

THE BOOK INDUSTRY EVENT OF THE YEAR!

**SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 11 - 15**

RT BOOKLOVERS CONVENTION 2012 HEADS TO THE WINDY CITY **CHICAGO**

*More than 100 informative workshops are being developed for **PUBLISHED AND ASPIRING AUTHORS** — covering 16 genres of fiction, plus workshops on craft, business, media, marketing, social networking, e-books, self-publishing and the graphic novel and comics industry — but this year fans will be treated to a **READERS' PARADISE** with more than 30 FAN-centric workshops, parties and events! The **READER'S ENTERTAINMENT GROUP** will be back with a bevy of their authors, as will the **SERIES ROMANCE AUTHOR GROUP**, which was 20 authors strong last year.*



FINDING INSPIRATION IN THE WINDY CITY

Inspirational fiction is one of the 16 genres covered extensively in our agenda. Learn how to write and get published, find out how to break into this ever-expanding market and how to transition from secular to inspirational fiction. Tyndale House Publishers (located in Carol Stream, Ill.) and Moody Publishers will be on hand to lend support to the program as well as meet authors.

CHRISTIAN FICTION FINALLY GETS REAL! Living in faith is not about never stumbling, never leaving the straight and narrow, never making a mistake, never wanting more than we're supposed to have. It's what we do about it. Join us in an open discussion about the evolution of Christian romance, reflecting the imperfections of life and the choices we make. Leave behind the prairie bonnet and rose-colored glasses for reality-based Christian fiction. HOSTS: **Michelle Sutton, Roxanne Rustand, Michelle Levigne, Shawna K. Williams, Gail R. Delaney** (Editor-In-Chief, Desert Breeze Publishing, Inc.)

MAKING THE TRANSITION FROM SECULAR TO INSPIRATIONAL FICTION Inspirational fiction covers all genres now, from romance, women's fiction, suspense, mystery, young adult and historicals to Amish vampire stories and speculative fiction. Quality writing and captivating stories are a given, but what makes inspirational fiction different from secular? How do you go about writing these novels and making a first sale? Join these authors, who have published more than 150 books, and who look forward to sharing their experiences and advice with anyone

interested in this exciting and very popular area of publishing. HOSTS: **Lyn Cote, Maureen Lang, Allie Pleiter, Shelley Sheperd Gray, Winnie Griggs, Roxanne Rustand**

WRITING INSPIRATIONAL HISTORICAL FICTION Currently historical fiction, particularly historical romance, is the second best-selling genre in the inspirational market, exceeded only by Amish fiction. Come learn the nuts and bolts of creating historical romances, including developing the moral premise, conducting research and writing in dual points of view. HOST: **Dorothy Love**, author of more than a dozen historical novels for all ages in both the secular and inspirational markets, including the current *Hickory Ridge* novels.

BEYOND THE BODICE ... LACING TOGETHER FAITH AND ROMANCE This workshop is designed for readers who love inspirational fiction or who want to learn more about it. HOSTS: **Marianne Evans, Dora Hiers, Dorothy Love, Mary Manners** (See page 122 for description.)

The Year of the Reader at the 2012 RT Convention

According to the Chinese calendar, 2012 is the Year of the Dragon but at the RT convention it is without a doubt the Year of the Reader! We've got an exciting expanded program for fans that includes several fun workshops and lots of parties led by bestselling authors and publishers. In addition to the reader program, fans may attend any of the 100 offerings on the agenda, including the popular genre workshops.

AUTHOR CHATS

Author Chats are the most popular and well-attended sessions at the convention because EVERYONE, including published and aspiring writers, is interested in what their favorite authors have to say.

These are informal chats with authors, who will share stories about their books and experiences throughout their careers, as well as talk about what they are currently working on and when those books are scheduled to hit stores.

Although it's still very early to secure confirmations from the many top-selling authors we have invited, we have several already confirmed who will be participating in four author chats in the **Mystery, Paranormal, Contemporary** and **Historical** genres. More authors to be announced! The authors will also be on other panels, some for writers and some for readers, so be sure to check the agenda on our website.



Susan Elizabeth Phillips



ReShonda Tate Billingsley



Jacquelyn Frank



Gregg Hurwitz



Mary Balogh



Loretta Chase



Brenda Jackson



Nalini Singh



Charlaire Harris

FUN WORKSHOPS & HAPPENINGS We have quadrupled the number of fun workshops and happenings in our Reader Program, all designed with fans in mind. So expect lots of laughs, giveaways, prizes and surprises!

