

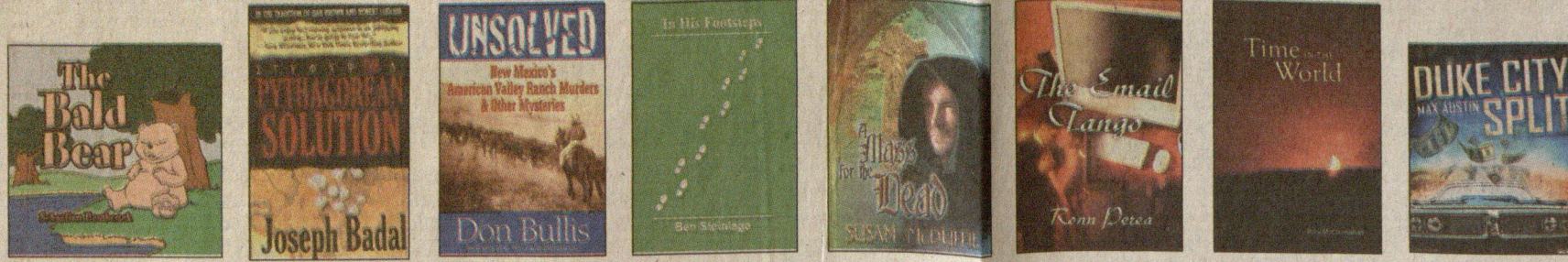
BOOKS

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POETS READ

There will be a poetry reading from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at the Special Collections Library, 423 E. Central, to mark Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Poets will include Hakim Bellamy, Albuquerque's poet laureate. Free.



Moriarty's growing Authors for Literacy Event brings readers, writers together

ONE for the BOOKS

By RORY McCLANAHAN
Mountain View Telegraph

When literary types think of Moriarty, they usually have Sherlock Holmes' nemesis in mind. More and more, though, New Mexicans are starting to equate Moriarty — the small city east of Albuquerque — with its annual Authors for Literacy Event. Each year, New Mexico authors come to Moriarty to meet readers, sell a few books and help out a good cause. The eighth edition of the event will be held Saturday, April 19 at the Moriarty Civic Center. More than 40 New Mexico authors are slated to be at the event.

"We had a great turnout last year, and I'm looking forward to seeing even more readers this year," said Albuquerque author Steve Brewer. "Events like these give writers a chance to visit with fans and attract new readers. Not only is it for a good cause, but it's a lot of fun."

Brewer, the author of 25 books, is releasing his latest crime thriller, "Duke City Split," in April, written as Max Austin. It's only available as an ebook from Random House/Alibi, but he said he'll bring several of his other titles in both hardcover and paperback.

Proceeds from the event will go the Moriarty Community Library and the Read "Write" Adult Literacy Program in Torrance County, said Tina Cates-Ortega, an organizer of the event.

The program helps adults increase their reading, writing and speaking skills by offering literacy programs and related educational service to Torrance County and surrounding communities. The program is currently working with about 30 clients.

"We would be able to help more," Cates-Ortega said, "but we lost some grants in the last year."

Cates-Ortega said the event has never been a hard sell to New Mexico writers. Most enjoy the short drive to Moriarty and visiting with friends and readers.

"Authors have a soft spot for literacy programs,

Joseph Badal
Richard Baty
Sebastian Bembenek
Steve Brewer
Don Bullis
Ellen Calvert
Gail D'Arcy
Jerry Davis
Donald D'lo
Barabara Spencer Foster
Janie Franz
Nasario Garcia
Wally Gordon
Melody Groves
Karen Kelling
Rob Kresge

Who's coming

The Author's Event will have numerous writers, illustrators and artists attending. Here's a list of those scheduled to attend:

Gene Lessard
Charlie McCarty
Rory McClannahan
Susan McDuffie
John McWilliams
Victor Milan
Jonathan Miller
RJ Mirabal
Jenn Myers
Albert Noyer
Ronn Perea
Marianne Powers

Barbe Awalt & Paul Rhetts
Rosalinda Romo
Elizabeth Rose
Joan Saberhagen
Ben Steinlage
Sabra Brown Steinsiek
Sarah Storme
Margaret Tessier
Judith Van Gierson
Marilyn Whiteman
Gary Wilson

Patricia Smith Wood

Others:

Judi Anderson - jeweler
Jeff Benham - 7000 BC/ comics
Lisa Casaus - illustrator
Kyla Dennison - jeweler
Faith Hosford - Usborne Books
Linda Mizell - photographer
Linda Roybal - Siren Audio
LPD/Rio Grande Press
John Sumrow - artist
Southwest Writers

and ours has been lucky to attract their help," she said.

Based on information from the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, 16 percent of Torrance County read below Level I, a 3 percent improvement since the program started in 2001.

Not only is the event a great time for writers, but readers will be able to find great deals and meet the writers. Mysteries and thrillers, romances and westerns, science fiction and comic books will all be available. To be part of the event, authors agree to donate a portion of their sales to Read "Write". The event is free to anyone to attend.

Melody Groves, writer of several Western fiction and nonfiction books, said she has been to several Authors for Literacy events in the past and always looks forward to spending time there.

