



Milford-Haven Marching Through the Chapters

It's a time of hunkering down, eyes on the screen, reference books and maps spread around my office, my special Milford-Haven playlist running in the background. . . .

For all intents and purposes, I'm not exactly IN my office. Instead I wake up early every day and use my office as the launch pad to hurtle me into Milford-Haven.

It was a little challenging to switch gears after the excitement of the book tour! So many fantastic events in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and California . . . so many new connections with booksellers I admire in both Indie and major stores . . . and so many marvelous conversations with you, my readers. Thank you!

I'll soon be doing events again. In April, I'll be in Colorado; in May I'll be in Ohio and Kentucky; in June I'll be in New York at Book Expo America.

But meanwhile . . . here's a tiny preview of what's coming soon from [Milford-Haven](#). . . .



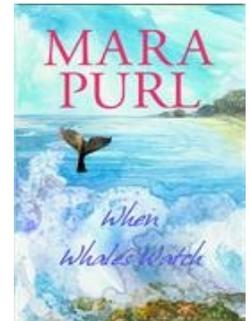
The Prequel Short Story

Artist Mary Helsaple is still working on the image . . . and cover designer Kevin Meyer is still working on the layout . . . but here's a rough rough idea of what the cover will be.

When Whales Watch turns the tables on Miranda Jones, my protagonist-artist. She goes on a whale-watching trip to gather photos of one of her favorite species, preparing for a future painting.

The day-trip starts out peacefully enough. But what happens next will blow you right out of the water!

This short-story will be available on Kindle, Nook, and all e-Readers during my next blog tour, September 2012. Don't miss it!



Coming Next Fall — Book Two!

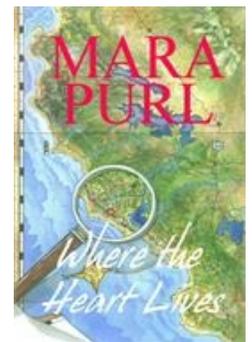
The cover-wizards are nearly finished with this cover . . . though some special elements are still missing.

Now that you know What the Heart Knows . . . you must discover Where the Heart Lives!

Join me on this geographical and--most importantly--emotional journey of the heart as Miranda traces her route from solitude to romance, from timidity to courage, and from wishful thinking to dynamic manifestation.

It's a journey of both Head and Heart, not only for Miranda, but for Sally O'Mally who encounters the most important person from her past; for Samantha Hugo as she continues to search for her lost son; and for Deputy Delmar Johnson as he pursues the case of the missing journalist, Christine Christian.

Where the Heart Lives -- Hardcover release date October 1, 2012



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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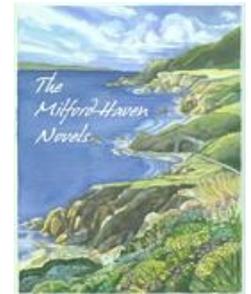
January 31 --- [Book Tour - The Amazing Indies](#) . . . about independent bookstores and the vital niche they occupy in our lives..

February 6 --- [Book Tour - The Splendid Barnes & Noble](#) . . . about what important community centers our B&N stores have become all over the country. .

February 13 --- [Book Tour - the Uni-Tea of Head and Heart](#) . . . about a most remarkable charity, the most amazing event of the tour, and the unity of head and heart .

February 20 -- [Serial Novels are the Dickens](#) . . . about celebrating Charles Dickens' 200th birthday, about serial novel-writing, and how the Milford-Haven novels follow in his footsteps.

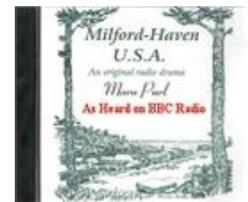
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Twenty-Year Celebrations!

Believe it or not . . . this is Milford-Haven U.S.A.'s 20th year! The show that blazed a new trail for American and British broadcasting went on the air in the UK in 1992, where it quickly gathered 4.5 million listeners!

This is TOO important milestone not to celebrate . . . and celebrate we will, later this year. Stay tuned for details. What's on the drawing board so far . . . July in Colorado . . . September in California. Hope you'll plan to join us as cast and crew reminisce and reveal behind-the-scenes tales. . . .



Thank you . .

. . . for all your support at my events; for your great questions and eager inquiries about Book Two . . . and for joining me in supporting worthy charities. And thank you for helping me reach new readers by forwarding my newsletter!

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

