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The BOB LEVINSON AFFAIR An Occasional Newsletter

THANK YOU, BOOKSTORES, for helping me to a successful launch of my sixth novel, WHERE THE LIES BEGIN, and to all the reviewers who've had nice words to say about the thriller, most recently the Baltimore Sun ("[An] ever-surprising, character-rich thriller") and the Midwest Book Review ("A complex and exciting espionage thriller"). And (natch!) to all the readers—dare I call them "fans"—who've turned out for the various in-store and library appearances that have kept me on the promotional merry-go-round the past couple months...Especially gratifying have been stops marked by sell-outs, starting with my traditional book launch at Dutton's in Brentwood (CA) and more recently at Dark Delicacies in Burbank (CA)...We took photos at most places and they're now all ripe for viewing on my web site, www.robertslevinson.com, all less mysterious than this one:

"Modern L.A. noir at its finest. An adrenalin blast from first page to last! I couldn't recommend a book more highly." —John Lescroart

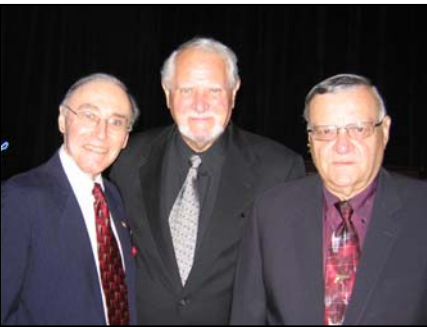
"Fast-paced and exciting... presents a dark, loving Chandleresque vision of Los Angeles. ...The city is as palpable a character as the fascinating violent friendship that Levinson depicts." —David Morrell



and more like these:



CONTEST—The first twelve people to correctly identify the six booksellers pictured with me will receive a signed copy of ASK A DEAD MAN or one of the books in the "Affair" series starring columnist Neil Gulliver and "Sex Queen of the Soaps" Stevie Marriner. Email your entry to boblevinson@robertslevinson.com.



THRILLERFEST CONVENTION THRILLS at the Thriller Awards show I produced and emceed included the opportunity to spend time with the iconic Clive Cussler, who received the first ThrillerMaster award, for his "outstanding contributions to the field," and often-controversial Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, one of the special guest presenters featured on the program.

Hereabouts are some of Sandra Levinson's photos from International Thriller Writers' first ThrillerFest convention (June 29-July 1) at the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix. A great turnout of authors and mystery-thriller buffs, great panels and special events, and words of praise that had me blushing (really) for the inaugural Thriller Awards show I was invited to produce and emcee...Upcoming: panels at the annual West Hollywood Book Fair, Sunday, Sept. 17, and the Bouchercon 2006 convention, Sept. 28-Oct 1, in Madison, WI...If you're around, please say hello. Meanwhile, take care and be

well...

Paul

16TH ANNUAL FLATHEAD RIVER WRITERS CONFERENCE October 13-15 Grouse Mountain Lodge White Fish, Montana

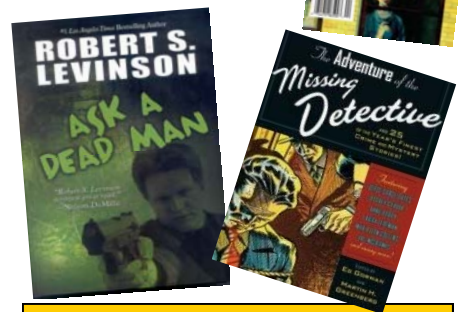
As a featured author, I'll be speaking on Saturday (14) and conducting a two-hour workshop on Sunday (15). Further information:

http://writing.shawguides.com/FlatheadRiversWritersConference/

A "KILLER THRILLER BAND" and the singing "Killerettes" trio had 'em dancing in the aisles, earned hefty applause, and even a standing ovation en route to stealing the Thriller Awards show. Top photo right, from left: Killerettes Heather Graham, Harley Jane Kozak and Alexandra Sokoloff. Bottom photo right, from left: KTBand members Scott Nicholson, John Lescroart, Daniel Palmer, David Morrell, Blake Crouch, Dave Simms, Michael Palmer. (Not visible: Gayle Lynds, Nathan Walpow, F. Paul Wilson.)



ELLERY QUEEN MYSTERY MAGAZINE READERS AWARD WINNER FOR A THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR



ASK A DEAD MAN, last year's Los Angeles Times best-seller, was published earlier this year by Five Star/Thomson/Gale in a trade paperback edition, while a Levinson short story was included in THE ADVENTURE OF THE MISSING DETECTIVE AND 19 OF THE YEAR'S FINEST CRIME & MYSTERY STORIES, the Carroll & Graf anthology published in January.

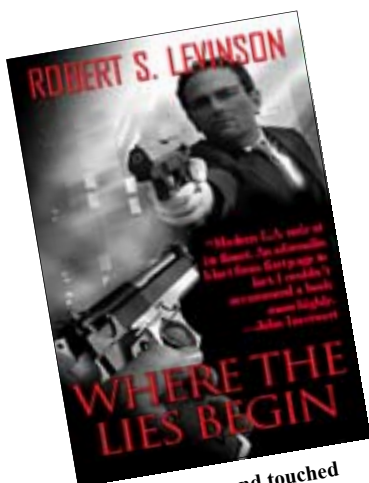


ITW'S THRILLERFEST convention in Phoenix featured a variety of programs and panels, including two that put me in excellent company. Left: "What is a Thriller?" with (from left) Raymond Benson, David Dun, Elaine Flinn, and James Rollins. Right: "Inside the Mind of a Thriller Writer" with (from left) Shirley Kennett, Jeff Abbott, F. Paul Wilson, and John Gilstrap.



FRIENDS & FAMILIAR FACES everywhere you turned at the ThrillerFest convention in Phoenix, and among those who stopped to chat and pose for Sandra Levinson's camera were (from left): Stacy Alesi, the web's popular "Book Bitch," who conducted a promotional giveaway contest for *WHERE THE LIES BEGIN*; Ted Hertel and book reviewer-blogger supreme Sarah Weinman; Lee Child, whose "Jack Reacher" later survived a mock trial; John Lescroart, who proved to be a best-selling guitar player when he performed at the Thriller Awards Show debut of the Killer Thriller Band comprising International Thriller Writers members.

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"Poetic, gritty and touched with black humor...dissects the Machiavellian world of big-city politics, vividly dramatizing the unbridled ambition and terrifying end-game power plays only hinted at by today's headlines. Levinson's cool writing and hot topics are bold and memorable."
 —Gayle Lynds