"It's a short drive from my house in Albuquerque and it's always a fun place for writers and readers," she said.

Groves will be publishing two books in the next couple of months through Five Star Publishing.

The first, "Kansas Bleeds," is the fourth in her Colton Brothers Saga. The second book, "Butterfield's Byway: America's First Overland Mail Route Across the West," is a history of the development of mail service in the American West.

In addition to a room full of writers happy to talk to readers, there also will be raffles throughout the day and several panel discussions. Food will be available.

Thriller writer Joseph Badal of Sandia Park said that this event will be his fourth and that it is one that he counts on going to every year. Not only is it fun, he said, but the organizers treat the writers well and run a good event.

Badal — who will be bringing copies of his latest thriller, "Ultimate Betrayal" — said he isn't surprised that the Authors for Literacy Event is growing with each year with more writers and more readers coming out.

"Anybody who loves books and loves to read is missing out on a great opportunity if they don't go," Badal said.

BOOK OF THE WEEK REVIEW

A young man's dangerous quest to marry a Pueblo maiden also yields a prize we treasure today

A taste of adventure

"How Chile Came to New Mexico" by Rudolfo Anaya, illustrations by Nicolás Otero, Spanish translation by Nasario García, Rio Grande Books, \$24.95, 39 pp.

REVIEW BY DAVID STEINBERG
For the Journal

After publication of his 2012 book "How Hollyhocks Came to New Mexico," Rudolfo Anaya says people asked him, "Is that really how they came here?"

Anaya recalled replying, "This is a children's story!"

The newest bilingual "how" book from Anaya, the dean of Chicano literature, is "How Chile Came to New Mexico." And readers should refrain from peppering Anaya with the same question because it, too, is a story for children ... and for adults to read to them.

The charming, tasty tale, blending adventure and young love, credits the Pueblo people for introducing chile to what is now New Mexico.

It opens with Young Eagle being smitten with Sage. They live in a Pueblo village along the Rio Grande, a time long before the arrival of Europeans.

One evening Young Eagle's family visited Sage's. Her father declared that the corn and meat they eat are flavorless.

"Friends who come from the south tell us that the Aztecs have chile, a fruit that makes food taste good," he states.

That's his opening line in striking a deal with Young Eagle. The deal is this: If Young Eagle will retrieve chile seeds from the Aztecs, then he will permit Young Eagle to

marry Sage.

Before embarking on his dangerous adventure, Sage places a turquoise necklace around Young Eagle's neck to protect him from harm.

Off on his quest the young man goes. Of course, he has obstacles to overcome. Like a whirlpool in a river, a giant vulture and a tumbling boulder that, thanks to the necklace's protective powers, misses Young Eagle.

After passing through friendly tribes, he comes to the Valley of the Aztecs, where a clan chief tells Young Eagle that because he survived the dangers on his journey, he's earned the right to return home with a sack of chile seeds.

The story has happy endings. Young Eagle returned safely home with the chile seeds for Sage's father. Sage and Young Eagle get the OK to marry.

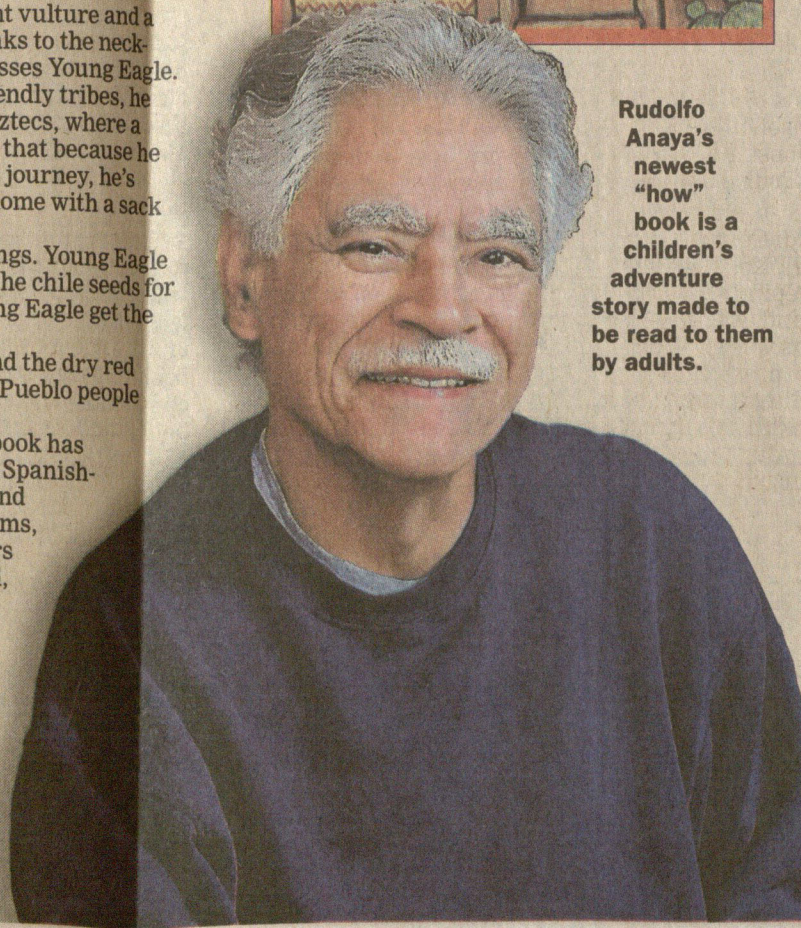
The cooked green chile and the dry red chile made the meals of the Pueblo people appetizing.