NO HOLDS BARRED WITH J.R. WARD & JESSICA ANDERSEN

Join No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author J.R. Ward and *New York Times* bestselling author Jessica Andersen for a candid, no-holds-barred Q&A about



J.R. Ward



Jessica Andersen

everything and anything. Get their takes on how to make it in paranormal romance, the value of critique partnering, the business and the craft of writing and the *Black Dagger Brotherhood* and the *Final Prophecy* novels. Bring your questions and let's see where they take us!

PIMP MY BADGE Want to make your RT badge (or bag) memorable? Feel the need to get all girly or glammed up? Maybe even dark and dangerous? We'll have terrific trin-

kets and bedazzling bling ready for you to pimp out your badge. Prizes, goodies and fun games like: Pick-up Lines, Pillow Confessions, Suck Up, Guilty Pleasures and Favorite "Toys." It's like your BFF pajama party gone wild. This will be one of the first workshops of the convention so that your badge holder and registration bag will be "blinged out" for the entire convention. HOSTS: **Jianne Carlo, Adrianna Dane** (AKA Darcy Abriel), **Fiona Jayde, Beth Kerry, Tara Lain, Lynn Lorenz, ZA Maxfield, Belinda McBride, Lacey Savage, Trixie Stiletto, Caitlyn Willows**

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE SIDEKICK We want to lurk on Han Solo! When they're good, they're delicious like Han. When they're not, they're like ... Jar-Jar Binks. Whether mentor, ally or trickster, sidekicks show the soft, gooey underbelly of our heroes and heroines. Compete for

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Fun Workshops & Happenings continued...

prizes and test your knowledge of famous sidekicks. Wrong answers might result in a dance and photo op with Jar-Jar. You've been warned! HOSTS: **Laura Bickle** (AKA *Alayna Williams*), **Marcella Burnard**, **Jeffe Kennedy**

YOU DONE IT! PLOT A MYSTERY WITH THE OUTFIT! Members of The Outfit, a Chicago crime fiction writers' blog, need you to help them plot a mystery. If it works, The Outfit will write a round robin short story after the Convention and publish it on Kindle, with as many of your names as Amazon permits. HOSTS: **Laura Caldwell**, **Sean Chercover**, **Michael Allen Dymmoch**, **Jamie Freveletti**, **Bryan Gruley**, **Libby Fischer Hellmann**

WESTERN ROUNDUP Join these western writers and a special hunky guest for TV/movie western trivia, line dancing and prizes. Pull on your boots, grab your hat and come along to the roundup. HOSTS: **C.H. Admirand**, **Vivian Arend**, **Lori Armstrong** (AKA *Lorelei James*), **Margaret Brownley**, **Cat Johnson**, **Janette Kenny**, **Amanda McIntyre**, **Bobbi Smith**, **Kassy Tayler** (AKA *Cindy Holby*), **Beth Williamson** (AKA *Emma Lang*)

BEYOND THE BODICE ... LACING TOGETHER FAITH AND ROMANCE Inspirational romance has come a long way, baby. Real people ... real-life issues ... real romance ... and messages that remain long after the last page is turned. What is inspirational romance today, and what does it have to offer you, the reader? Find out in this tell-all workshop. HOSTS: **Marianne Evans**, **Dora Hiers**, **Dorothy Love**, **Mary Manners**

BUILD-A-HERO WORKSHOP Who wants to build a bear when you can design your very own hero? Join us for an interactive look at what readers want. Authors will moderate as the audience makes lists of characteristics they value, then vote for their favorite attributes. To end on a fun note, each author will write one or two sentences of an opening paragraph introducing the hero the readers want. Books and other door prizes will be awarded, and another winner will receive the final written paragraph, auto-graphed by the panel. HOSTS: **Marissa Day** (AKA *Sarah Zettel*), **Lisa Hendrix**, **Shona Husk**, **Cindy Spencer Pape**, **Patricia Rice**

READER ROUNDTABLE A workshop where readers are the panelists! Readers share with authors, bloggers and other readers what works for them in terms of the romance genre and online interaction with authors. Reader panelists will be chosen from a pool of reader registrants. HOSTS: **Jane Litte** (*Dear Author*), **Sarah Wendell** (*Smart Bitches*, *Trashy Books*)

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT: POST-APOCALYPTIC AND NEAR-FUTURE YA The Hunger Games marked the start of a growing subgenre in young adult fiction. Join our panel of authors whose novels span the breadth of near-future YA. From sci-fi adventure to



