

THE MINNESOTA CRIME WAVE



Spring, 2011

Welcome to the New E-Newsletter

It was time to make a change. We've been producing a newsletter for nearly ten years and wanted to continue to do so, and yet the cost of printing and postage was becoming prohibitive. Thus, the MCW E-Newsletter was born. Since you will view this either in your mailbox or in your web browser, we're adding something new: links to articles about publishing, mysteries, books, conferences, and authors we think you might find interesting. Do let us know what you think. We're just an [email](#) away!



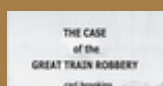
Notes & News from Kent

It's been a great year so far. *Vermilion Drift*, which hit the *New York Times* bestseller list last fall, continues to be satisfying to me in so many ways. Most recently, it was nominated for the both Minnesota Book Award and the Northeast Minnesota Book Award. In gala ceremonies (they're always gala!) to be held between now and mid-May. the



New from Carl

Sean NMI Sean is hired to track down



the source of an old pistol retrieved from a hole in the ground next to a garage in



White Bear Lake. Led on by questions raised by several startling discoveries, Sean follows a twisting path to evidence of modern corruption and murder. E-book and trade paperback.

When ordinary folks gather for a high school class reunion, they don't expect to become murder targets. Jack Marston and his companion Lori Jacobs, are still finding their way into their relationship, when a letter arrives with an invitation to a reunion of Lori's high school graduating class. The first evening is well under way when Leroy Guteman, one of Lori's classmates, is discovered brutally murdered in a field behind the very restaurant where the opening night festivities are going on.



REUNION paints a two-level picture of life in a small Midwest town, the calm, pleasant, "nothing ever happens" community, and the dark evil that sometimes resides just below the surface. E-book.

Mary Whitney, Seattle heiress and avid sailor, has long had a desire to experience a sailing vacation in the



winners will be announced, so keep your fingers crossed.



I've finished the next book in the Cork O'Connor series, one I think is pretty good. It's called *Northwest Angle*, and this is what Charlaine Harris, the *NYT* #1 bestselling author of the Sookie Stackhouse series has to say about it: "William Kent Krueger can't write a bad book. *Northwest Angle* is one of his best. A complex crime novel that contains meditations on the difficulties of loving and the paths we take to reach God, this Cork O'Connor novel has everything you want in a great read: depth, action, and credibility." Isn't she wonderful! The book will be released August 30.

Also, I've signed a new contract with Atria Books, my publisher, which includes two new Cork O'Connor novels, and a stand alone. The stand alone is finished. It's titled *Ordinary Grace* and is, in my humble opinion, the best thing I've ever written. Check out my website for more information about the book and the publishing forecast.

Finally, winter has fled Minnesota. To paraphrase e.e. cummings, all the world here is mudlucious and puddlewonderful. So I'm wishing everyone a spring as glorious as the one we've just begun to experience.

[William Kent Krueger Website](#)

Notes & News from Ellen

Hi, all! This has been a busy winter/spring. I turned in the next Jane Lawless mystery to my editor in New York in mid-January. *THE LOST WOMEN OF LOST LAKE* will be published in the fall of 2011. Also, I just signed another contract with St. Martin's/Minotaur to write two more books in the series. This is a tough publishing market, perhaps the toughest ever, and to stay afloat is no easy trick. Thanks so to all of you for buying the books, writing reviews, and generally spreading the word.



My latest mystery, *THE CRUEL EVER AFTER*, was recently

romantic British Virgin Islands. Things begin to unravel off Ginger Island when her husband discovers three soggy one-hundred dollar bills floating in the water near their boat. Soon Tanner and Mary are entangled in smuggling, murder, kidnapping and corruption among the residents. The question is, will they sort it out before the criminal enterprise sinks them and their sailboat in forty fathoms? E-book.

New from Ellen

Hart, a Lambda and Minnesota Book Award winner, has consistently maintained a level of



excellence throughout her 18 Lawless mysteries. Here she explores the relationships between siblings and what happens to a family when one of the children disappears. Hart never overplays Jane's lesbianism. It is just a fact of life in this truly engaging mystery series.
Booklist (Starred Review)

"When a patient of Dr. Julia Martensson is murdered, Jane Lawless enters the scene of the crime, though against her better judgment. Getting involved only sets her up for still more disappointments from the mysterious Julia, who manages to keep everyone in the dark and even pulls a series of disappearing acts. Hart plumbs new, dark depths in her regular heroine's psyche, leaving readers poised for



nominated for this year's Lambda Literary Award. This year, the foundation is honoring two amazing talents: Val McDermid and Edward Albee. For more information on how to get tickets, check out the Lambda Literary Foundation website.

[\(http://www.lambdaliterary.org/awards/\)](http://www.lambdaliterary.org/awards/)

In January, eight of my older books, in both the Jane Lawless and the Sophie Greenway series, were made available as ebooks. With a few exceptions, all of my twenty-six backlist titles are now available.

Big thanks to Bella Books in Florida for re-issuing many of the out-of-print Jane Lawless titles in trade paperback and ebooks. The newest, HUNTING THE WITCH, was published in early February. Look for THE MERCHANT OF VENUS from Bella this fall.

Happy Springtime to everyone!

Ellen

[Ellen Hart Website](#)

Notes & News from Carl

Randomnesses:

I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die. I've recently become a twig on Amazon's network "vine" of book reviewers. But I still also present crime fiction reviews to my personal network of friendly bloggers, and other sites.

As you can readily see from my website, I've moved into e-publishing in a small way with some short

stories and two novels. Smashwords

<http://www.smashwords.com/books/search?query=Brookins>

has two novels and some shorts. Kindle too.

A new detective novel and a new academic novel are in the works and should be ready to see the light of day before Christmas. Traveling with MCW is still fun and energizing.



some long-awaited resolutions."

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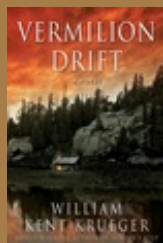
Lambert Literary Award Winner

[Link to my website](#)

New from Kent

"As always, Krueger's writing couples the best of literary and commercial fiction, with intelligent, well-defined characters populating the story. Although the book contains violence, the author never makes it extraneous or graphic. He is one of those rare writers who manage to keep the suspense alive until the final page."

Kirkus (Starred Review)



COMING SOON!
New from William
Kent Krueger in
September,
2011.



The Wave On Tour



[Carl Brookins Website](#)

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April 12

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Ada, MN

6:30 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

April 13

[Barnesville Public Library](#)

Barnesville, MN

1 PM

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April 13

[Hawley Public Library](#)

Hawley, MN

6:30 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

April 14

[Breckenridge Public Library](#)

Breckenridge, MN

2 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

April 14

[Moorhead Public Library](#)

Moorhead, MN

6:30 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

April 21

[Public Library](#)

Mora, MN

6:30 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

May 7

[Public Library](#)

McGregor, MN

10:30 AM

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May 12

[International Falls Public Library](#)

International Falls, MN

Noon

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

May 12

[Baudette Public Library](#)

Baudette, MN

5:30 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

May 13

[Ely Public Library](#)

Ely, MN

4 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

May 13

[Babbitt Public Library](#)

Babbitt, MN

6:30 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

May 14

[Duluth Public Library](#)

Duluth, MN

2 PM

with the [Minnesota Crime Wave](#)

May 18

[Rush City Public Library](#)

Rush City, MN

6:30 PM

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