



ORANGE HERRING

Sisters in Crime  Orange County



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry.

MEETING PLACE

Irvine Ranch Water District
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618

We meet in the Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot. For directions, visit:

www.ocsistersincrime.org. ([IRWD map](#))

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To join or renew your membership in our Sisters in Crime Chapter, you must also be a member of National. To renew your national membership, go to: www.sistersincrime.org/. To renew for our chapter, go to: www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm and download the form, or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in with your check.

Please renew your Sisters in Crime membership today!

The meeting schedule for 2016 is as follows: Aug. 28 at **1:00 p.m.**, Sep. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11.
Snack signups: Aug. - potluck, Sep. - Gita Fisher, Oct. - Jill Amadio, Nov. - Gita Fisher, Dec. - potluck



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, August 28 at 1 p.m.: -- Annual joint luncheon meeting with So Cal MWA



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Mystery
Writers
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Southern
California
Chapter

PRESENT

ATF Agents – in Action!

Luncheon & Program

*Agents with the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives)
will discuss investigative techniques, cases, and more!*

**Sunday, August 28, 1 p.m.
Irvine Ranch Water District *
15500 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine**

Free & Open to the Public
RSVP: secretary@ocsistersincrime.org

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MEETING ROUNDUP

By Theresa Schultz



Talented writer **Lisa Brackmann** discussed her latest book, *Go-Between*. A follow-up to her 2012 thriller *Getaway*, it deals with the intersection of for-profit prisons, big-money politics, shady non-profits and the war on drugs. Her interest in our “prison/industrial complex” – in particular, private, for-profit prisons – triggered the book.

A definite pantser (one who writes by the seat of her pants, as opposed to outlining a book first), Lisa doesn’t usually know the ending when she begins writing. “When pantsing works,” she says, “it can lead to a more organic story.” She advocates treating writing like a job and keeping a regular schedule. “Show up whether you want to or not.” But, she acknowledges, sometimes you do need to take a break.

Her first books required “tons of rewriting,” but by the third book she had figured out the process. She writes slowly – aiming for 500 words a day – and fiddles with language as she goes, so she doesn’t require major rewrites with her editor. She is a fan of well-crafted prose, which she demonstrated when she read a scene from *Go-Between*.

She bemoaned the fact that eBooks have depressed the industry, noting that often people pay more for a cup of coffee than they do an eBook, and pointed out the fact that it takes just as long to write a midlist book as it does a bestseller.

Lisa also writes the series featuring Ellie McEnroe, an Iraq War vet living in Beijing. The series debuted in 2010 with “Rock Paper Tiger.”

MEMBER NEWS



Terry Ambrose has a short story in the upcoming *Happy Homicides 4: Fall into Crime* anthology. This is Terry’s first-ever ghost story and pits McKenna up against a spirit known as the “Girl in the Rock.” *Happy Homicides 4* will be free with the purchase of *Happy Homicides 3: Summertime Crime* beginning August 29. This “two-fer” deal will end on September 4. There is also a bonus file with recipes and crafts available with purchase of the *Happy Homicides* anthology.



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DP Lyle's DEEP SIX, the first in a new Jake Longly comedic thriller series is now available. Details: <http://www.dplylemd.com/books.html>

DEEP SIX Signing

with Matt Coyle and Maegan Beaumont
Friday, August 12, 2016, 7:30 p.m. PDT
Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore
5943 Balboa Ave. #100
San Diego, CA
[858-268-4747](tel:858-268-4747)
<http://www.mystgalaxy.com>

OC Sisters in Crime Board President **Gayle Carline** released her 4th Peri Minneopa Mystery, *A MORE DEADLY UNION*, on June 24th. Featuring her 50-year-old housecleaner-turned-detective, the story involves marriage, murder, and blackmail, set against the backdrop of a local election. Peri's boyfriend, Skip, has been shot and is in a coma. Unfortunately, the case she's working on is interfering with the police's ability to catch Skip's shooter. The book was launched at a lively gathering with food, drink, and music, at Craftsmans Wood Fired Pizza in Placentia, where the mystery series is set.



Anyone interested in joining a critique group? If so, please contact members **Howard Rogers & Ruth Carter**. They'd like to get something going. They can be reached at: rcarter@email.Arizona.edu

Greta Boris is the new director of O.C. Writers. We're a group of 600+ writers in the Orange County area. We meet online at OCWriters.org and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OCWriters/>. We also have several around town write-ins and we're offering a workshop series in conjunction with the Katie Wheeler library in Irvine.