After the story ends, the book has more to relate. It states that Spanish-speaking colonists, who found chile growing on Pueblo farms, had been using chile peppers from elsewhere in the world, but they learned to love the local chile, which has since become a food staple here today.

For those reading the Spanish text, there's a glossary with New Mexico Spanish, standard use Spanish and English translation into colloquial/formal forms.



Rudolfo Anaya's newest "how" book is a children's adventure story made to be read to them by adults.



BEST-SELLERS

FICTION

1. "I've Got You Under My Skin." Mary Higgins Clark. Simon & Schuster
2. "The King." J.R. Ward. NAL
3. "NYPD Red 2." Patterson/Karp. Little, Brown
4. "Missing You." Harlan Coben. Dutton
5. "Power Play." Danielle Steel. Delacorte
6. "Blossom Street Brides." Debbie Macomber. Ballantine
7. "The Goldfinch." Donna Tartt. Little, Brown
8. "The Invention of Wings." Sue Monk Kidd. Viking
9. "The Bootlegger." Cussler/Scott. Putnam
10. "By Its Cover." Donna Leon. Atlantic Monthly

NONFICTION

1. "Flash Boys." Michael Lewis. Norton
2. "The Women of Duck Commander." Kay Robertson. Howard Books
3. "The Doctor's Diet." Travis Stork. Bird Street Books
4. "The Hungry Girl Diet." Lisa Lillien. St. Martin's Griffin
5. "Don't Hurt People and Don't Take Their Stuff." Matt Kibbe. William Morrow
6. "Thrive." Arianna Huffington. Harmony
7. "10% Happier." Dan Harris. It Books
8. "A Call to Action." Jimmy Carter. Simon & Schuster
9. "Killing Jesus." O'Reilly/Dugard. Henry Holt
10. "Grain Brain." David Perlmutter. Little, Brown

NEW MEXICO BOOK NOTES

Stuart Woods brings latest to Bookworks

■ 'Carnal Curiosity' is the newest adventure in the Stone Barrington series

New York Times best-selling author Stuart Woods will be at Bookworks, 4022 Rio Grande NW, with his new book "Carnal Curiosity" at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14. It's his latest adventure with Stone Barrington.

Also at Bookworks, Ana Castillo will sign "Give It To Me" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17. Recently divorced, Palma, a 43-year-old Latina, takes stock of her life when she reconnects with her gangster younger cousin recently released from prison.

National Poetry Slam champion and Women of the World competitor Jessica Helen Lopez will present poems from her new chapbook from Swimming with Elephants Press at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15. The poems "slice through the current state of feminism, marriage, love and loss."

AT TREASURE HOUSE: Leslie Ullman reads from and signs her book of poetry, "Progress on the Subject of Immensity," from 1-3 today at Treasure House Books & Gifts, 2012 South Plaza NW in Old Town.

Author Donna Blake Birchell discusses and signs her book "Wicked Women of New Mexico" from 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 at Treasure House. The New Mexico Territory attracted outlaws and desperados while providing opportunists the perfect setting in which to seize wealth. Many wicked women on the run from their pasts headed here seeking new starts before and after the 1912 statehood.

AT TITLE WAVE BOOKS: Rachel Donovan will read from her book "He Is Enough: God Needs People Who Don't Scare Easy" from 4-6 p.m. Friday, April 18 at the bookstore, 2318 Wisconsin NE.

NEW BOOK: Santa Fe nurse Diane Stayner has published her second book on Amazon.com. Entitled "AMARA," it is the story of a man who encounters a monster of a girl while searching for his lost brother in the desert. It is available for \$7.75 in paperback and \$3 in Kindle format.

IN BERNALILLO: Nasario García, an award-winning author and folklorist, will talk about Bernalillo and his new book "Bernalillo: Yesterday's Sunshine — Today's Shadow" at 2 today at the De Lavy House for the Sandoval Historical Society. The De Lavy House is at 151 Edmond Road off Highway 550. The book is an oral history of Bernalillo by many prominent residents. The talk is open to the public but there is a \$5 per person admission charge for nonmembers of the historical society.

IN SANTA FE: Journalist, critic and memoirist Thomas Larson will discuss his book "The Sanctuary of Illness: A Memoir of Heart Disease" at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at Collected Works Bookstore and Coffee House, 202 Galisteo St. In the book he tells a powerful and personal story of what happens when our arteries fail us. He narrates the dramatic tale of his three heart attacks in five years.

Also at Collected Works, Dr. John Scariano will talk about his memoir "Marsh Township Sanitary District" at 6 p.m. Friday, April 18. Scariano, a research assistant professor at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, recalls his teenage years working a horrible job in the 1970s.

