



## November Books Warm the Hearth-Fire

Happy November! In this lovely month of **Thanksgiving**, I truly have so much to be thankful for, and imagine you do too. Among the delights of this season are connecting with family and friends, both real and imaginary!

During this first holiday of the season, perhaps you can sneak away for a few minutes, cozy up to a fire, and crack open your new book? In case you haven't met them yet, my characters Miranda Jones, Samantha Hugo, Sally O'Mally, Jack Sawyer, Zackery Calvin, Kevin Ransom and, of course, Zelda McIntyre---to name a few---are eager to show you their favorite town of Milford-Haven.

This month you'll have MANY ways to get your book and connect with me---on-line, on TV, and in person. This month's in-person events are in Illinois and Colorado, described below.

And this month is the **11-11-11 CONTEST!** So join me in Milford-Haven for novel number one, ***What the Heart Knows***, a book set in the beautiful autumn of California's Central Coast, and begin the adventure!



## Publishers Weekly Review

Just thought I'd share the news my publishers just shared with me. ***What the Heart Knows*** received an excellent review from *Publishers Weekly*, the key trade publication for the publishing industry!



[What the Heart Knows -- Mara Purl. Bellekeep Books/ Midpoint Trade](#)

"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."

## What the Heart Knows 11-11-11 Contest

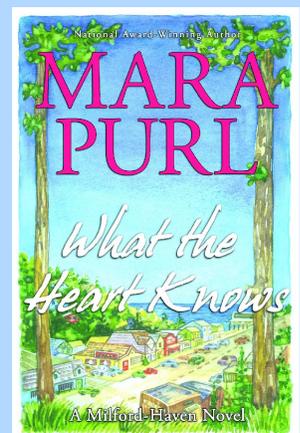
Since this is one of the rare years when we have some special numbers, I couldn't resist planning something for 11-11-11.

So we have a fun contest planned for you! Starting on November 11, the 11th purchaser of "What the Heart Knows" receives a FREE second copy of the book---to give as a gift, or keep sealed as a collector's item, or donate to your local library. . . . You choose!

But wait, there's more! The one-hundred-eleventh (111th) purchaser of "What the Heart Knows" receives a FREE CLASSIC KINDLE!

How to play? Please visit Milford-Haven Novels at Facebook!

So . . . happy shopping and happy elevens! And here are all your shopping options. . . .



## How to Order Your Unsigned Book

It's time to have your very own copy of this beautiful book! So choose your favorite option for getting it into your hands quickly and efficiently.

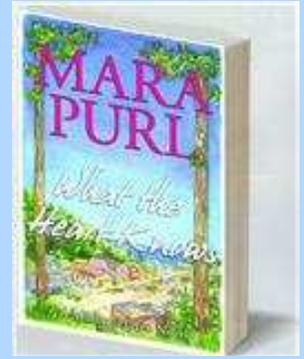
Amazon -- What the Heart Knows from Amazon

Barnes & Noble -- What the Heart Knows at BN.com

Books-A-Millon -- What the Heart Knows at BooksAMillion

And of course we LOVE Indie Bound and independent bookstores! If you'd like to support independent booksellers here's What the Heart Knows at IndieBound.

AND . . . the book can be bought or ordered at ANY bookseller, wherever you are.



## How to Order Your Signed Book – and More!

**Ten-Ten-Eleven . . . 10-10-11 . . . Monday October 10th. . . .**

That's the official LAUNCH DAY for What the Heart Knows!

You already know to click on [www.MaraPurl.com/launch](http://www.MaraPurl.com/launch). OR you can go directly to my publisher's website ORDER page [BellekeepBooks.com/Order](http://BellekeepBooks.com/Order) where you'll find several options.

- 1 - You'll be able to order your signed copy, and even have it personalized, if you like.
- 2- You'll be able to choose a PREMIUM package that will include a beautiful watercolor print by my cover artist Mary Helsaple.
- 3 - You'll be able to order a JEWELRY package that will include my new seashell charm (the one on my wrist in the photo)---described below.

Premium and Jewelry packages will arrive in beautiful distinctive wrappings designed just for the Milford-Haven Novels, so please allow an extra two weeks for delivery.



## Lake Forest Woman's Club - November 3 in Chicago Area

What an honor to be invited to speak for this prestigious club! Founded in 1902, the club has been performing charitable works for more than a century along the shore of Lake Michigan just north of Chicago.



Those of you who know me know that most of my private events are held not only to create a delightful, empowering event for women, but also to raise funds for worthy charities. The Lake Forest Woman's Club (LFWC) is a local chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an organization dedicated to educational scholarships as well as to personal development and friendships. What a perfect match with my goals!

