

SLWG Spotlight: *We're Pleased to Present...*

Susan McBride



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Award-winning Mystery and "Chick-Lit" Author

Lecture Topic: "Breaking the Rules: How to Write What You Love and Sell Big!"

Thursday, June 15, 2006

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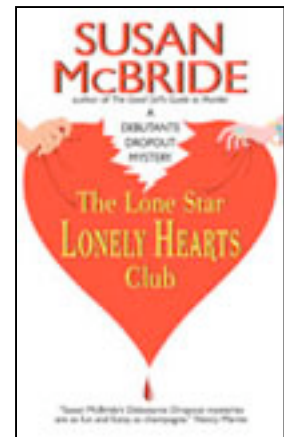
at Barnes & Noble, 8871 Ladue Road, Ladue

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This meeting is FREE to the public.

Note: Susan McBride has kindly agreed to autograph books!

SUSAN MCBRIDE is the author of the Debutante Dropout Mysteries from HarperCollins/Avon, which feature Andrea "Andy" Kendricks--a 30-year-old Dallas web designer, reluctant heiress and deb ball refugee--and her dyed-in-the-wool Chanel-wearing socialite mother Cissy. The third and latest in the series, ***THE LONE STAR LONELY HEARTS CLUB***, will hit bookstores in late January of 2006.



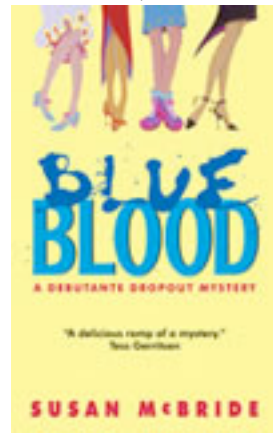
ISBN: 0060564083

Paperback, 352pp

Pub. Date: January 2006

Publisher: Avon Books

The debut, ***BLUE BLOOD***, won the Lefty Award for Best Humorous Mystery of 2004 and has received a nomination for the Anthony Award for Best Paperback Original.



BLUE BLOOD spent three months on the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association's top ten best-sellers list, has gone into multiple printings, was a Mystery Guild featured alternate selection, and was published in large print by Thorndike Press. The Dallas Morning News called the book a "hilarious romp" and went on to say, "McBride knows her territory. She has put together a funny, eccentric bunch of characters who bound around town with perfect manicures, big hair, and lots of social savvy."

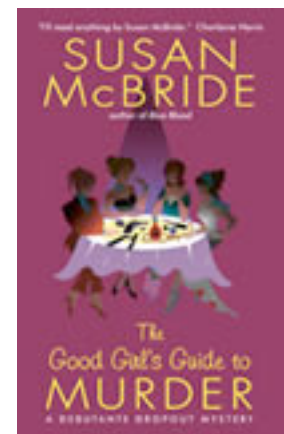
ISBN: 0060563893

Format: Mass Market Paperback, 333pp

Pub. Date: January 2004

Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers

The second in the series, ***THE GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER***, was a BookSense pick for February of 2005, a Mystery Guild featured alternate selection, and an IMBA bestseller. This one features the death of ego-in-pumps domestic guru Marilee Mabry, who makes Martha Stewart look as honest as Abe Lincoln and as sweet as candy. With plenty of suspects in the picture, Dallas debutante dropout and reluctant sleuth Andy Kendricks--and her socialite mother Cissy--have a lot of work to do to uncover the killer. *Publishers Weekly* noted that ***GOOD GIRL*** was "as alluring as an Escada evening dress and as tempting as a slice of death by chocolate cake."



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Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers

Two additional books in the Debutante Dropout Series are under contract.

Susan has a Journalism degree from the University of Kansas, but always dreamed of making up stories rather than reporting them. The idea for the Debutante Dropout series came from her memories of pledging Pi Beta Phi at the University of Texas in Austin and watching the Dallas debutantes

practice their curtsies in study hall. Susan lived in Texas for 20 years before moving to St. Louis in 1996, so she claims to have the Lone Star State tattooed on her heart, right beside the Gateway Arch.

Susan's first novel, *AND THEN SHE WAS GONE*, was published by a small traditional press in 1999 and went into a second printing in 2000. The book was a finalist in the St. Martin's Press contest and won the National Writers Association's Best Novel Contest. It was nominated for a Reviewer's Choice Award for Best First Mystery by RT BookClub Magazine. The second in the Maggie Ryan series, *OVERKILL*, was an RT Top Pick.

Susan has written a third novel featuring Detective Ryan, *WALK INTO SILENCE*. More news on that to come!

Susan's short fiction and essays have appeared in several anthologies, including *THE SPIRIT OF WRITING: CLASSIC AND CONTEMPORARY ESSAYS CELEBRATING THE WRITING LIFE* and *MAYHEM IN THE MIDLANDS*.

Susan is a frequent speaker at mystery conventions, writing conferences, and book festivals. She blogs with three other authors at The Lipstick Chronicles (BookTarts.com) and participates in group promotion with The Mystery Chicks (www.themysterychicks.com).

As seen on KMOV TV, on 05:31 PM CDT on Tuesday, May 2, 2006:

“Local author cashes in on ‘Chick Lit’” :

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