

Rock-and-Roll, Murder and More



The BOB LEVINSON AFFAIR An Occasional Newsletter

“Pure Levinson—smart, dark and funny. Levinson’s vision of human foible has never been sharper.” —T. Jefferson Parker

“A smooth and well-turned tale of music, murder and revenge...A novel of sparkling wit and complicated characters, of keen suspense and shocking revelations. A riveting thrill from start to finish.” —James Rollins

“Murder and mayhem in the music biz, by a man who knows where all the bodies are buried...A murderous roman a G-clef.” —F. Paul Wilson

“A novel with realism, the charm of ‘being there’ and characters that strike a very real chord. I loved it!” —Heather Graham

“A gem—fast-paced and full of surprises, with a wonderful assortment of twists, turns and oddball characters...Superbly written.” —Michael Palmer

IN THE KEY OF DEATH, my seventh book and third thriller for **Five Star/Imprint of Gale**, ships late March, and we expect it will be available by the time we kick off our series of launch activities April 5 at the **Nicholls State University “Writers Jubilee Jambalaya and Book Fair”** in Houma, LA, where we’ll be heading at the invitation of irrepressible **Molly Bolden** of Houma’s **Bent Pages Bookstore** (*top photo*), whose enticements included promise of a “real” Cajun meal of crab, shrimp and crawfish boil, plus gumbo and potato salad...



AMONG THE LAST OUTINGS of ‘07 was **Joan Hansen’s** eighth all-day “**Men of Mystery**” celebration in Irvine, CA, where fifty featured authors included (*middle photo, from left*) **Jonathan Miller, Bob L, Shane Gericke** and **Tim Green**...Add to that multiple store and library appearances with five other L.A. area authors featured in the **HOLLYWOOD AND CRIME** anthology edited by **Robert J. Randisi**, including (*bottom photo, from left*) **Bob L, Bobby McCue** of the hosting **Mystery Bookstore** in Westwood, CA, **Lee Goldberg, Ken Kuhlken, Gar Anthony Haywood**. (MIA were **Dick Lochte** and **Gary Phillips**...)



BIG, BLUSHING THANKS to, among others: **Ruth Jordan**, for her so-nice words in her so-fine **Crimespree Magazine**...**Christine Verstraete** for ditto in her **Mystical-E Magazine** column...**Diana James** for ditto in her president’s column in a recent **Sisters-in-Crime-Southern California Ransom Notes** newsletter...**Elaine (Evil E) Flinn** for ditto in her **Evil E** blog...and, of course, authors **Palmer, Graham, Wilson, Rollins** and **Parker**, whose comments after getting an advance look at **IN THE KEY OF DEATH** went way, way (way) beyond ego-inflating...I couldn’t be more appreciative...



IN THE KEY OF DEATH
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The ugly underbelly of the record industry is exposed in this behind-the-scenes, below-the-belt account of deceit, treachery, revenge and retribution that pits ex-LAPD detective Josh Wainwright against Clyde (“Mr. Magic”) Davenport, the rich, eccentric, legendary relic of the Golden Age of Rock-and-Roll Wainwright blames for the murder of his wife, international singing idol Katie Sunshine, and at least ten other recording artists who quit Davenport after he turned them into superstars...The body count multiplies as Josh and his partner in International Celebrity Services, Keshawna Keyes, risk their lives tracking suspects on a dangerous, ever-twisting trail that leads to Nashville and an unpredictable turn of events before Josh’s search for the answer he prayed for results in an answer he least expected about the death of his beloved Katie.

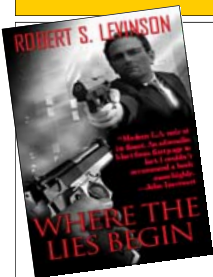
“Modern L.A. noir at its finest. An adrenalin blast from first page to last! I couldn’t recommend a book more highly.” —John Lescoart

“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

“Poetic, gritty and touched with black humor... Levinson’s cool writing and hot topics are bold and memorable.” —Gayle Lynds

Coming in May

A PRISONER OF MEMORY
And 24 of the Year’s Finest
Crime and Mystery Stories



“Robert S. Levinson delivers a wicked portrait of gossip columnist Hedda Hopper in ‘And the Winner Is...,’ which turns on her lackey’s efforts to stop a Nazi sharpshooter at the 1960 Academy Awards.” —Publishers Weekly



CURRENTLY ON TAP—**Malice Domestic**, April 25-27, Arlington, VA.; **Book Expo America**, May 29-June 1, Los Angeles...And, until our next “Affair,” take care and be well... 