

# Book Review

## Plum Series

by Janet Evanovich



I started reading about Stephanie Plum, the bounty hunter from New Jersey, on a recommendation from a fellow Friend of the Bakerville Library. She told me the author always made her laugh. The series is now 13 books and the latest one was just released in mid-June. Since I don't get too caught up on starting things from the beginning, I started with book number eight—*Hard Eight*. From the first few pages, I was hooked. I have since read twelve books and had a period of mourning until *Lean Mean*

*Thirteen* was released.

The main character is a laid-off lingerie buyer from Jersey who badly needed a job. She blackmailed her cousin, the owner of a bail bond business, into letting her catch one bad guy. It turns out that she has quite a knack for apprehending a variety of criminals in the most unorthodox ways.

She is surrounded by unique family members, including a grandmother that carries a gun and attends viewings at the local funeral home for entertainment. She is pulled in two different directions by men—a cop whom she has known since grade school and a mysterious bounty hunter co-worker. Another colleague is a former prostitute-turned-file clerk who joins her on occasion; her secret weapon is to sit on people if they get out of hand. Her mother serves dinner at precisely 6:00 pm every day

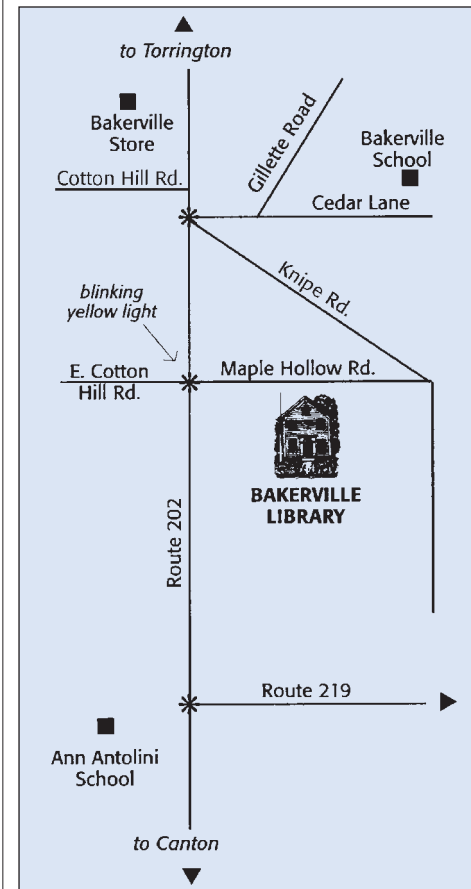
and stands at the door at 6:01 listening for sirens thinking the worst if she is late. The list of support characters goes on—none of them disappointing.

The books will keep you laughing from start to finish. Although the story line progresses from book to book you will not be lost if you don't start with *One for the Money*. In fact, the books get better as the numbers increase. Enjoy.

—Reviewed by  
Milissa Woodward 🏠

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### NEW Library Hours (open every day except Sunday!):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2-6	10-8	2-5	2-6	2-6	9-2*

\*Winter hours; in July and August, Saturday hours are 9 am-12 pm).

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## Sunny Day

We hope you were able to make it to this year's Bakerville Marketplace and Used Book Sale. If you weren't, here's what happened:

Bottom line first: we raised more than \$4,000 for the library from the book sale, the teacup auction, vendor fees, and donations. This was about \$200 more than last year, and the most in the recent history of this event.

We had a classic Marketplace day, very hot and sunny. It was a good thing most of the book sale was inside the old firehouse next door.

### Many, many thanks

Here is a partial list of the many people we'd like to thank:

**The Friends of the Bakerville Library**—Joan and Paulina Auclair, Patty Cerruto, Pam FitzGerald, Andrea and Debi Garfield, Nancy Pretak, Deb Reardon, Nell Roberts, Kathy White, Milissa Woodward.

**Here are some** of the wonderful people who hauled and sorted books, hauled tables, put up and took down the tent, helped man the book sale and the auction, and more: Julia, Kevin, and Lauren Ashworth, Mike Brauer, Mike and Roxanne Carroll, Deanna, Kendal, and Matt DeMichele, Joe Faulkner, Hank FitzGerald, Tracy Follert, Barbara Goff, Rick Goulet, Carole Korzynski, Julie and Lance LaSata, Debbie Maccalous, Rich Mika, Ramona Morse, Acadia Otlowski, Bob Pretak, Bill Reardon (mowed the lawn!), Robin Ryan, Joan St. James, Ben, Josh, Phyllis, and Sam Webb, Gavin and Jason Woodward.



