



MIDNIGHT LOUIE'S SCRATCHING POST-INTELLIGENCER

"Midnight Louie is the funniest, hairiest
hard-boiled PI on the planet."
—JANET EVANOVICH

All the News about Midnight Louie, Irene Adler, and Delilah Street

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Matt Devine tangoes with the stars!

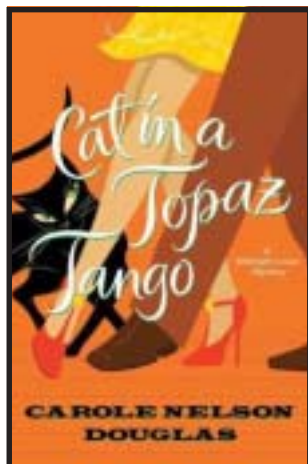
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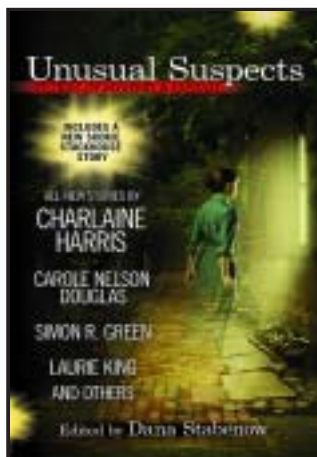
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Before long, Delilah realizes she's not in Vegas anymore. Zombie cowboys and spectral cattle drives are kicking up dust, the local TV weather girls are total witches who forecast perfect storms, and someone is raising deadly Silver Screen icons. Speaking of silver, Delilah's special affinity for the all-purpose monster-repellent leads her posse straight down a silver brick road and puts her face-to-face with the nightmares of her mysterious past and into sudden death overtime on her future.



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LOUIE'S LETTERBOX

Dear Miss Linda Tilley,

Miss Carole and I have relished your notes about the adorable new kitten in your life, now a full-grown blue-eyed beauty. It is not unusual for a new arrival to prefer one household human to another. Miss Daisy Mae is obviously a "feline fatale" who prefers the male of the species, any species.



Miss Daisy Mae in her best fur coat



Presenting Daisy Mae, aka "Daddy's Little Darling" and "the Himalayan from Hell"

Of course she can twist your husband David around her dainty dewclaw; she has Siamese blood. You will just have to accept being the underdog. Such a shame we could not use the photo of Daisy Mae fresh from the groomers' with matching pink bows on her little ears. It was truly scary, er, awesome. I am afraid I cannot heed your pleas to come to your house to convince Miss Daisy Mae to include you in her intimate circle. Let us just say, I am afraid. I am sure readers of the previous newsletter who heard of Miss Daisy's coup . . . ah, settling in are delighted to see her in person.

Lots of luck—ML

Dear Carole and Midnight Louie,

I was introduced to the Midnight Louie mysteries in 2005 by my sister-in-law, Kim, and took a couple of them with me to London, England. I've been hooked ever since. I can't wait for the next one. You are truly a brilliant writer! I didn't think I'd enjoy the Delilah Street series, but I was wrong. It's fascinating!!

Cats are interesting, loveable and quite unpredictable. Our most recent is Hector, the neighborhood cat. We called him Skywalker because he'd climb up on roofs, look down at us, cry . . . and then jump! He eats most of his meals at our house, but someone else claims him and his sister.

Barbara Stewart Greensboro NC

How sweet you are to tend to catkind even when we are eating on both sides of the street. I am honored to have accompanied you to England. Maybe Miss Carole will send me there in fur purrson. (Hint.) Another hint. Praising her writing gives her a thrill, but, frankly, I contribute far more than anyone would guess. I will even tolerate male cat photos in my eponymous publication, like the handsome Hector. —ML



Peripatetic Hector

Track the interior title alphabet after *Blue Monday*

CATNAP, PUSSYFOOT, CAT on a BLUE MONDAY, CAT in a CRIMSON HAZE, CAT in a DIAMOND DAZZLE, CAT with an EMERALD EYE
CAT in a FLAMINGO FEDORA, CAT in a GOLDEN GARLAND, CAT on a HYACINTH HUNT, CAT in an INDIGO MOOD, CAT in a JEWELED JUMPSUIT
CAT in a KIWI CON, CAT in a LEOPARD SPOT, CAT in a MIDNIGHT CHOIR, CAT in a NEON NIGHTMARE, CAT in an ORANGE TWIST,
CAT in a HOT PINK PURSUIT, CAT in a QUICKSILVER CAPER, CAT in a RED HOT RAGE, CAT in a SAPPHIRE SLIPPER
CAT in a TOPAZ TANGO, CAT in an ULTRAMARINE SCHEME, CAT in a VEGAS GOLD VENETTA

