Historical Mystery Series Intrigues Young Adult Readers

VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA, Feb. 16, 2009 — Canadian author, Barbara Murray, launches new website with strong Young Adult appeal.


The Bea and Mildred Mystery Series broke into the literary world in 2007 with the publication of Gifts and Bones (Soames Point Press, Toronto). Ms. Murray wrote Gifts and Bones for adults, but it soon became evident that the novel also appealed strongly to the Young Adult mystery reader.

Based in stormy St. John’s, Newfoundland at the turn of the 20th century, Gifts and Bones tells the story of a troubled boy named Brian Stevens. With her young cousin, Jean, as her Morse code interpreter, and their peculiar relative, Mildred, as a constant companion, teenager Bea MacDonald gradually unravels the mystery behind young Brian. A work of well-researched historical fiction, Ms. Murray’s first novel in the Bea and Mildred Mystery Series is shot through with glimpses of the transatlantic cable odyssey back in the middle of the 19th century. This combination of history with the mystery-lover’s ingredients of murder, deceit and blackmail makes for a gripping read.

Now, author Barbara Murray is creating more intrigue with her website http://beaandmildred.com, where readers of all ages can enjoy playing a game called The Morse Code Challenge for a chance to win one of five $50 Amazon.com gift certificates.

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