**Our vendors**—Joan Auclair, Peg Budny, Susan Cosgriff, Andrea Garfield, Holly Kingsford, Dan LaPlante, Priscilla Marshall, Olivia Mecca, Stephanie Muzzulini, Amanda Nygren, Mildred Reed, Nell Roberts, Donna Smith, Sarah Smith.

**Donors** (auction and otherwise)—Joan Auclair, Bakerville Package Store, Bakerville Store, Jeff and Jenn Benaitis, Bodhiworks LLC, Brick & Stone Expressions of New England, LLC, Holly Bunn, M.E. Carroll & Sons, Cathie Buxton, Mary and Julie Cerruto, Cerruto Family, Chatterley's, Kim Ciccarello, The Cork Fine Wine & Spirits, Countryside Spirit Shop, The Cutting Corner, Reggie DeLarm/East Knoll Pottery, Jeannie Dufour, Fairview Farm Golf Course, Hank and Pam FitzGerald, Barbara Goff, Lou Helt, Hogie's Sweet Shoppe, Jacqueline Kane Massage Therapy, J.C. Penney, Cece Jenkins, Jerram Winery, Jimmy's Store, Dan LaPlante, Linda LaPorte, Julie and Lauren LaSata, Betty Leifert, Let's Party, Olivia Mecca, Paulette Mika, Barbara Miller, Stephanie Mozzulin, Price Chopper, Marandino Foods, New Hartford Karate Club, Nygren Family, The Perfect Toy, The Plant Outlet, Deb Reardon, Mildred Reed, Nell Roberts, Karen Rossi, the Rubenoff Family,

Joan St. James, Simplicity Hair Care, Salon Q, Chris and Clark Slate, Donna Smith, Ski Market, Cathy and Brian Thiem, Tonio's Pizzeria, Torrington Toyota, Weingart Farm, Kathy White, Mabel Woolley, Andrea Vandergrift. Please remember to patronize the businesses in this list!

The Eureka Grange, especially Earl and Sandy Phillips, Victor Salazar, and Donald Steeves, for lending us their tents and helping us load and unload them.

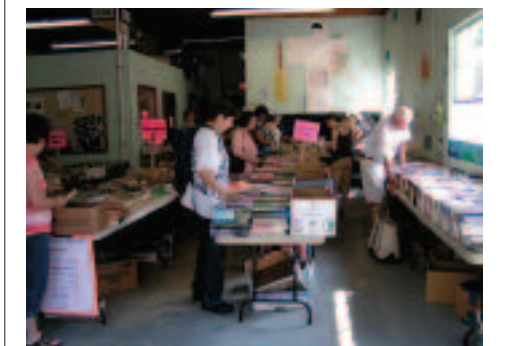
The **Bakerville Church**, especially Mary and Mike Misiorski, for helping arrange for us to use the old firehouse for the book sale, and the men's group for having their Saturday breakfast somewhere else on that morning.

**Deb and Bill Reardon**, for letting us use their lawn for part of the book sale, and for parking.

**Albreda Waste** for the dumpster.

The library's **Board of Directors**, especially Kathy Kinane, Dianne Litchfield (both of whom helped with the books), Neal Yates (who was willing to have the book sale in his yard, though we ended up across the street), and Linda LaPorte and Kim Ciccarello, though they wouldn't get their faces painted.

For more pictures, see our website, [www.bakervillelibrary.org](http://www.bakervillelibrary.org). 🏠



## Next Up at Book Club



We will read *Copies in Seconds* by David Owen for our meeting in October. This surprisingly compelling book weaves together the life story of Chester Carlson with the long history of man's attempts to make copies, with the bumpy development of the Xerox copier. Librarian Julie LaSata has copies of the book at the front desk.

Everyone is welcome. We meet on Friday nights at 7:30, approximately once a month, at different members' houses.

For more information, ask at the library desk, or call Carmen Neale at 482-1428. 🏠

### Bestsellers Club

Do you enjoy reading new hard-cover books, but hate having them hang around the house afterwards? Here's a deal!

