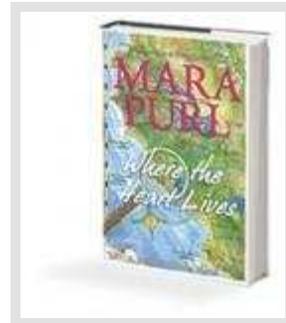




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Milford-Haven is . . . Where the Heart Lives

It's here! The long-awaited, eagerly anticipated BOOK TWO of the Milford-Haven saga, *Where the Heart Lives*. Once again my publishing team have created a GORGEOUS hardcover, which has arrived and is ready to be shipped to you from your favorite bookseller.



And . . . I'll also be bringing the new book to you in several ways!

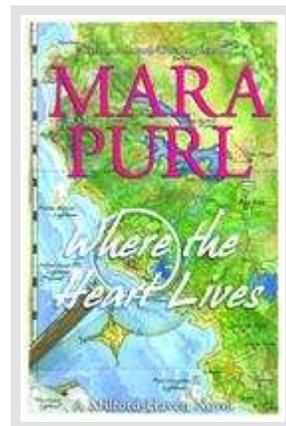
If you're already a loyal reader, thank you for your patience! And if you're new to my series, you can start here with book two, or you can start with book one and enjoy a nice long read of two books in a row. And don't forget . . . there are delicious short stories to enhance your enjoyment of the story. Okay . . . here's how to find me and the new book!

Where the Heart Lives - E-edition . . .

. . . is almost here! You'll soon be able to download it to your device from favorite device.

For a handy list of links to ALL e-devices, check the publisher's website [Bellekeep Books](#).

The e-edition will be available for Amazon's Kindle, Barnes & Noble's Nook, Sony Reader, Apple's iBooks, and every other e-reader imaginable! No matter where you are on your "map" you won't have to leave it behind!



Advance Reviews

The new novel has already received some stellar comments from advance readers. One came in the form of a beautiful postcard from Tokyo. If you'd like to add a comment on-line or send your own postcard for posting to my website, [click here!](#)



From Kirkus Reviews, one of the major trades: "The second volume of this ongoing saga

follows numerous intersecting lives in a small, fictitious town on California's Central Coast. Purl (What the Heart Knows, 2011) returns to picturesque Milford-Haven and assorted neighboring towns (Santa Barbara, Cambria, etc.) Milford-Haven stories first appeared in 1992 as a BBC radio show, Milford-Haven, U.S.A., garnering an audience of 4.5 million listeners. The town is filled with back stories—dark secrets, hidden agendas, failed romances and budding love, not to mention the unsolved mystery from Book 1 concerning the disappearance, and likely murder, of journalist Christine Christian.

Skillfully interspersing the moment-to-moment thoughts of her characters with their actions and dialogue, Purl effortlessly moves from one personal story to another. Just about everyone plans on showing up to a Doobie Brothers benefit concert at the Central Coast Bowl in support of veterans, which helps tie together the . . . storylines. This volume should hold readers over until the next trip back to town. Like visiting friends and catching up."

October & November MARA-thon Tours

The long months of "training"---writing, researching, writing, editing, writing, writing and writing have gotten me into great shape and now it's nearly time to hit the road for the autumn "MARA-thons"!



The first segment will take me through the beautiful Western States of **Colorado**, **New Mexico** and **Arizona** till the end of October. Then in November, the second segment will take me along the **California coast** from Malibu to Menlo Park (Los Angeles to San Francisco) with many wonderful stops along the way. In fact, the California segment of my upcoming book tour will exactly match the map on the cover of my new novel! More about that in my next newsletter.

One thing that makes these back-to-back tours "Mara-thons" is that I will also be doing the MARA-thon Blog Tour . . . at the same time! (Picture me driving the car, reading the GPS, doing my hair, reviewing my talking points AND writing blogs concurrently! Sounds like a good cartoon to me.)

I'll be sending out details of the Blog Tour soon. Or . . . you can find the information on line. There are now many ways to reach me . . . my new website, my blog, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest. However you're able, I hope you'll join me in . . . Milford-Haven!

