



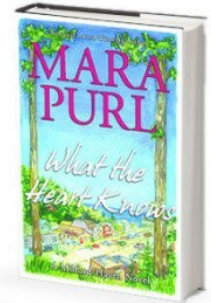
Milford-Haven Western Book Tour

Greetings Arizona readers! I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

My January book tour begins in Colorado, then takes me to New Mexico and Arizona.

So join me for this opportunity to get your personally signed copy of the beautiful hardcover edition of [What the Heart Knows](#).

*This book has now received rave review from the "majors" and glowing comments from readers. And since this is a **HEART** book, this is a perfect chance to get a special **VALENTINE'S** gift for yourself, or for someone special!*



The Worm Bookstore in Sedona

Few places are as breathtakingly beautiful as Sedona, Arizona. It's also a town with a special focus on the arts. The Sedona Worm Book, Music and Gift store is the oldest and largest bookstore in Sedona, as original and delightful as the town itself.

Among the gifted visual artists drawn by its compelling beauty is the talented Mary Helsaple, my good friend, and the artist whose watercolors grace the covers of my novels and stories, bringing them to life as never before.

Join Mary and me **Tuesday, January 31st from 2:00 - 4:00 pm!** We'll share behind-the-scenes stories, answer your questions, and of course I'll be signing your copies of my book.

The store is located at 6645 Hwy 170, Suite C-1 in Sedona. Here's the link to Sedona Worm Bookstore which will give you directions, phone number, and any other details you might need.



Westbrook Village Fine Arts Center, Peoria

The Westbrook Village active adult community invites national authors on tour to give presentations at their Fine Arts Center. I'm honored to be included on their roster!

Join me **Wednesday, February 1st from 1:00 - 2:00 pm!** I'll be giving a talk called "Hollywood Stories: Stranger than Fiction" -- guaranteed to raise a few eyebrows and provide a few laughs!

Join me at the FALC -- Fine Arts Learning Center -- at 18827 N. Country Club Parkway, Peoria, Arizona. For further details call DM Collins 623-825-9122 x 2.



Willowbrook Church Women's Group, Peoria

The Women of the Willowbrook Methodist Church are a large, dynamic group of women committed to contributing to their community spiritually, emotionally, and financially. I am so honored to be their keynote speaker on following a spiritual path with both head and heart.

You may join this event through an invitation from a member on **Wednesday, February 1st from 3:00 - 4:00 pm!** To inquire about details, please contact Dianemarie Collins at DM@DMPProductionsLLC.com.

Barnes & Noble Pima & Shea - Scottsdale

The legendary town of Scottsdale adjacent to Phoenix is known for having some of the most sumptuous resorts in the world, set next to the rugged beauty of the McDowell mountain range. The Scottsdale Barnes & Noble welcomes readers with a combination of desert elegance and cozy comfort.



Join me **Thursday, February 2nd from 6:30 - 8:00 pm!** I'll be answering your questions, telling a few stories and keeping up with signing books as fast as I can for this busy store.

The store is located at Scottsdale Fiesta Shopping Center, 10500 N. 90th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, Here's a B&N link to the event: [Mara Purl at Barnes & Noble Scottsdale.](#)

Publishers Weekly Review

In case you haven't seen any of the reviews, here's an excerpt from Publishers Weekly:

"Former *Days of Our Lives* star Purl presents the first novel in her Milford-Haven series, which, like most women's fiction, features a setting of unadulterated beauty--the small coastal town of Milford-Haven, CA in the prosperous mid-90s--and a cast of successful, sexy, sometimes quirkily independent characters. Protagonist Miranda Jones--a young, beautiful artist nearing the end of her "struggling" phase--has recently escaped from city life. The town and community provide many possible future story lines, and Purl introduces 26 characters here. Readers will find details galore--simple activities or outfits get a whole paragraph--and the novel's many inner monologues reveal scheming, secretly confused, or flawed personalities. Thus far, Milford-Haven offers depictions of daily life, hints of possible future romance, the threat of scandal, and carefully parsed out mystery. Considering all of the problems and questions so cleverly left unanswered, the novel is poised to convince readers to continue with the series."



Readers Love the Milford-Haven Novels!

Comments are pouring in from readers. My Women's Fiction coastal series has struck a chord with women from California to Florida, from Illinois to Texas, and all points in between where they've managed to hear about the book.

Once they get started with book one, they immediately begin asking for book two . . . which will be published next autumn, with the ARC available at BEA next June when I'll be signing for all of you librarians who are able to attend.



Let me share with you an e-mail I received just yesterday . . . interestingly enough, from a Baker & Taylor account manager:

"Hello. The first book, I received at a trade show and it was fantastic! Any idea what month in 2012 Book Two will be due out? Can hardly wait! Thanks!"

Of course you're always looking for ways to entice and to satisfy your library patrons. My publishers and Baker & Taylor (and I) believe this will be an important addition to your library inventory in the months and years to come.

Winter Western States Book Tour Schedule in the Press Room

The full book tour schedule is posted and constantly updated. Enjoy finding out where I'll be day by day during the months of January and February.



A Thumbnail sketch:

January 26 - Tattered Cover, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

January 27 - Moby Dickens, Taso, New Mexico

January 28 - Barnes & Noble, Albuquerque, New Mexico

January 30 - NBC - KOB TV Good Day New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

January 31 - The Worm Books & Music, Sedona, Arizona

February 1 - Westbrook Fine Arts & Learning Center, Peoria, Arizona

February 1 - Methodist Church Women's Group, Peoria, Arizona

February 2 - Barnes & Noble Pima & Shea, Scottsdale, Arizona

February 12 - Private Home for elegant Uni-Tea event, Santa Barbara, California

February 13 - The Book Loft, Solvang, California

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December 5 -- [***A Season of Possibility***](#) . . . about how all things become possible at this magical time of year.

December 12 -- [***My Holiday Story***](#) . . . about how the holidays just can't be complete without reading a great holiday story, and how I came to write mine.

December 19 – [***Women, Books & Jewelry***](#) . . . about how both books and jewelry contain stories . . . and how these are reflected in my new Heart Cockle Charm!

December 26 – [***The Magic of Christmas Boxes***](#) . . . about Boxing Day, and how special it is to place special things in boxes for our dear ones at this time of year.

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. . . for helping me support local booksellers as well as Barnes & Noble, and for helping me reach new readers!

Join me and begin a thrilling new year as you find yourself in . . . *Milford-Haven!*

