



Milford-Haven . . . Amazon Bestseller #5 !!!

As you know, Amazon recently chose [What the Heart Knows](#) for its special Daily Deal one-day e-book promotion.

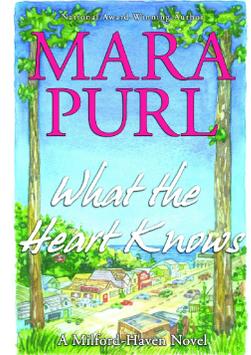
Thanks to YOU, my readers, the results are now in . . . and are continuing . . . and are so STUNNING that I wanted to THANK YOU and also SHARE them with you.

During the one-day promotion, the book climbed steadily through the day. At 6a.m. #927 . . . at noon #20 . . . and by mid-afternoon it rose to #5!! This ranking was for "Books" -- all books -- Amazon sells. These results are in constant flux, but the book held that position through most of Day 2, stayed in the Top 100 for the rest of the week. To date, recent sales number more than 15,000.

It also ranked high (in some cases higher) in several specific genres, which I found intriguing. These are explained below.

I am so very GRATEFUL that the Milford-Haven books and stories are making a difference in people's lives . . . whether that difference is FUN, or INSPIRATION, or some big AHAs!

The book has received excellent REVIEWS, outstanding comments from readers, and is currently a Finalist for the Book Of the Year Award! If you'd like one for yourself or to give as a gift -- whether the e-version or the hardcover -- here's a full list of where to ORDER NOW . . . or visit your local bookseller!



Women's Lit & Fiction Bestseller: #10

[What the Heart Knows](#) is women's fiction . . . a chronicle of life in a beautiful coastal town told mostly from the perspective of my female protagonist Miranda the artist, and her friends Sally the restaurant owner, and Samantha the PhD environmentalist. It's a fun getaway to the California coast . . . and also a way to connect with your mom or your daughter, your aunt or your niece, your sister or your best friend because it contains so many familiar life-issues..

This huge genre, with about 55 million readers, continues to rock the publishing world, as women find creative ways to express themselves and connect with other women.



Romance Bestseller: #5

Readers sometimes ask . . . does [What the Heart Knows](#) fit into the Romance category? The Milford-Haven Novels are ROMANTIC . . . though not the classic romance structure, which by definition ends with the two primary characters marrying. In my stories, relationships are much more complex and take a lot longer to resolve, as things are not always as they seem.

Along the way there's PLENTY of romance! In this book one of the saga Cynthia and Zack are the steamiest couple (whew!) . . . Sally and Jack have a romance with all the comforts . . . Susan is doing the club scene . . . Zelda is on the prowl. . . . Meanwhile, other relationships wait in the wings . . . Miranda and Zack?



What really DOES make this novel a romance is the sense that love is vital, and that the heart must be listened to in order for TRUE love to appear and then develop. So . . . in the grand tradition of the great romances . . . stay tuned!

Family Saga Fiction Bestseller: #1

"Saga" is one of the perfect descriptors for the Milford-Haven Novels, so it's a thrill to be number one in this genre.



Some stories . . . like this one . . . require a huge scope in which to develop the latent desires, goals and personalities of the characters, then bring them into contact with the circumstances that will test and challenge them, giving them both the defeats and the victories that will bring forth who they truly are.

Louis L'Amour told his story of the Sackett family in 17 novels! It's a breathtaking series I highly recommend. Diana Gabaldon is telling her story of the Fraziers in 8 novels thus far, each of them about 800 pages long.

The Milford-Haven Saga includes the Jones family (Miranda, Meredith, Very & Charles), the Calvin family (Zack and Joseph), the Sawyer family (Jack and ?). . . it also contains families-in-the-making . . . and it includes the residents of Milford-Haven as one large sometimes-feuding, sometimes-cooperating family. Sound familiar?

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.

Contemporary Fiction Bestseller: #1

What an honor to be at the top of the list among so many authors writing about our own life-and-times! In some ways it's easier than, say, historical fiction which requires research even to get the most rudimentary details right. In other ways, it's harder, because it's difficult to get perspective on our own times.

"Contemporary" is broadly defined in order to include my series, which is set in the 1990s. In terms of mores, we're in much the same world now as we were twenty years ago, although manners and basic behavior-management have deteriorated. (There was a lot less vitriol on the internet then, and far less dangerous road rage; people said a simple "thank you more often.")



A reader recently asked why I mention specific products in my novels. Great question! I use them as markers for readers. For example, could Zack actually have razor-thin flip cell phone or order a Frappucno at Starbucks in 1996? Yes! Both those products were introduced that very year. Could Cynthia go shopping for Jimmy Choo shoes? Just barely! Choo hit the big-time in his first Vogue Magazine article in '96. I do LOTS of research to get these details right. Why? Because I want you, my readers, to really be there when you read my books!

When Hummers Dream - the Prequel

The previous best-selling short story When Hummers Dream jumped back onto the best-seller list too.

In case you haven't read this little jewel, it's fun, short, and introduces you to the sometimes magical world of Milford-Haven.

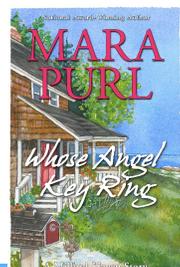
And "Hummer" has just been nominated for a Global E-Book Award!



Whose Angel Key Ring: Mover & Shaker

This best-selling holiday short-story was one of Amazon's top "Movers & Shakers" when it jumped back up the lists.

This year's holiday short story is *When Angels Paint* . . . so look for it in December!



When Whales Watch: Coming in September

When Whales Watch is short story number 2, the PREQUEL to novel number 2, *Where the Heart Lives*.

In *When Hummers Dream*, artist Miranda Jones painted one of the smaller creatures; in this story, she paints one of the largest.

But during her whale-watching trip off California's Central Coast, she gets the surprise of a lifetime and witnesses an astonishing rescue . . . of both humans and cetaceans. This heavily-researched, exciting adventure story will also include a sneak preview of *Where the Heart Lives*!

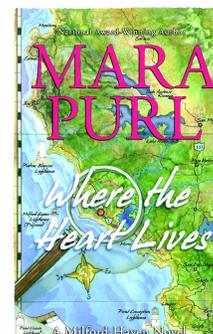


Where the Heart Lives

Book Two in the series saga . . . just finished! Though the book won't be published till next fall, the ARC (Advanced Readers Copy) is now ready and I'll be signing it next week for members of the publishing trade at Book Expo America in New York City!

This next few months is the time for reviewers to read this early edition, and for booksellers and librarians to order the book for you so you can snap it up next fall when I start my book tour.

Here's a clue about what you can look forward to in this next book . . . the map on the cover! Miranda travels to the Los Angeles area, with painting commissions all the way from the lighthouse in Palos Verdes to the "cat house" in the Mojave Desert! But the book is also about chronological maps, psychological maps, emotional maps, and most importantly, the map of the heart. . . .



Thank you . .

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

Join me on this continuing journey as you *find yourself in . . . Milford-Haven!*