Indie Book Tour -- Mapping the Journey of your Heart

The upcoming book tour will be called "Mapping the Journey of Your Heart."

As you will have noticed . . . the cover of this book is a map. Why? Protagonist Miranda Jones takes a week-long road trip for her painting work, traveling from Milford-Haven to Los Angeles. She visits the southwest corner of the L.A. Basin, the beautiful Palos Verdes peninsula. Then she heads to Hollywood for a backstage



adventure at the Hollywood Bowl. Then she winds up into the Angeles Crest mountains and journeys out into the Mojave Desert before heading home to the Central Coast.



But the book is also about chronological maps, psychological maps, emotional maps, and most importantly, the map of the *heart*. While Miranda's doing all this physical traveling, she's also remapping her emotional life. How do we navigate past heartbreak and betrayal? How do we heal the deep wounds of our past? Where do we locate a roadmap that can help us find where our heart really wants us to live? These are some of the questions my characters are asking themselves, Of course, these are also some of the questions we are asking *ourselves*. So this book is both an external and an internal journey for you, my readers. It stands alone as a special "trip." But it's also a critical piece of the Milford-Haven puzzle, leading you from book one to what will be a very action-packed book three, *Why Hearts Keep Secrets*.

Mara's Indie Book Tour

To match the external journey in the book, I'm taking my new book on the road. And this time my wonderful publishing and marketing team and i decided to work with Indie Bound in sending out Advance Reader Copies to indie stores in preparation for creating an all-indie tour.



There has always been something very "Main Street" about Milford-Haven. Having just celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the original radio drama on which the novels are based, it was fun to reminisce with cast and crew and sponsors about my long walks up and down Main Street to sell sponsorships.

When I first started writing the novels, I used this same "grass roots" approach to connect with my first group of readers. And it's still that one-on-one connection with readers that I enjoy so much.

Independent booksellers also understand this *head and the heart connection* to their customers. So I'm thrilled I'll be connecting with readers at some marvelous indie bookstores in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Book Launch & Event #1 at Tattered Cover

The official book launch for the brand new novel happens **October 15th, Monday, at 7:30 pm**. Join me at the beautiful Highlands Ranch store -- 9315 Dorchester Street, in the new Highlands Ranch Town Center on Highlands Ranch Parkway between Broadway and Lucent Boulevards. By the way, the store has a marvelous cafe in case you'd like to enjoy dinner before the signing!



Women Writing the West Conference - Albuquerque, NM

I'm taking time en route to feed the soul at the [Women Writing the West](#) annual conference, which this year is in Albuquerque October 19th and 20th. It is always such a privilege to connect with fellow writers, and this group is among the most nurturing and inspiring.



This year I'll be joining fellow authors on a panel about television interviews---something with which I have a lot of experience I look forward to sharing. More and more of our readers want to see us on video these days. In fact, take a look at my new website where you'll see a gallery of "behind the scenes" videos about researching my novels and short stories: MaraPurl.com/video-gallery

If you write stories set anywhere west of the Mississippi, do consider joining this excellent organization comprised of dynamic authors dedicated to their craft!

NBC Albuquerque - Good Day New Mexico Media Interview

I'm looking forward to my next on-air visit with the lovely Irene Estrada, host of KOB Albuquerque's "Good Day New Mexico"! (It's always a pleasure to visit one of the affiliates of my "home" network---where "Days of Our Lives" is broadcast.)



I'll be taping a segment with Irene Monday, October 22nd, but air-date for the segment is not set as of this writing. All information will be on KOB's website for the show [Good Day New Mexico](#).

Indie Tour Event #2 at Moby Dickens - Taos, New Mexico

I've been invited again to this wonderful and unique bookstore in the artistic town of Taos. Join me **Tuesday, October 23th from 2:00 - 3:30 pm!** I'll be sharing stories, answering your questions, and of course signing your copies of my books.



