

# Book sale successful; new mystery arrives

Our book sale which was held last week was quite successful, thanks to all of you!

We appreciate all the books, videos, tapes, encyclopedias, magazine sets, etc. that were donated for the sale and which in tum brought a lot of people to the library to buy them. If everything goes as planned, we will hold another one-day sale in October for a "Spook-tacular" Halloween treat, so keep your eyes peeled as we get closer.

In the meantime, how about coming to the library and checking out some of the great new items we have to loan you?

For instance, *Murder at the President's Door* is the newest Elliott Roosevelt mystery. Elliott, the son of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, has written many books but is probably most famous for his "Eleanor Roosevelt" mysteries.

Although he died in 1990, he left many manuscripts behind, and his family continues to publish his work. Anyway, the story this time takes place in 1933 with a murder occurring right outside FDR's bedroom.

The authorities are certain that the killer planned to murder the President, but was thwarted by voices heard inside the room indicating that Roosevelt was not alone.

Naturally, Babs (Eleanor Roosevelt) gets involved in solving the crime and bringing the killer to justice.



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*Murder at the President's Door* is not what I would call a page-tuner. Far from it, in fact. But what I find absolutely riveting about these books is the enommous amount of history the reader gains from reading them. The actual murder mystery is sort of a back drop to all that is going on in Washington, D. C. during those days of FDR's presidency and his son Elliott makes us privy to what he knew first hand about the times. If you like a little mystery mixed with a large dose of history, then be sure to try this one.

*The Healing Power of Pets* by Dr. Marty Becker ("Good Moming America" pet vet) is a book that is part love story and part health guide. The author presents a number of true stories that range from heartwamming to gut-wrenching about pets and the contributions they make to their owners' lives.

I found it very interesting that there was also a section in the book called "pets are people, too" which offered ways humans could enrich their pets' lives.

*The Healing Power of Pets* goes be-

yond the well-known theories like an animal's ability to lower blood pressure, and enters into the area of pediatric emotional and social development, showing how disturbed, disabled, and extremely ill children can recover with the help of man's best friend. Caution: animal lovers will need to have their hankies ready.

*Silent Partners* is a debut novel by Elizabeth Jeffett and explores the world of lucrative oil leases and big-time real estate deals.

Her jet-setting characters easily go from Denver to Dallas within aplot that features posh settings, high-powered money deals, tense relationships, a manipulative Senator, an unsolved murder, and the dark side of organized crime. What more could you ask for in a novel? *Silent Partners* sort of mirrors those fommer TV shows like Dallas and Dynasty but this time the story focuses on women executives.

Finally, if you've been waiting for the latest John Saul novel, here it is. *Midnight Voices* is a creepy story that

begins with the brutal murder of the star character's husband in Central Park. Caroline, widow and mother of two young children, struggles after that trauma to keep her life and those of her children from falling apart. She meets a man named Tony and after a seemingly proper courtship, they marry. She and the children move in with him in the exclusive Rockwell building where legend has it - here comes the creepy part - the inhabitants are actually witches and vampires.

Of course she doesn't believe all that nonsense... until her daughter starts hearing voces in the walls at night. *Midnight Voices* is not one I would recommend for reading late at night in an empty house - but it's your call.

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