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Carrie
Ryan



Margaret
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dystopian romance and zombie survival, these talented authors have it covered. PANELISTS: **Ally Condie**, **David MacGinnis Gill**, **Beth Revis**, **Carrie Ryan**
MODERATOR: **Margaret Stohl**

NINE NAUGHTY NOVELISTS AND THE SMUTKETEERS PRESENT COVER MODEL KARAOKE! As a sequel to the popular 2010 Naughty, Smutty Hollywood Reader party, this hour-long reader party offers readers the chance to sing with cover models and win awesome prizes. This year's party will be even hotter than the last! HOSTS: **RG Alexander** (AKA *Rachel Grace*), **Juniper Bell**, **Meg Benjamin**, **Eden Bradley** (AKA *Eve Berlin*), **Kate Davies**, **Karen Erickson**, **Lily Feisty**, **PG Forte**, **Kinsey Holley**, **Kelly Jamieson**, **Crystal Jordan**, **Skylar Kade**, **Erin Nicholas**, **Sydney Somers**

UNDER THE KILT: THE NAKED TRUTH ABOUT SCOTLAND Everything you ever wanted to know about Scotland. Not only what a gentleman wears under his kilt, but also: If the rebels supported Bonnie Prince Charlie, why are they called Jacobites? Are Bloody Mary and Mary, Queen of Scots the same person? What is a Burns supper and is haggis really as disgusting as it sounds? If you love Scotland, join us for an interactive chat about this unique land. HOSTS: **Loretta Chase**, **Donna Grant**, **Sahara Kelly**, **Kimberly Killion**, **Cathy Maxwell**, **Susanne Saville**, **Veronica Wolff**

SEVEN MINUTES IN URBAN FANTASY HEAVEN Join us for the most intense urban fantasy hour ever. Authors will find their funniest, most romantic or most action-packed scenes ... and have just seven minutes to read them aloud to you! You'll get a whirlwind trip of different creatures, styles and characters — as well as the chance to win books from all of the participating authors. HOSTS: **Lynda Hilburn**, **Nicole Peeler** MODERATOR: **Richelle Mead** More UF authors to be announced!

THROWDOWN WITH HEATHER GRAHAM & CHERRY ADAIR Pick sides and be prepared to play dirty. This no-holds-barred, fast-paced Q&A will require nerves of steel, a sharp knowledge of Heather and/or Cherry's books and the willingness to cheat and have fun. Lots of bribes (PRIZES)! There more you know, the more prizes you'll win! Heather's side will get better prizes! Cherry's side will like their prizes better! HOSTS: **Cherry Adair**, **Heather Graham**

CELEBRATE THE PASSION AND POWER OF SERIES ROMANCE Meet some of the authors who create the sto-

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ries full of passion and power that you crave! Join authors from Harlequin's Presents, Desire, Blaze and Nocturne lines for fun, games and prizes. HOSTS: **Caitlyn Crews, Lynn Raye Harris, Lisa Renee Jones, Mira Lyn Kelly, Janette Kenny, Kimberly Lang, Andrea Laurence, Jennie Lucas, Theresa Meyers, Kira Sinclair, Cat Schield**

CELEBRATE HISTORY, ACTION AND HOMETOWN HEROES IN SERIES ROMANCE Whether you like your books heart-warming or heart-pounding, set in the distant past or right next door, these authors deliver! Join authors from Harlequin's Intrigue, Suspense, Love Inspired, Historical and SuperRomance lines for fun, games and prizes. HOSTS: **Terri Brisbin, Linda Conrad, Lyn Cote, BJ Daniels, Blythe Gifford, Ann Lethbridge, Molly O'Keefe, Ann Voss Peterson, Patricia Rosemoor, Roxanne Rustand, Michelle Willingham, Tracy Wolff, Rebecca York**

BOOKS, BODS AND BREWS Prizes and surprises, tea and treats, plus whatever else we can cram into the time allotted. Get a taste of our indulgent stories. Be ready for zany, story-related games and friendly fun with book giveaways, sexy prizes from fitness and cover models, tasty sweets and much more. HOSTS: **Allison Pang, Nicole Peeler, PJ Snyder**. More authors to be announced!