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Dear Readers,

“Real” books will be with us still, but easier to order online. The publishing world is converting to ebooks ASAP and fighting digital piracy. Authors struggle to keep up with technology. My ex-student assistant, the talented Jennifer

feature many *New York Times* bestselling novelists. **HEX SYMBOLS** will be out in 2012, with *NYTimes* # 1 bestseller Jim Butcher leading the roster.

CHICKS KICK BUTT arrives in June, 2011. Yes, Delilah does do “action” scenes, but her main role is as mystery solver. Delilah’s “Monster Mash” story explores the obscure but tragic family history of Lon Chaney, known as “the man of a thousand faces” in such early film roles as *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and his son, Lon Chaney Jr., who originated *The Wolf Man* role.

LOUIE AND IRENE DO JAPAN!

Foreign book sales have picked up and my first ever titles sold to Japan: **GOOD NIGHT, MR. HOLMES**, the first Irene Adler novel, and the first two Midnight Louie mysteries. I’ve received copies of the ML books. These editions are only four-by-six inches, so cute, with clever art work. They read from back to front, so the front “back” is shown at right.

PUSSYFOOT sported a half-size dustjacket with a photo of a black cat and promotional text, seen here. I hoped that meant the series was selling well, and it did, for the Japanese publisher has just bought the next two Midnight Louie books. Hope more sales follow!



Black cats rock in Japan!

ZORRO RIDES AGAIN!

This second collection of new stories about the masked swordsman dressed all in black has been licensed by the creator’s estate, so my story, “Horse Trading,” had to be approved. It combines dastardly villains, rebellious men and women, and elegant horses. I’ve always loved swashbuckle and Zorro.

Null, redesigned my www.carolenelsondouglas.com website with a blog. You can sign up for the color e-scribe newsletter there. I’m on FaceBook, but haven’t mastered Twitter. Yet. Special thanks to the Tilleys, the self-described “people owned by Daisy Mae,” for letting Louie play with her.

MORE LOUIE!

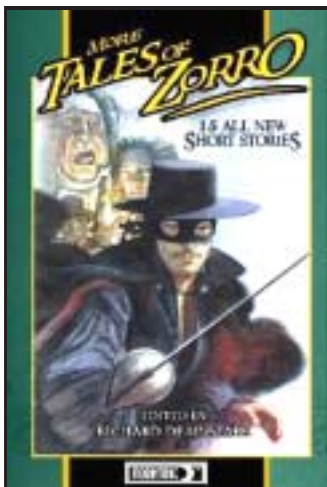
The big news is that Louie has publishing contracts through Book “X.” In today’s stressed print media world, that is not a given and is a result of the readers’ commitment to the series. So here at Louie Central we’re all pretty pleased.

DOUBLE DELILAHS FOR CHRISTMAS

Two books from different publishers involving the same character seldom share publication dates. But **UNUSUAL SUSPECTS**, featuring the first Delilah Street short story, “Bogieman,” debuts in mass market paperback Nov. 30, as does Delilah’s newest novel, **SILVER ZOMBIE**. (“Bogieman” can be read on Tor. Com in July and perhaps beyond.) Meanwhile, Delilah’s road trip back to Kansas in **SZ** proves “This isn’t Las Vegas anymore, Quicksilver!” The book’s ultra-emerald-green gown and cover are smashing.

AND MORE DELILAH!

