

BOOK AGAIN

NEWSLETTER

March/April 2005

SPRING HALF-OFF SALE

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
April 15, 16 and 17

Also
April 22, 23 and 24

**All books inside the store
will be half-off
our already low prices!**

*This is our best sale
don't miss out!*

Sheryl's News

Happy Anniversary to Book Again!

19 years and still going strong! How many of you have been with us since we opened on March 1, 1986?

This month we are sprucing up a bit with new carpeting, we hope you will enjoy it and especially for those of you who like to sit on the floor to browse your books it should be a welcome addition. In order to keep the carpet clean and fresh we think this is a good time to ask that food and drinks be kept outside. Thank you for your cooperation!

Our new section for **oversized Romances** is doing well in its new location. We have added to this section some of the light romantic oversized fiction so check it out. This section is located by the front door under the large print books. The **Humor** section is moved to the middle aisle and the **Business** section is gone. When any section is thinned or discontinued in the store the remaining books are put into the dollar book section so check it out.

—Sheryl

Barbara's Mysteries

Since my favorite romantic suspense authors don't write fast enough, I've decided to turn my attention to mystery books. I quickly read all the **Sue Grafton** and **Janet Evanovich** books, which I found very enjoyable. Then I had to search for some more mystery authors that wrote books that weren't too scary or gory.

I have in fact found some authors I really enjoy....

Robert Crais writes a books featuring Elvis Cole, Private Investigator and **Harlan Coben** writes books featuring Myron Bolitar, Sports Agent. The books by Crais and Coben offer "who

done it" with a touch of humor. **Kathy Reichs** writes books featuring Dr. Tempe Brennan a forensic anthropologist. **Patricia Cornwell** writes a series featuring Dr. Kay Scarpetta a medical examiner. The books by Reichs and Cornwell are of a more serious nature but they offer a good story with out too much gory detail.

If you are searching for new mystery authors I recommend you try any of the ones I've mentioned above. I think you will enjoy them.

"Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?"

—Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

STORE HOURS: Tuesday through Sunday 11 am to 4 pm (Closed Mondays)
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Linda's Chili Chicken

3-4 cooked chicken breasts
1 sm. can Ortega green Chiles chopped
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
Chopped green onions and olives
1½ packages jack & cheddar cheeses
1 pkg. flour tortillas

Put ½ can soup in bottom of dish; tear flour tortillas into large pieces and layer tortillas (½ pkg.) on top of soup; layer Chiles, chunks of chicken, green onions and olives, then shredded cheeses; continue to layer, using all tortillas. Bake at 350° for 45 min or until heated through.

BOOKS WANTED

- ✓ *Classics* (in good condition)
- ✓ *Elm Creek Quilts Novels*
by **Jennifer Chiaverini**
- ✓ *books by Harlen Coben*
- ✓ *books by Lemony Snicket*
- ✓ *books by Alexander McCall Smith*

Folklore

by Joe Nolte

SAINT PATRICK

It seems incredible that I have done so many Irish Columns in this sainted month of March, and have never yet dealt with the man who started it all – the man who was first sent to Ireland to convert the heathen Celts to Christianity.

I refer, of course, to Saint Palladius.

I'm joking, of course (my brother David would at this point probably say "You only THINK you're funny..."), but it is nonetheless true that Palladius, a Roman Deacon, was the first missionary sent to Ireland, in the year 430. He would, however, have absolutely no luck in the country, the populace being quite happy to follow the lead of the Druids in all things metaphysical. Palladius built three churches, waited for the people to come, and, when none did, sailed to Scotland in a huff, never to return.

Two years later the Pope (Celestine I) sent a new emissary, a Scottish born half-Roman kid named Succat, to the Emerald Isle. As Succat was from Kilpatrick, Scotland, he became known as "Patricius", and we know him today as Saint Patrick.

He was originally kidnapped from Scotland by Irish pirates at the age of 14, escaped at age 20, and commenced studying for the priesthood. Years later, the suddenly 48 year old Patrick returned to Ireland, and proceeded to convert the entire country.

He did this by, among other things, driving all the snakes out of Ireland, a feat he accomplished through prayer and the ringing of a large bell. (This was undoubtedly helped by the fact that it is now fairly certain that there were never any snakes in the country to begin with.)

Patrick faced great opposition from the Kings and Druid priests who (probably correctly) saw him as a Roman threat to their political autonomy. Nevertheless, he prevailed due to a series of presumably Divine interventions. When approaching a king who was set to ambush and kill him, he was magically transformed into a deer. Another time he was engaged in a contest with a local Druid, who caused a dark cloud of fog to engulf the region. Patrick was able to not only disperse the fog, but cause the Druid to be engulfed in holy fire.

At any rate, it was antics such as the above that soon convinced the Irish to flock to this New Religion, and his name is revered to this day, the day he died: March 17th.

And a Happy Saint Paddy's Day to you all...