READER APPRECIATION WORKSHOP Join No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lora Leigh and national bestselling authors Sylvia Day and Cheyenne McCray for an hour celebrating the special connection between authors and their readers. With giveaways, Q & As, exclusive sneak peeks at upcoming books and lots of laughter, this is an hour you don't want to miss! HOSTS: **Sylvia Day** (AKA S.J. Day), **Lora Leigh, Cheyenne McCray**



Lora Leigh Sylvia Day Cheyenne McCray

NAUGHTY HOUR OF FANTASY & FUN! Super hot shifters, over-the-top ménage, BDSM, zombies or intensely erotic contemporary romances — are these for you? If so, this is your event! Nothing is off limits in this naughty hour! Ask your favorite authors anything ... names may be changed to protect the very guilty. Hear the authors' funniest stories, like "You know you're an erotic romance writer when ..." Play games and win goodies from books to sex toys and even a Kindle. Giveaways to everyone who attends ... sorry, no cover models can be raffled off. We tried! They won't let us. HOSTS: **Marilyn Campbell, Cheryl Dragon, Isabelle Drake, Brynn Paulin, Julia Talbot, BA Tortuga**

GAMES & CHALLENGES Readers will be hard pressed to decide which of these fun games and challenges to attend since there will be lots to choose from throughout the five-day event.

ROMANCE READERS FAMILY FEUD Join these bestselling authors for a romance take on a game show classic with plenty of prizes and lots of laughs. Survey says you'll giggle your way through this fun-filled game made just for romance readers! HOSTS:



Zoë Archer, Vivian Arend, Tessa Dare, Louisa Edwards, Courtney Milan, Nico Rosso

HISTORY FAN FICTIONARY Our language has changed a great deal through the centuries, and many once-common sayings and words have been lost. If you can't define "varlet" and don't know what "flying the blue pigeon" means, then come join the fun as a panel of writers well-versed in historical language attempt to enlighten you. Ah, but who's telling the truth, and who's making it up? That's for you to decide, in this game full of pitfalls and prizes and fabulous phrases. HOSTS: **Lynne Connolly, Susanna Kearsley, Amanda McCabe** (AKA Laurel McKee), **Lauren Willig**

RED HOT Pictionary! How well do you know your erotic lingo? Do you think you could draw all those sexy things you like to read about? Join the authors of International Heat for a game of Red Hot Pictionary! Prizes, sexy excerpts and cheeky surprises. Need we say more? HOSTS: **Jayne Rylon, Anne Rainey, Rhian Cahill, Lexxie Couper, Lila Dubois, Mari Carr**

SCATEGORY ROMANCE — THE ULTIMATE GAME FOR FANS OF ROMANTIC FICTION Team up with these fun authors and test your knowledge of romance fiction trivia via this Scattergories-game-like workshop. Mega fun and multiple prizes to be had. HOSTS: **Beth Ciotta, Kathy Love, Erin McCarthy, Mary Stella**

FICTIONAL MAD LIBS — WHO YOU GONNA WRITE? Join three authors as they coach you in how to choose the right words for the right character. From Scotland to the Caribbean to deep in the heart of Texas, we'll spin you around and mix it up to create that Scottish cowboy wearing a tricorne you've all been dreaming of. Trust us, it's all in the words. Come play Mad Libs with us and discover a hilarious way to create a story. HOSTS: **Katharine Ashe, Maureen O. Betita, Beth Williamson** (AKA Emma Lang)

CARINA PRESS ROMANCE BINGO Get your daubers ready! The pace will be fast, the competition intense, the prizes irresistible and the



romance phrases ... a bit on the cheeky side, as Angela James and Carina Press authors act as callers for a bingo game like none you've ever played. HOSTS: **Carina Press Editorial Director Angela James and authors Zoë Archer, Adrienne Giordano, Nico Rosso, Keri Stevens, Shelli Stevens**

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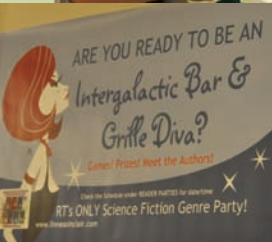
READER PARTIES & CELEBRATIONS In addition to the evening mixers and the nighttime parties, there will be several parties and celebrations going on within the agenda, hosted by a slew of author favorites.



INTERGALACTIC BAR & GRILLE

READER PARTY Never give up — never surrender ... but always party! It's time to sell your landspeeder, get the heck off Tatooine and join us at this stellar book-lover event. Beam up to the

Intergalactic Bar and Grille for some nibbles, awesome goody bags, fabulous prizes and a chance to mix and mingle with out-of-this-world authors and readers! Special sci-fi gift for the first 100 patrons in line. HOSTS: **Linnea Sinclair** and her interstellar crew: **Cie Adams** (AKA Cat Adams), **Catherine Asaro**, **Marcella Burnard**, **Stacey Kade**, **Isabo Kelly**, **Jade Lee** (AKA Kathy Lyons), **Liddy Midnight**, **Janet Miller** (AKA Cricket Starr). More authors to be announced!



