

from the bookshelf

A REVIEW BY DIANE DINEEN

Puppet

Joy Fielding, Atria Books (Simon & Shuster), 2005, hardcover, 385 pages

Joy Fielding is the author of many acclaimed books including *Kiss Mommy Goodbye*, *The Deep End*, *See Jane Run* and *Whispers and Lies*. Fielding's latest novel is set mainly in Toronto and is basely somewhat loosely on a real life murder case which was widely reported in the media.

The story opens in Palm Beach, Florida where Amanda Travis, a transplanted Torontonian, is now a successful lawyer. Although Amanda wins her current case we soon learn that her personal life is less successful than her law practice, at twenty-eight she is alone and twice-divorced.

Amanda receives a telephone call from her first ex-husband, a Toronto lawyer, telling her that her mother shot and killed a man in the lobby of the Four Seasons Hotel. It appears that this man was a complete stranger. Her mother is in

custody and she appears uninterested in defending herself.

Amanda soon finds herself back in Toronto. There is no doubt that her mother killed this man - she loudly states this fact to anyone who will listen. There is however, no known motive and Amanda and her former husband must play detective in order to learn who this man is and why her mother wished to kill him. Amanda hears her childhood nickname from the lips of a complete stranger, learns some rather unpleasant family secrets and soon understands that her mother is far more complex than she had realized as a child.

This novel is fast paced and the local setting makes it more interesting. It isn't until the end of the book that one realizes which prominent and rather nasty case was used as the foundation of this novel. This book would make a good airplane or holiday read.

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•Register Now - Vacation Bible School, August 8-12-9 to Noon at St. Andrews United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd S. Children ages 4-10 join us on a Safari theme VBS week. Call the church office to Pre-register at 905-877-4482

•Come and join us to celebrate 25 years of service with Mayor Gord Krantz and family. Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, September 24, 6pm. Tickets \$125 each pp. This event is proudly hosted by the Milton Chamber of Commerce. Purchase tickets at the Chamber - 251 Main St. E Suite 104 or call 905 878 0581 for more information. The net proceeds of this event will be directed to the Chamber Legacy Fund in the name of Gordon Krantz to improve and maintain community landmarks.

August 3 - August 29

•Shades of Summer Art Show and Sale, in the Gallery of The Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Georgetown. For more information about Gallery hours, please call 905 877-7915, ext. 2517

August 6

•Children's Program: Wetland Adventures. Designed for children ages 6-12, we encourage adults and families to attend as well. Place: Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Time: 10am-12pm. Contact Lindsay at (905) 670-1615

•Credit Valley Conservation's Children's Program: Wetland Adventures. Meet at the Island Lake beach for this fun and interactive program on water and wetlands. Designed for children ages 6-12, we encourage adults and families to attend as well. It is at Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville from 10am to noon. For information please contact Lindsay at (905) 670-1615

August 6 and 7

•Country Heritage Park presents Heavy Horse Field Days. This features horse drawn wagon rides, plowing, making hay, and cutting grain. Also there will be stoking, threshing, farrier, and harness demos. Event takes place from 12 noon until 5pm. For more information call (905) 878-8151.

August 7

•Acton Leathertown Festival, from 11am to 5pm, downtown Acton. Lots of entertainment and fun for all the family, including performances by Alysha Brooke, Jennalynn Flesch, L.T.D., Doug Barr and Princess Karma. Lots to do in the Kids' Zone. New this year: Acton Idol Final and Leathertown Ambassador. For more information visit www.downtownacton.ca or call 519-853-9555.

August 8-12

•Vacation Bible School - 9 to Noon at St. Andrews United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd S. Children ages 4-10 join us on a Safari theme VBS week. Call the church office to Pre-register at 905-877-4482

August 10

•The Acton/Georgetown La Leche League meet-

ing - 7:30 pm at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 96 Guelph Street, Georgetown. Trained leaders offer support, info and encouragement to mothers who want to breastfeed their babies. Call Sarah at (519) 940-9532.