MYSTERY INK NEWS

Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, (714) 960-4000
NEW HOURS – Wednesday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
www.mysteryink.com. Coffee & Wi-Fi available.



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Store Events:

Saturday, August 20th, 3:00 p.m. - Diane Vallere

Past president of the L. A. chapter and soon to be the Sisters in Crime National President, **Diane Vallere** will discuss and sign her latest release, *Silk Stalkings*. Diane's third Material Witness Mystery has a beauty pageant, an exotic fruit hybrid, and a mystery surrounding Poly Monroe's auto mechanic and close friend Charlie.

Saturday, September 10, 4:00 p.m. – Joint Signing! – **Mike Befeler** (*Court Trouble, A Platform tennis Mystery*) and **Roland Colton** (*Forever Gentleman*)

Ladies of Intrigue

Featuring Remarkable Women Mystery Writers

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Hotel Huntington Beach

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Registration: www.mysteryink.com

Our 2016 Headliners

Carolyn Hart



Carolyn Hart received the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Amelia Award from Malice Domestic. Past national president of Sisters in Crime, she was named the Grand Master by the Mystery Writers of America in 2014. In this, her career event finale, she will be interviewed by N.Y. Times Best-Selling author, Rhys Bowen.

Rhys Bowen has been nominated for every major award in mystery writing, including the Edgar, and has won seven, including both the Agatha and the Anthony.



Robin Burcell



Robin Burcell spent nearly three decades working in law enforcement as a police officer, hostage negotiator and as a FBI Academy-trained forensic artist. She is an award-winning author and is currently co-writing the Fargo series with best-selling author, Clive Cussler.

Panelists:

Kathy Aarons, Lisa Brackmann, Ellen Byron, Kate Carlisle, Donis Casey, Hannah Dennison, Kate Dyer-Seeley, Earlene Fowler, Daryl Wood Gerber, Naomi Hirahara, Linda O. Johnston, Carlene O'Neil, Laurie Stevens, and Pamela Samuels Young

REGISTRATION FORM: At Hotel Huntington Beach on Center Avenue
Lunch Included/Free Parking - Early Bird Specials!

Tickets before August 15th, \$55 SinC members, \$60 for non-members
Tickets after August 15th, \$60 SinC members, \$65 for non-members

Please send check and registration information to:
Mystery Ink, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____
or pay by PayPal at www.mysteryink.com





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15-18 – Bouchercon 2016 in New Orleans, LA

Chairs and Guests of Honor

Chairs: Heather Graham & Connie Perry

American Guest of Honor: Harlan Coben

International Rising Star Guest of Honor: Craig Robertson

Bouchercon Kids Guest of Honor: R. L. Stine

Local Legend: Julie Smith

Lifetime Achievement: David Morrell

Fan Guests of Honor: Jon & Ruth Jordan

Toastmasters: Harley Jane Kozak & Alexandra Sokoloff

For more information or registration questions, go to: bconreg2016@gmail.com



Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a mug at the next meeting, and donate books for our raffle!

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

If you have events coming up or announcements you want to make, let me know. Please send your contributions and suggestions to: ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com. **The deadline is the 7th of each month!**



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Print and complete this form. NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO JOIN SISTERS IN CRIME NATIONAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER.

To become a member of SinC National (\$40 **ACTIVE***, or \$50 **PROFESSIONAL****) go to: <http://www.sistersincrime.org>; See "Become a Member" at the top of the opening page.

To join SinC O.C., send the completed form, below, with a \$25 check, payable to Sisters in Crime, to: Membership, Sisters in Crime O.C., P.O. Box 53132, Irvine, CA 92619-3132.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Pls. print all information and list your name as you want it listed in the Membership Directory.

New **Renewal**

Name:

Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

Email:

I am a (check all that apply):

Mystery Writer Published Unpublished

Writer in other fields Published Unpublished

Screenwriter

--Produced: Features TV/Cable Other

Reviewer **Agent** **Bookseller** **Librarian** **Reader**

I would like to help with (check all that apply):

Publicity **Refreshments** **Speakers** **Raffle** **Other:**

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** A **PROFESSIONAL** member is a paid-up Sisters in Crime, Inc. member who is one of the following: an author pursuing a career in mystery writing, a bookseller, a publisher, a librarian, an editor or one who has a business interest in promoting the purposes of Sisters in Crime, Inc.