"FEVER" PARTY HOSTED BY KAREN

MARIE MONING In a rare appearance, meet this star of paranormal fiction as she hosts a special "Fever" party for readers. Details are in the works but rest assured it will be FAN-tastic! One of her biggest fans, author TJ Michaels, is assisting with

the plans so stay tuned for an amazing event for readers!

WILD 'N WACKY READER PARTY Join these authors as they heat up the windy city and celebrate 10 years of the Wild 'N Wacky Reader Party. Take advantage of some personal time with the cover models. Be sure to leave your inhibitions at the door and enjoy the fun. Boas will be given to the first 30 people who arrive. Bring your own boas, too. Other giveaways will be handed out during this Wild 'N Wacky Reader Party! HOSTS: **Kayla Perrin** and **Jaime Rush** (AKA Tina Wainscott)

READER'S ENTERTAINMENT AND CELEBRATION!

Celebrating 10 years of entertaining readers by offering gifts, games, giveaways, meet and greets with favorite authors and loads of fun and laughs! No one goes home

empty-handed! Stop by and celebrate with us! There will be chocolate! HOST: **Sheila English**, owner of *Circle of Seven (COS) Productions*, and some of their authors: **Cherry Adair**, **Victoria Alexander**, **Lori G. Armstrong** (AKA Lorelei James), **Renee Bernard**, **Terri Brisbin**, **Nina Bruhns**, **Mari Carr**, **Sylvia Day**, **Anne Elizabeth**, **Jacquelyn Frank**, **Jeaniene Frost**, **Heather Graham**, **Winnie Griggs**, **Leanna Renee Hieber**, **Lynda Hilburn**, **Cat Johnson**, **Julie Kramer**, **Sahara Kelly**, **Angela Knight**, **Jade Lee**, **Mari Mancusi**, **Melissa Marr**, **Kat Martin**, **Larry Martin**, **Erin McCarthy**, **Amanda McIntyre**, **Richelle Mead**, **Marliss Melton**, **Alyson Noël**, **Kayla Perrin**, **Andrew Peterson**, **Patricia Rice**, **Susanne Saville**, **Jeri Smith-Ready**, **Kerrellyn Sparks**, **Jennifer St. Giles**, **F. Paul Wilson**, **Rebecca York**

STEAMPUNK GASLAMP GATHERING

Cinch your corset, fold your fan, tip your top hat, grab your goggles and open your clockwork heart to the most intriguing

— and most fabulously costumed — subgenre of romance, where Victorian allure meets the fantastical. Mingle with steampunk authors, enjoy swag, a fashion show and treats! Fulfill flights of improbable fancy, courtesy of your consummate author hostesses. We can't wait for you to come to call! HOSTS: **RG Alexander** (AKA Rachel Grace), **Eden Bradley**, **Seleste deLaney**, **Leanna Renee Hieber**, **Theresa Meyers**, **Suzanne Lazear**, **Cindy Spencer Pape**, **Deborah Schneider**, **Kathryn Smith** (AKA Kady Cross), **Kassy Taylor** (AKA Cindy Holby)

The gathering at the 2011 RT Convention in LA.



MORE PARTIES, MIXERS & EVENTS

WEDNESDAY

- RT'S WELCOME to the Windy City
- FOXY LADIES Evening Mixer
- JOYEE & GABRIELLE'S Event
- ELLORA'S CAVE Fantasy Party
- YA MIDNIGHT Slumber Party

THURSDAY

- KENSINGTON'S Afternoon Soiree
- E-BOOK, INDIE PUBLISHER & GRAPHIC NOVEL EXPO
- SAMHAIN Evening Mixer

- CLAN MCFAE Dinner & Dance & Costume Competition
- ROCKY HORROR PICTURE Show at Midnight

FRIDAY

- NOBLE PUBLISHING Afternoon Soiree
- AVON Evening Mixer
- HEATHER GRAHAM'S Gangster Café & Dance Party

SATURDAY

- GIANT BOOK FAIR (Meet 350 authors)
- FAN-TASTIC PARTY & Workshops for Published Authors & Fans
- TEEN DAY & Young Adult Party
- CARINA PRESS Cocktail Party
- HARLEQUIN Dance Party

SUNDAY

- AUTHOR SPEED DATING & OTHER FUN WORKSHOPS
- FAREWELL PARTY & Movie Night

Parties, Mixers & Events will be covered in detail in future issues.