

The Southern mystery has come of age. In a genre where setting plays as important a role as the hero or antagonist, writers of Southern mystery have an almost fathomless reservoir of resources to draw upon. What is it about the South that is so alluring, and yet as danger-filled as those dark London streets of Doyle's day? Nearly every city, town and hamlet in the south has its own unique history. With so much history, beauty and tradition, southern writers of mystery will never be at a loss for resources. Preserving and protecting these resources through the written word enhances and enriches our lives and the lives of all generations to come. This is your chance to meet the mystery writers:

**Mignon Ballard** is a native of Calhoun, Ga. who lives in Fort Mill, S.C. Some of her novels of suspense are *Raven Rock*, *Cry at Dusk* and *The Angel Whispered Danger*.

**Evelyn Coleman** is a resident of Atlanta and past president of the *Mystery Writers of America*, Southeast Chapter. Her works include adult mystery, *What a Woman's Gotta Do*, from Dell and middle grade fiction, *Circle of Fire* and *Mystery of the Dark Tower*.

**Phillip Depoy** lives in Atlanta, Ga. He has published short fiction, poetry and criticism along with the Flap Tucker mystery series. He won an *Edgar* last May for *The Devil's Hearth*.

**David Fulmer** of Atlanta, writer of *Chasing the Devils Tail*, is also a free lance journalist, film documentation and music buff.

**Gwen Hunter** lives in Rock Hill, S.C. and is currently president of *The Southeast Mystery Writers of America*. Among her many novels are the *Dr. Rhea Lynch* series.

**Walter Sorrells** is currently president of the Atlanta Chapter of *Sisters in Crime*. He has written several novels including *Cry for Justice*. Under his pen name of *Ruth Birmingham* he writes the *Sunny Childs* series.

**Patricia Sprinkle** lives in Smyrna, Georgia. Among her many novels are those in the *MacLauren Yurborough* series: *Who Invited the Dead Man?*, *Who Left that Body in the Rain?* and *Who Let that Killer in the House?*

**Kathryn R. Wall** practices her profession as an accountant in both public and private life. She lives in Hilton Head, S.C., and is a founding member of the *Island Writers Network*. In for a Penny, And Not a Penny Moore and *Perdition House* are just a few books that she has written.

**Fred Willard** lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and is a former news photographer. His first novel was *Down on Ponce* and he has since published *Princess Naughty* and the *Voodoo Cadillac*.

**Jim Woolfen**, a current member of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of the Smyrna Library* and associate editorial page editor of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, will moderate a question and answer session with the writers. He is also a board member and past president of the *Georgia Press Association*.

**David Jones**, Associate Prof. Emeritus, Kennesaw State University was the Project Advisor. He is also a frequent speaker to professional, literary, social and service groups.

Some of the topics to be discussed will be.....

\* *Southern Fried Characters—with Murder on the Slope*\*

\* *The Mysterious Southern Flavor—setting and dialogue*\*

\* *The Bloody Haunting Past—the fate of our future*\*

There will be a *Question and Answer* time, book signing and a chance to meet the writers personally.

Lunch will be catered by *Cafe Michel*

This is an event not to miss!!!

Limited Seating

\* Murder Goes South" January 24, 2004 10:00am-4:00pm Smyrna Community Center  
Fee for the event is \$8.00pp which includes lunch and refreshments  
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chicken salad sandwich  
all lunches include chips, cookies and beverage

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