

Crime Scene E-Muse

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A work in progress (WIP) is a constant WIP. Instead of calling my monthly tidbits E-News, I decided E-Muse better ... next month it may change again but that's the really cool part about having total control.

Where You Can Meet Me

Friday, February 2, I will again be a judge along with Margaret Dessellier, wife of our former math teacher, for the "Author's Tea" at my high school. Betty Klemensich, or Blair as some of you may remember, latched onto me when I returned to the North and I've been judging stories written by the kids in grades 1-6 ever since. Awards are presented to the winners at, you got it, an afternoon tea with family and friends present. The winners then advance to a state-level competition so the pressure is on to pick the best written story in each grade, which means I can't play favorites.



Saturday, February 3, I'll be signing books at the Ely Community Center during the WinterFest from 10-4 with Chris Moroni from Singing River Publications. Everyone who buys my books (at signings only) gets a really cool bookmark made from authentic police tape. Hope to see you there!

The rest of February I'll be working on the second story in the cyber crime series, *Liberty's Justice* is the first and expected out Spring 2007. The second story remains untitled but guarantees another cyber crime murder that will take you inside the crime scene tape.

Calling all Mystery Book Clubs

If you've read my books and your club wants to discuss it with me, or you want to read the books and follow it up with a group discussion through your book club, contact me to make arrangements at barbdimich@frontiernet.net

Crime Scene Alert...

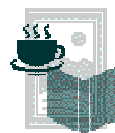
Anyone know why you say, "To Cough Up"? Here's why. No matter in what era they operate, criminals have many traits in common. One such quality is the tendency to sidestep questions by a sudden attack of throat irritation, producing a coughing spell. This is so general that it has long been customary for police to apply drastic measures and force a suspect to give information in spite of coughing.

Bribery flourished in boss-dominated cities of the late 1800's; it was taken for granted that a prisoner, who did not wish to confess, or cough, could buy off his foes. Instead of coughing up incriminating facts,

he would produce a roll of greenbacks. The term spread from jails and police courts, and a person was said to *cough up* money, goods, or information when forced to make the surrender under duress.

Website Changes

I thought as of February 1 that ordering books directly from me would be available at www.barbdimich.com However, do to an earthquake that demolished the underground lines to the design center—yes an earthquake—there has been a delay in the republishing, approximately three more weeks until the book, at reduced cover price, is complete. Keep watch at www.barbdimich.com for other changes and news, upcoming events, sales and contests.



Barb's Crime of the Month Book Pick

Need or want non-stop laughter? Janet Evanovich, *To The Nines* from the Stephanie Plum series—she's up to 13 and counting—*Nines* will have you laughing so hard you'll be rolling on the floor losing control of your bladder. Evanovich does a superb job of catch-up with her characters so the series doesn't necessarily require reading in order, but all are definitely fast and humorous in Stephanie

Plum, bounty hunter, catch-the-bad-guys life.

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