! The title refers to Martha Jefferson, daughter of our third U.S. president, Thomas Jefferson. Family members called her "Patsy." The book is based on the writings of her father and told from her point of view. After her mother's death when she was a child, Patsy became her father's helper and companion, the "first daughter" who stood by him, protecting him, even as his troubling affair with the slave girl Sally Hemmings came to light. Life at Monticello for the entire family—brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins—was filled with both joy and turmoil. (I had known about Sally Hemmings, but I did not know that she and the President had children together.) A fascinating book.

The Crossing (Michael Connelly, 2015). This novel is from Connelly's Harry Bosch series and it, like the others in the series, is excellent! I especially like that Harry, now retired from the LAPD, is working with his half-brother, Mickey Haller. (Remember Haller, the Lincoln Lawyer so wonderfully portrayed by Matthew McConaughey in the movie of the same name?) To work with Mickey, Harry is moving from prosecution to defense, hence *The Crossing*. He's uncomfortable working on the other side, but if Mickey's client is truly innocent of murder, then who is guilty? Harry is motivated to find out. And I was motivated to keep reading!

Proof of Life (J.A. Jance, 2017). In this, the latest in the author's J.P. Beaumont series, Beaumont is now a retired detective who "detects" on his own—a private investigator. When a crime reporter dies in what is officially an accidental fire, Beaumont is asked by the deceased (yes, that's right) to investigate. The reporter had left messages before the fire, because he had suspected that someone might kill him. Good plot, but there was so much chit-chat that I got bored with it. Sorry, folks.

I've Got My Eyes on You (Mary Higgins Clark, 2018). This author may be 90 years old, but she can still write a great book! When an 18-year-old girl is found dead at the bottom of the family pool, two of her friends are suspected of her murder. We know at the beginning that neither of them is guilty, but who is? There seem to be no other suspects. So, a city detective teams up with the girl's sister, who is a guidance counselor at the school, to solve the crime. Actually, I solved it before they did, but it was fun to follow the thread and discover the "why" of the crime. Interesting!

I Know a Secret (Tess Gerritsen, 2017). This is the latest entry in the author's Rizzoli and Isles series. Detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles find that two seemingly unrelated homicide victims have a lot in common. They follow the clues, including a very important one from a woman in prison—Maura's mother! (She was a serial killer!) This one will keep you turning the pages. Readers may remember Rizzoli and Isles from the television series of the same name, which ran from 2010 to 2016 on TNT.

MY "SUNSET" YEARS

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From time to time I've talked about retiring from the writing world. This time, I mean it! I've written my last book; and, with the upcoming October issue of *Bookmark*, I will have written/published my last newsletter. I intend to enjoy literary freedom—read, read, read without the responsibility of meeting deadlines or reporting. To reminisce, here are the books I've written over past 36 years:

FICTION

2014—*Forever is a Long, Long Time*
2013—*Worth Dying For*
2011—*Sweet Justice*
2010—*The Long Road Home*
2008—*Song of the Heart*
2006—*Vanished*
2005—*Chain of Deception*
2003—*Discovery in Time*

NONFICTION

1996—*Broadway Costumes on a Budget*
1993—*Everything New and Who's Who in Clown Ministry*
1991—*Storytelling from the Bible*
1990—*Absolutely Unforgettable Parties*
1990—*The Clown Ministry Handbook* (updated fourth edition)
1988—*Getting Started in Drama Ministry*
1987—*The Complete Banner Handbook*
1986—*Youth Ministry from Start to Finish*
1983—*Reader's Theater from Greek & Roman Mythology*
1982—*The Clown Ministry Handbook* (first edition)

Plus several less ambitious works dating from 1977. It's been a great "ride," but I'm getting off this horse!

Language

Some pronunciation options:

AUNT = ant? ont? The first (ant) is preferred.

SUNDAY (and other days of the week) = SundAy? Sundy? The second is preferred.

FEBRUARY (my birth month) = Feb-roo-ary? Feb-you-ary? The first is preferred.

VETERANS = Veterans? Vetrans? The first is preferred.

For this one, there is no option: Salmon (the fish). The "l" is SILENT. The correct pronunciation is sammon. My mom used to make the best "sammon" patties in the world!

Was reminded by Amy in Thomasville to mention the difference between the verbs needed to go with each and both. Here's the difference: "Each of you is responsible for your own belongings. Both of you are responsible for watching the luggage on the rack." Each—**is**. Both—**are**. Not "Each of you are going with us tomorrow."

"It's one of the fardels I must bear." The what?? The burdens.

"That is opprobrious!" What? Disgraceful.

"Maybe you should titivate." What?? It means spruce up, make yourself look better!

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Janet's Book News

Janet's Ratings: Scaled 1 - 5 ★=OK, ★★★★★=Fantastic!

The Sleeping Beauty Killer (Mary Higgins Clark, 2016) ★★★★★

No Place Like Home (Mary Higgins Clark, 2005) ★★★★★ WOW!

Stardust (Robert B. Parker, 1991) ★

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