One more Delilah Street novel is contracted for as well, and she’ll have novellas in anthologies in 2011 and 2012 that

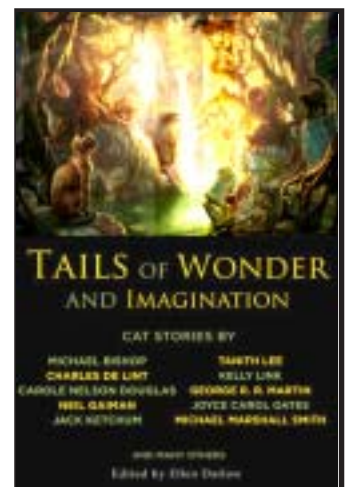


MORE TALES OF ZORRO

This second anthology from Moonstone Books featuring new, original tales of “The Fox” of old California is a collector’s edition with dramatic Douglas Klauba cover art and interior illustrations by Disney animator and sculptor Ruben Procopio.

TAILS OF WONDER

Midnight Louie’s “Coyote Peyote” novella is among this huge collection of fantasy, science fiction, and horror cat stories by writers from Joyce Carol Oates to Neil Gaiman. The cover has exquisite art and mentions CND. A couple of horror stories are too dark for cat-lovers. Check which to avoid at <http://tinyurl.com/yc2I75j>



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LOUIE'S LETTERBOX II

Dear Carole.

I was very glad to read that your writing career continues to thrive. Obviously you have a very loyal fan base!



Louie, the bookish cat

My own favorite Louie is the magnificent cat who lives across the street. We call him the rock star of the neighborhood cat world. He has beautiful marmalade fur, a huge tail not shown in this photo, enormous paws, and considerable self-regard. He tries very hard to come inside, but there is already an indoor cat and Max is jealous enough as it is. He glares at Louie through the French doors. We used to let Louie look around downstairs sometimes, until we caught him spraying the bookcase! Still, he remains hopeful.

Peggy J. Stone
San Diego CA

Dear Miss Peggy.

I have heard tales of life in the newspaper biz, where you and Miss Carole were coworkers when I was just a twinkle in Bast's eye. I commend you for your excellent taste in cats and the care thereof. *The Pioneer Press* is still pressing ahead, I hear, but you and Miss Carole have deserted the northern tundra of St. Paul for the Sunbelt. I was actually taken from Palo Alto as a "rescued" motel cat TO Minnesota, where Miss Carole and I met. She kindly got me out of the winters almost as quickly as she exited.

I must address the dreadful incident you mentioned. Spraying the bookcase! I hope he was using an earth-friendly latex. I believe there must have been a failure to communicate there. Also note that I am giving face space to another male rival. What a guy! I mean me, not Mr. Marmalade Louie, though he has promise as long as he stays off the furniture.—ML

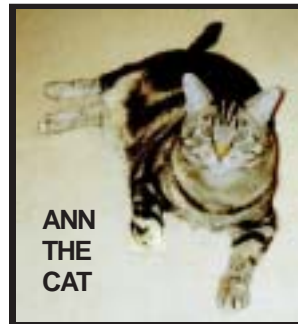
This black panther-ish stuffed cat attired in leopard-print scarf, Hollywood "shades" and jaunty straw fedora has guarded our front door for many years, courtesy of a spirited and creative Louie fan named, appropriately, Renee Leppard. Renee was a member of the Louie Yahoo group, but had been inactive. Several people reported her death to me, and I thank them, but Renee, like Midnight Louie, is with us always.—Carole

RENEE LEPPARD



Dear Carole and Sam.

Sad meows for the loss of your two loved Meows—Summer and Secret. But I'm glad to see a new purr-son has come to stay.



ANN THE CAT

I saw the previews of Downey attempting to do Sherlock Holmes. *Hiss. Hiss.* I'll pull out a Jeremy Brett video.

Life continues here at a pleasant pace, missing James Madison and all previous members of Troop 1164.

Best Meows to all,

Nancy Most & Ann The Cat Thousand Oaks CA

Thanks for your sympathy, as we sympathize with your loss of the distinguished James Madison. Not many cats merit a last name. As for Mr. Downey, Jr., we also lean toward Mr. Brett, but at least the new film has made the public aware of Miss Irene Adler and motivated new foreign sales of her books. Just got a gorgeous Polish edition! Happy summer to all!

Very Best Fishes, Carole and Sam and Louie

IRENE ADLER: THE COMPLETE SERIES

Good Night, Mr. Holmes was the *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year that began the Adler series. All eight of the acclaimed novels, below in order left to right, have Readers' Guides. The Sherlockian/historical/feminism elements make great library and book discussion group topics, so please recommend the series. Digital copies should be available soon.