I'll be speaking about Head and Heart . . . which is more important? To which do we listen most closely? Has the noise of the world drowned out the softer voice of the heart? Have we pushed our hearts down the bottom of our to-do lists?

But don't worry . . . I'll be telling plenty of funny stories, tattling on myself as an actress on *Days Of Our Lives*, revealing some of my writing secrets, and generally letting my hair down. Though this is a private event, some guests have also been invited. If you'd like to attend and are in the area, please contact [cinramadan@yahoo.com](mailto:cinramadan@yahoo.com).

## Mystery Tea with Margaret Coel - November 12 in Colorado

What a joy it will be to share an event with Margaret Coel! She is the accomplished author of more than seventeen novels, among them the Wind River Mysteries, and the Catherine McLeod Mysteries, of which her new release is Book Two.

Another joy will be presenting our new books in the gorgeous Carnegie Room of the Penrose Library in downtown Colorado Springs. This jewel of the Pikes Peak Library offers a rich history of its own you'll enjoy. I had the honor of serving on the community board that raised funds for its restoral several years ago, and it's a truly special space.

While the gracious library staff serves tea and goodies, Margaret and I will share stories about our books and talk about mysteries. Though our subject matters and locations are quite different, we've found we actually have much in common that will be fun to share with our readers. Before the event concludes, we'll each do a short reading from the new books, and attendees will have a chance to buy their own signed copies. Join us for a wonderful time!



## E-Books

Yes! The Milford-Haven Stories and Novels are available as e-books!

When Hummers Dream is the prequel to book one, so don't miss it if you have an e-reader! It's an official best-seller in the Kindle store and the numbers have continued to climb . . . now with than 30,000 downloads! And it's also available for Nook.

When Hummers Dream Kindle edition from Amazon

When Hummers Dream Nook Book from Barnes & Noble

What the Heart Knows is Book One of the series.

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## Autumn 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 month of November. I'll be sending out regional newsletters to keep you posted.

If you'd like to find out anything about the new book and the new book launch, join us in the Press Room! Here the media can find photos, press releases, and all the latest news about my books and events. The symbol is a link to allow you to subscribe via RSS feed to my news. We have some great new VIDEOS!



We're already getting a wonderful response from the press! Is there a newspaper in your town or city that you think might be interested in topics like: What do women read? What is Women's Fiction? Is there Men's Fiction? What's the difference between Women's Fiction and Romance? Is fiction relevant to today's world? And . . . many other related topics . . . let me know! My wonderful marketing team will be happy to schedule an interview. Contact Dianemarie or Doug DMProductionsLLC.

## Most Recent Blogs at [www.MaraPurl.WordPress.com](http://www.MaraPurl.WordPress.com)

In case you missed them, you can click on these any time.

October 3---**Synergy, Schedules, and Supporting Others** which featured two wonderful charities in Santa Barbara, Domestic Violence Solutions, and Unity Shoppe (where I'll be doing a February event!)

October 10---**Discovering a New World** a blog for Columbus Day, and also for my Live stream Launch Day, a blog about the external and the internal journey of discovery.

October 17— **Changing Hands** about a terrific book signing with Donis Casey at the fabulous Arizona bookstore. But also about the late great Betty Hunter who first suggested a decade ago that I do a signing there, and life coming full circle.

October 24—**Serendipi-Tea** describing a gorgeous, elegant tea event at the Phoenix Ritz-Carlton, and particularly about two special guests who "happened" to be there.

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## What My Heart Knows

What my heart knows is that ***What the Heart Knows***, this first book in my series, is opening doors---for both our heads and our hearts.

We all need to use our heads---our smarts, our logic, our tactical and strategic sense of where we are and what we need to be doing. My characters (the good ones and the bad ones) are certainly doing their best to strategize their next chapters. (I know, because they keep me up at night!)

And we all need to use our hearts---our intuition and instinct. This is the part that gets tricky, because we tend to dismiss the little warning signs that offer protection, the few seconds of curiosity that offer guidance before we override these instincts with what might be a false sense of certainty.

So I find myself listening closely---to my own heart, and to yours. Thank you for the extraordinary outpouring of interest and support you've been sharing, not only by buying copies of my book, but by following my blogs and sending me heartfelt messages.

Perhaps this would be a time to express our thanks for people we appreciate by sending them a special book? And you can have some fun with this, either by ordering one of the premium gift packages, or by participating in the 11-11-11 contest or the GoodReads giveaway.

Happy Thanksgiving! And my heartfelt thanks to you. I hope you'll join me and find yourself in . . . Milford-Haven!

