

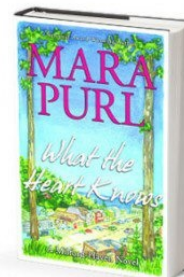


Milford-Haven Western Book Tour – California

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

I embarked on a book tour in January that began in Colorado, then took me through New Mexico and Arizona. It's been fantastic to meet so many new readers, visit beautiful stores and speak at special events. I greatly appreciate my hosts, and also all the media coverage in print, on radio and on television. When the tour concludes, I'll be posting articles, audio files and video footage.

*Meanwhile, for those of you in the Central Coast region, here's news about some beautiful events where you can get your personally signed copy of the hardcover edition of *What the Heart Knows*.*



A Heart Book for Valentine's Day

For Valentine's, what could be better than a read that connects you more closely to your own heart? What is your heart saying? Are you listening? Is this the time to hear your core purpose? What would it be like to resonate with a good story without being lectured? If your intuition is telling you this would be a great read for you, or for a dear one . . . that's your heart speaking. Mine spoke to me, which is why I wrote this book.

What the Heart Knows 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! So get a signed copy on line, or even better, in person at one of this month's special events.



Uni-Tea in Santa Barbara

This special event has been a year in the planning, and all of us are SO EXCITED about it!

The Event: A delightful, elegant tea with a book signing and my talk about unity---unifying head and heart. It'll be fun, inspiring, informative, and . . . did I mention . . . fun!



The Charity: Unity Shoppe has graciously partnered with me to create something special for the communities of Santa Barbara, Montecito, Camarillo and surrounding towns. The Unity Shoppe has a unique mission to help individuals and families as they get back on their feet in tough economic times. Rather than handing out goods that may or may not suit individual needs, the organization provides a dignified shopping experience where donated items are chosen as they would be at any retailer. The positive impact on the community is incalculable. Everyone benefits, whether giving or receiving. It's been a goal of mine to work with them for a long while, and this is a fulfillment of a fervent desire.

The Location: This sumptuous tea will be held in the gardens of a historic home, one that is seldom on view---a treasure and a treat on its own merit. In fact, a tour will offered as part of the event. The address is 679 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, 93105. Should you need directions call 805-886-2323.

The Date & Time: Join us Sunday, February 12th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm! I'll be sharing stories, answering your questions, and of course signing your copies of my book.

The Book Loft - Solvang

The next day, Monday, my friend and fellow Sandy Nathan will be joining me at the wonderful indie store in her town of Solvang. If you've always promised yourself you'd visit Solvang someday, this is the time! It's like Denmark, California style, with its architecture and charm, its fabulous restaurants and its one-of-a-kind bookstore The Book Loft, an indie that has been the soul of the town for many years.



Join us Monday, February 13th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm! The store is located at 1680 Mission Drive in Solvang, 93463 Here's a link to directions & phone number.

Sandy Nathan

One of my favorite things is sharing an event with another author I respect. Sandy and I have been trying to coordinate our schedules for a few years and we're thrilled we'll be at the Book Loft together.

One reason it's so great to share an event is that authors have a chance to spark as they compare and contrast themes and premises, characters and plot points. So you can bet Sandy and I will be having a lively discussion with each other, and with our audience.

Sandy is a wildly impressive and productive author. Her novels defy genre categorization and are listed as spiritual, metaphysical, and science fiction. I'd say they're visionary fiction, no matter their genre, and her four novels have won 17 literary awards

"The visionary and inspirational aspects of my writing are most important to me. I had my first visionary experiences as a young teenager riding my horse through the redwood forests of California's coastal range. I've continued to have such experiences as an adult. My writing springs from them."

Sandy's rich multi-faceted background and her gift as a novelist ensure she'll be a fascinating speaker. So join us! And visit Sandy at www.SandyNathan.com.

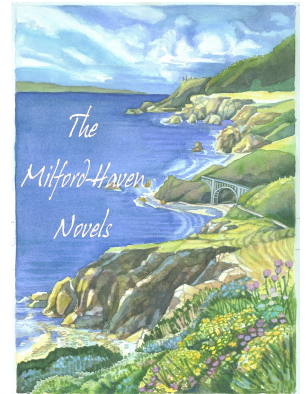


Home Territory for the Milford-Haven Novels

Don't you love it when your imaginative life matches your real life?? That'll be the experience for me during these upcoming events.

Why? First, because Santa Barbara and Solvang are among my favorite places on the planet (in addition to Cambria, farther north.) Following a steady stream of childhood visits to Santa Barbara, in my adult life I've been haunting them for twenty five years, exploring their seasons and people, stores and restaurants, and of course their bookstores!

They've been haunting me too, showing up as actual locations in my novels. Remember the breakfast meeting over abelskivers in Solvang between Susan and Zelda? And of course, there's Zelda's elegant pied-a-terre off State Street in Santa Barbara, and the fabulous Calvin Estate overlooking the city, a place filled with history and fraught with family drama. All this and more will take you into some of the secrets of the region when you begin reading the series. . . .



Rockstar Radio in Denver

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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.

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

