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Stand Alone or Start a Series

The Library has several titles by Carol O'Connell, including *Bone by Bone*, *Crime School*, *Find Me*, *Judas Child*, *Killing Critics*, *Mallory's Oracle*, *Shell Game*, *Stone Angel* and *Winter House*. Her newest work, *The Chalk Girl*, will be released in January 2012. Whichever of Carol O'Connell's books the reader chooses, it will not disappoint. If crime mystery interests you, give this author a try.

Featured This Month

Bone by Bone and Other Works by Carol O'Connell

Written in 2009, *Bone by Bone* explores tragedy in a family and the far reaching effects of that event on the remaining brother and family members. In this case, the murder of a 15-year-old boy has affected not only his family, but the lives of members of an entire small, quirky, and secretive community on the California coast. Twenty years after his brother, Josh, disappeared, Oren Hobbs, a 37-year-old ex-Army policeman, returns to solve the mystery of his death. Complicating Oren's search for justice are the secrets kept by everyone living in the small town of Coventry—everyone from Josh himself to the many anomalous townspeople. Josh is being returned to the family bone by bone. If the reader likes a story teeming with suspense, a complicated cast of characters and whose dénouement is drawn out to the very end, this is a book worth exploring.

One of two departures from her Kathy Mallory series, *Bone by Bone* is joined by one other stand-alone mystery, *Judas Child*. The balance of Ms. O'Connell's work explores the extraordinary life of NYPD detective, Kathy Mallory—her loyalties, foibles and her “unbelievable vision of right and wrong.” As a starving artist in New York City, Carol O'Connell created the “toughest, most competent woman detective in crime fiction” while showing her art work to critics and writing in secret in a closet. Her first work featured a character named Louis



Markowitz, but she became more interested in Kathy “Just-call-me Mallory”—a very tough woman who “solves crime in competent, highly intelligent ways, making her a rare female in crime fiction.” Beginning with the first book in this series, *Mallory's Oracle*, Ms. O'Connell writes Kathy Mallory as a compelling character whose origins as a child of the streets belie her powerful intelligence and brilliant computer hacker skills. Using fear to intimidate those who cross her, even the author has described her as a sociopath. Ms. O'Connell created Mallory as a strong response to more politically correct characters. She sees political correctness as a euphemism for a soapbox and doesn't believe a soapbox has any place in fiction or mystery writing.

Introduction and Review by Cindy Cornell

Notes from the Library Board

On our Christmas List:

The Library is dedicated to building our outstanding collection of local and regional literature. We are seeking a copy of **Mogollon Archaeology: Proceedings of the 1980 Mogollon Conference** ed. by Kira Silverbird and Patrick Beckett. We would love to give it a new home and honor your donation with a commemorate bookplate.

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New at the Library

Non-fiction

Twelve Hundred Miles by Horse and Burro by Harley Shaw
Coming of Age in Philosophy by various authors
Riprap, & Cold Mountain Poems by Gary Snyder
He Who Hunted Birds in His Father's Village by Gary Snyder
By the Way- A Guide to New Mexico's 25 Scenic Byways by Laurie Frantz & Leslie King
Sagebrush Country- Land and the American West by Philip Fradkin
Three Dog Life by Abigail Thomas
Beyond the Aspen Grove by Ann H. Zwinger
The Mysterious Lands: A Naturalist Explores the Four Great Deserts of the Southwest by Ann H. Zwinger
Practice of the Wild by Gary Snyder
Epic of the Greater Southwest-New Mexico, Texas, California, Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, & Nevada by Ruben Salaz-Marquez

Fiction

How to Be Lost by Amanda Ward
Sweeney by Robert Julyan
A Gesture Life by Chang-rae Lee
The Surrendered by Chang-Rae Lee
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler
All Souls by Christine Schutt
Brules by Harry Combs

Films (on VHS)

A River Runs Through It
Inherit the Wind
Himalaya
The Morocco Experience
The Lighthorsemen
Chinatown
Braveheart
U.S. - Mexican War: 1846 – 1848
Buddhism: The Buddha; The Dharma; The Sangha

Films (on DVD)

Waking Life
The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Mystery

Leaving the World by Douglas Kennedy
Well Schooled in Murder by Elizabeth George
Dog on It by Spencer Quinn
Depths by Henning Mankell
Dead Famous by Carol O'Connell

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit
<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

Bookmobile: Wednesday, October 19

Hillsboro: 1:00 – 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

Coming Soon! Be sure to look for us at: Christmas in the Foothills

The Library will offer an extended Bake Sale and a terrific bookbag in the \$49.95 auction!

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