•Come and join us for our charity golf tournament Swing For Hope at the Granite Ridge Golf Club on Dublin Line in Milton. Registration is \$150.00 with the net proceeds for the event directed towards residential treatment for men and women suffering from addictions. For registration information please call: 905-875-3214

August 11

•Credit Valley Conservation's Junior Conservationist Program: Reptiles at Risk. The Conservation Club meets Thursdays from 10 am until noon at Island Lake Conservation Area. These interactive nature programs are geared to ages 6-12 but all are welcome. As participants attend these programs and complete the activities they earn points towards their own Conservation Club Certificate. This is a drop-in program, no pre-registration required. Through activities and games this week's program will investigate what makes endangered species endangered. For information please contact Lindsay at (905) 670-1615

August 13

•The Canadian Federation of University Women is holding a mini Book Sale at the Milton Farmers' Market. Information and application forms are also available.

•Trunk Sale at St. John's Anglican Church in Stewarttown (corner of Trafalgar Rd. & 15 Side Road). Sale starts at 8 am. For further information call (905) 877-7563.

August 13 and 14

•Country Heritage Park presents *Bees, Garlic and Herbs*. This features garlic and honey vendors, herb info, a bee demo hive, and much more. Event takes place from 10am until 5pm. For more information call (905) 878-8151.

August 15

•Burlington Blaze Girls Volleyball Camp. Open to all girls aged 11 - 18 years to be held at St Timothy's Elementary School Registration: \$150 per session. Limited spaces still available. www.burlingtonblaze.ca

August 17

•The Red Hat Society is hosting a luncheon and tour event at Country Heritage Park. This event takes place from 10am until 4pm. Tickets are \$25. For more information call (905) 878-8151 or contact your local chapter.

August 18 - 27

•Century Church Theatre, Hillsburgh. "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick. Directed by John Snowdon, starring Neville Worsnop, Lorne Hiro, Brenda Barr, Deb Huggins. Sparks fly when "staid and middle-aged" shares a weekend cottage with "young and freewheeling" in this hilarious battle of the generations. Best value in summer theatre. Group discounts for 10+. Matinee and evening performances. Box Office 519 855 4586.

The Milton Chamber of Commerce presents



This year marks Mayor Gord Krantz' 25th year as mayor. Residents, businesses, friends and colleagues are invited to join the Milton Chamber of Commerce in commemorating Mayor Gord Krantz for his leadership and lifetime of service. The net proceeds of this event will be directed to the Chamber Legacy Fund in the name of Gordon Krantz to improve and maintain community landmarks.

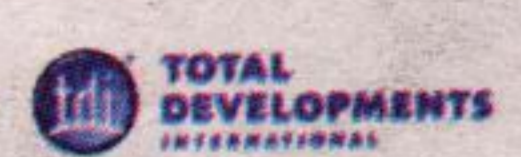
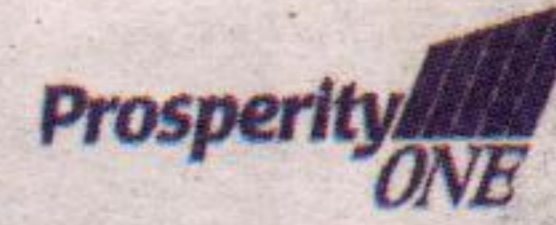
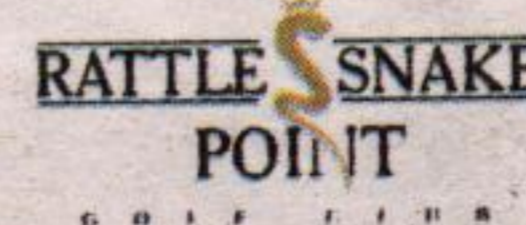
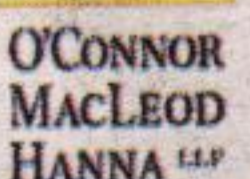
Mayor's 25th Celebration
Saturday, September 24th, 2005
Rattlesnake Point Golf Club
5407 Regional Road #25
Cocktails at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm
Tickets \$125.00 per person (GST incl.)

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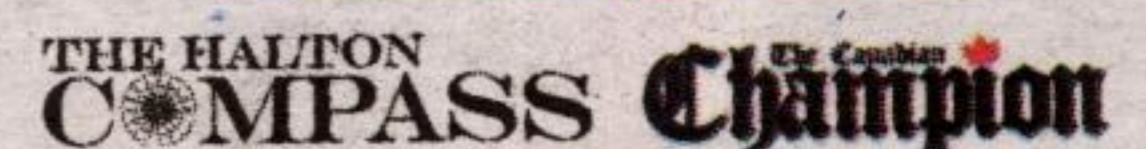
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