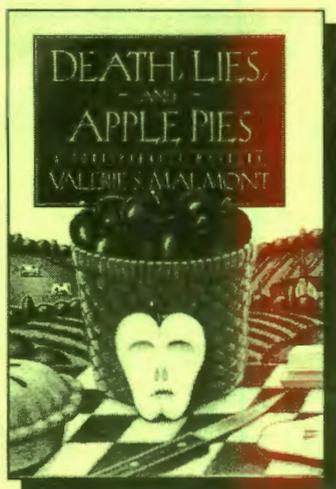


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## DEATH, LIES, -AND- APPLE PIES

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**M**ystery fans will applaud the return of **Tori Miracle**, the slightly cynical, very single New Yorker who helped solve the murder of her best friend's husband in Lickin

Creek. Now **Tori** returns to Lickin Creek to rekindle a romance with the town's handsome police chief, and to judge the town's annual apple recipe contest--an honor not to be taken lightly.

Yet upon **Tori's** arrival, the ordinarily quiet town is once again awash in madness, mayhem--and murder. The government is proposing to build a nuclear waste dump site in Lickin Creek and it's tearing the little community apart. Though most are adamantly opposed to the idea, some stand to **make** a handsome profit, and lately the feuding has become increasingly hostile and violent.

Though **Tori** is warned to keep her nose out of trouble, when a rash of "accidental" deaths **breaks** out, she can't help but snoop around. Before long, **Tori** uncovers a slew of secrets that if exposed could ruin some of the town's most prominent members. As she gets closer to the truth, the killer closes in, and like it or not, once again **Tori Miracle** finds herself running for her life in town so small no one can be trusted.

An American cozy that will surprise and delight, *Death, Lies, and Apple Pies* is pure fun from start to finish.

*"An absolutely terrific cozy."*--**Harriet Klausner**

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

It has been a long journey that brought me from the sub-tropical island of Okinawa, where I grew up, to the small historic town of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Along the way I made stops in Laos, Thailand, and Taiwan, and acquired a BA in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico and a Master of Library Science from the University of Washington. I married Bruce, and we had three great kids, now all grown and on their own, and accumulated more than the usual number of dogs, cats, monkeys, and hamsters.

Thanks to my mother, I became a mystery fan at an early age. There were no children's books in our small library on Okinawa, so she encouraged me to read the classic writers of the "Golden Age of the Mystery." I couldn't have had a better education for becoming a mystery writer.

It was important to me to write about a woman like Tori Miracle, because she and I share the same Foreign Service background. Tori has grown up in several countries other than her own where she was never really a part of the local culture. When she returned to her own country as a young adult, she discovered to her dismay that she didn't quite fit in there, either. Tori constantly has to deal with her lack of roots and the difficulty in forming lasting relationships. There are hundreds of thousands of us "overseas brats" out there, and to them I dedicate the story of Tori Miracle.

I owe so much to the wonderful cozy mystery writers who share their expertise at the **Malice Domestic Mystery Conference** every year. It was while attending Malice about six years ago, as a fan, that I first began to think I might actually be able to write a mystery, myself. The result was *Death Pays the Rose Rent*, the first Tori Miracle mystery, published in 1994 by Simon & Schuster.



I'd love to hear from you.

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- ◆ If you have a book you would like me to sign, send it to me along with an SASE pack and printed directions on what to say. I'll sign it and mail it right back to you!
- ◆ I have a limited number of first editions of *Death Pays the Rose Rent*. If you would like one, please send a check for \$12 (includes S&H) and a mailing label. (Please include signing instructions.) **Booksellers**, please contact me for wholesale prices.
- ◆ To be added to my mailing list, or for multiple copies of this newsletter, please contact me at the above address.

## SCHEDULE

*Here's my signing and appearance schedule for the summer and fall. Most likely there will be more, but I have to get this to the printer. Hope to see some of you, somewhere.*

### JULY 23, Wednesday:

Sisters in Crime Mystery Marathon, Reading, New York Public Library, 127 E. 58<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC, NY. 6:00 p.m.

### AUGUST 9, Saturday:

Waldenbooks, Chambersburg Mall, **Chambersburg PA.**  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

### AUGUST 13, Wednesday:

Mystery Books, 1715 Connecticut Ave. NW, **Washington DC.**  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

### AUGUST 16, Saturday

Mystery Bookshop, 7700 Old Georgetown Rd., **Bethesda MD.**  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

### AUGUST 17, Sunday:

Mystery Books, 916 W. Lancaster Ave., **Bryn Mawr PA.**  
3:00-5:00 p.m.

### AUGUST 20, Wednesday:

On-line interview on AOL's Book Central, "Prime Crime."  
7-9:00 p.m. Get on-line and join in!

### AUGUST 23, Saturday:

Waldenbooks, Lycoming Mall, **Muncy PA.** 2:00 p.m.

### AUGUST 26, Tuesday:

Encore Books & Music, 4850 Carlisle Pike, **Mechanicsburg, PA.**  
Talk about "The History of the Mystery" and signing. 7:30 p.m.

### AUGUST 30, Saturday:

Encore Books & Music, 4825 Carlisle Pike, **Mechanicsburg, PA.**  
Signing. 2:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 3, Wednesday:

Coyle Free Library, **Chambersburg PA.** Talk on "Cooking Mysteries" and book signing. 7:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 13, Saturday:

Susquehanna Valley Writers' Workshop, **New Cumberland PA.** For registration information write Susquehanna Valley Writers' Workshop, c/o 6815 Wesley Drive, Harrisburg PA 17112. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 21, Sunday:

Mystery Lovers Bookshop, 514 Allegheny River Blvd., **Oakmont PA.**  
Talk and signing with Sisters in Crime authors Barbara Paul and Laura Littman. 2:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER 3-5:

Mid Atlantic Mystery Book Fair & Convention, **Philadelphia PA.**

### OCTOBER 25:

Bookmark It, **Great Falls, Montana.** 3:00-4:30 p.m.

### OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 2:

Bouchercon Convention. **Monterey, CA.**

### NOVEMBER 1, Saturday:

Waldenbooks, 222 Delmonte Shopping Center, **Monterey CA.**  
Signing with Jan Burke. 2:00 p.m.

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