Buy that latest book through the library, at the library rate (40% off). Be the first to read it, and then feel good when you donate it to the library so everybody else can read it, too. If you'd like, we can stick in a "Given by" bookplate with your name on it. Ask at the library desk. 🏠



### Special thanks

to the stalwart people who helped move books from upstairs in the library to the old firehouse next door on a very hot Saturday, July 7th: Julia Ashworth, Kevin Ashworth, Lauren Ashworth, Joan Auclair, Deanna DeMichele, Kendal DeMichele, Matt DeMichele, Pam Fitzgerald, Carole Korzynski, Julie LaSata, Acadia Otlowski, Nancy Pretak, Deb Reardon, Nell Roberts, Kathy White, Gavin Woodward, Milissa Woodward. 🏠

## New for You on Our Shelves

### Adult Fiction

*Blaze* by Richard Bachman  
*Daddy's Girls* by Tasmina Perry  
*Double Take* by Catherine Coulter  
*The Ever-Running Man* by Marcia Muller  
*Innocent as Sin* by Elizabeth Lowell  
*The Judas Strain* by James Rollins  
*New England White* by Stephen L. Carter  
*The Overlook* by Michael Connelly  
*Peony in Love* by Lisa See  
*Second Chance* by Jane Green  
*Something More* by Janet Daily  
*Touching Stars* by Emilie Richards

### Sequels, Characters, Authors You've Been Waiting For

*The Bourne Betrayal* by Eric Van Lustbader  
*The Good Guy* by Dean Koontz  
*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J. K. Rowling  
*Lean Mean Thirteen* by Janet Evanovich  
*The Navigator* by Clive Cussler  
*On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan  
*The Quickie* by James Patterson  
*The 6th Target* by James Patterson

## Summer Reading Program Update

We had 87 participants fill out summer reading journals; they read a total of 2,018 books! The New Hartford Women's Club sponsored a delicious ice cream social at the library at the end of the summer. Check out the traditional poster with head shots of all our readers! 🏠



About forty people had their faces, arms, ankles, or hands painted at the Marketplace this year. 🏠

*A Thousand Splendid Suns*  
 by Khaled Hosseini

### Teen Titles

*Girl at Sea* by Maureen Johnson  
*Heart of Glass* by Zoey Dean  
*Pants on Fire* by Meg Cabot

### Juvenile

*The End of the Beginning* by Avi  
*The Hamster of the Baskervilles* by Bruce Hale  
*Kidnapped: Books 1, 2, 3* by Gordon Korman  
*Summer Ball* by Mike Lupica  
*Vanishing Act* by John Feinstein

### DVDs

*Night in the Museum*  
*Because I Said So*  
*Dreamgirls*  
*Keeping up with the Steins*  
*The Illusionist* 🏠

## Click-a-Book

What you've all been waiting for: now you can search the library's collection from our website. Go to [www.bakervillelibrary.org](http://www.bakervillelibrary.org), and click on the "Click-a-Book" button on the top of the lefthand column. From there you can see whether we have a book in our collection, see whether it's in right now or not, and reserve it! Instructions are on the website if you need them, but it's pretty easy to use.



Funding has been provided by New Hartford Community Connections, Inc., publishers of the New Hartford Telephone Directory, toward both the software and the server necessary to get this effort accomplished. We are extremely grateful.

Don't forget that important information is often updated on the site—meeting dates and times for the Friends, the Book Club, and the Nutmeg Critics' Corner, and coverage of our latest events. And remember to check out the blog (bottom button on the lefthand column) for random reviews of books and audiobooks; feel free to add your voice to this community effort. 🏠

## Nutmeg Critics' Corner Is Back On

We are happy to announce that Mary English, a former librarian from Torrington, has volunteered to lead the Nutmeg Critics' Corner. Every year, the **Nutmeg Children's Book Award** encourages children in grades 4–6 to read quality literature and to choose their favorite from a list of ten nominated titles.

The Nutmeg Critics' Corner at the Bakerville Library meets monthly to discuss one of the nominated books. Anyone who is in grades 4–6 is eligible to join. Each meeting includes a snack, book discussion, and fun!

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 2nd, location to be announced. We will be discussing *Project Mulberry* by Linda Sue Park. 🏠

## Gardens

Thanks to Chris Moscarillo for filling the planters in the back, to Kim Ciccarello for supplying the impatiens and the petunias, to Nancy and Bob Pretak for planting and weeding, and to Jeanne Phillips for faithfully watering the window boxes and planters. Everything looks lovely! 🏠