The store is located at 124 A Bent Street, in Taos. Here's the link to Moby Dickens bookstore which will give you directions, phone number, and any other details you might need. MobyDickens.com

Indie Book Tour Event #3 - Willowbrook Church, Phoenix AZ

The Women of the Willowbrook Methodist Church are a large, dynamic group committed to contributing to their community spiritually, emotionally, and financially.



I'm honored to be invited to visit with them again to speak about

following a spiritual path with both head and heart at our second annual **Spirituali-Tea!**

You may join this event through an invitation from a member on **Thursday, October 25th**. To inquire about details, please contact Dianemarie Collins at DM@DMProductionsLLC.com.

AZ-TV "Morning Scramble" Media Interview

One of my very favorite television hosts is the elegant Tonya Mock who anchors "Morning Scramble" for AZ-TV in Prescott, Arizona. Her questions are always insightful, her ready wit and humor always a delight. Her on-air segments last at least three times longer than most, giving her and her guests the chance to delve into some juicy topics.

I'll be on the air with Tonya **Friday, October 26th bright and early at 8:15 a.m.** Don't miss her program either on-air on throughout several Western states, or online through their website AZTV.

MARA-thon Blog Tour -- Coming Soon!

October 22nd through November 6th . . . these are the dates for this year's amazing Blog Tour. For those of you who followed Blog Tour #1 last year, you know what an intriguing range of gracious blog hosts invited me to post . . . sometimes an interview, sometimes an essay . . . sometimes behind-the-scenes secrets. Last year, together we reached 17 million on-line viewers. This year . . . join us and find out how interesting and fun a virtual tour can be! Full schedule will be posted at www.MaraPurl.com.

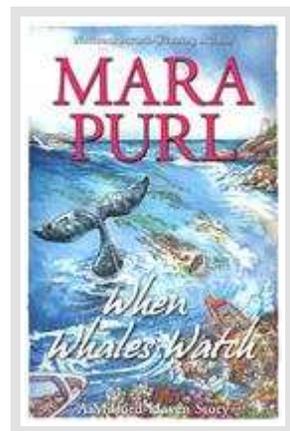


When Whales Watch - the Prequel

Part of the MARA-thon Blog Tour will be a **FREE short story** published as an e-book!! You'll be able to download it either to your e-reader, or to your computer for FREE only during the blog tour. To find the links, visit the special page at the publisher's website: BellekeepBooks.com.

This exciting prequel leads into book two, ***Where the Heart Lives*** . . . and also stands on its own as a ***thrilling and unusual adventure story***. And it picks up some of the characters you met in the best-selling e-short-story *When Hummers Dream*.

We've all heard of whale watching. But what do you think might happen if a whale watched you? This story---based on a combination of extensive scientific research and my own experiences at sea as a crewmember on a Greenpeace voyage---is both harrowing and inspiring. Don't miss this exciting story!



[MaraPurl.com . . . NEW site is up and running!](#)

This is the website I've always wanted . . . a forum for sharing from the heart. . . .

We're constantly adding new content so please enjoy visiting often. Here's a window into my world, the world of Milford-Haven . . . from my heart to yours. Enjoy your visit to [MaraPurl.com](#) !



Readers Love the Milford-Haven Novels!

You'll now be able to see many comments from you, my readers. And there's also a place to [share your comments](#) on my new website!

Also, we've started a wonderful real-mail project where you can send me a physical postcard that will be posted to my website and to Pinterest.

My Women's Fiction coastal series continues to strike a chord with women, so much so that every book or story published in the series so far has become a best seller!



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Thank you . . .

. . . for helping me bring my books from my heart to your hearts, my dear readers! My success is your success, because where one heart succeeds, others can too.

I'm creating a core group of 1,000 Milford-Haven Members. This group will receive special discounts and advance news. Interested in joining? Please send an e-mail to Kara@BellekeepBooks.com with "Join MH" as the subject. If we get the enrollment, we can do some very special things together.



Wherever you are on the map of your life, I hope you'll join me on this continuing journey as you *find yourself in . . . Milford-Haven!*

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