

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

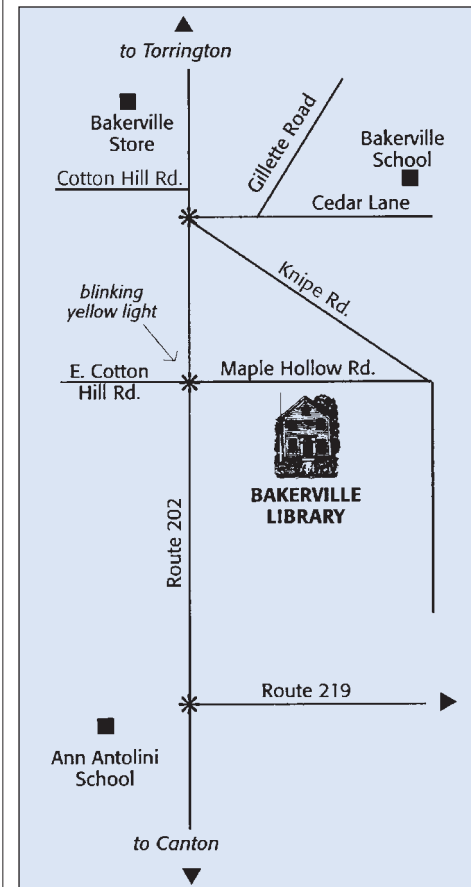
and stands at the door at 6:01 listening for sirens thinking the worst if she is late. The list of support characters goes on—none of them disappointing.

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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We know you're looking for **an easy way to get involved:** take an hour shift at our booth at either New Hartford Day (Sunday, September 16) or the New Hartford Arts Festival (Sunday, October 7). Call Milissa Woodward, 482-7561, to sign up.

Library Hours (open every day except Sunday!):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2-6	2-8	2-6	2-6	2-6	9-12*

*Summer hours; in September, winter hours will resume (Saturday, 9 am-2 pm).

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NEWS FROM THE BAKERVILLE LIBRARY

Summer 2007

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Your Favorite Time of Year

The fun never ends at the Bakerville Library. You just enjoyed the high jinks of CDN (above) this spring, and already it's time for the **Bakerville Marketplace, Saturday, August 4th, from 9 am to 2 pm.**

Watch for sign-up sheets in the library. You know you want a booth! Adults and children sell wares and services of all kinds—crafts, toys, food, treats for pets, plants, herbs and potpourri, jewelry cleaning, and on and on.

Plan on starting your holiday shopping early at the **teacup auction**, which features gift baskets, gift certificates, and other enticing items donated by local businesses and other fans of the library.

Used Book Sale

On that same Saturday, our annual used book sale runs from 9 am to 3 pm (one hour longer than the Marketplace—make a note!). Or get up for the **early bird opening** at 8:30 am—pay \$7, and get first pick! You'll



find something you like from the 5,000 books we usually have.

Remember to bring to the library all the books you're finished with (except text books, computer books, condensed books, and magazines), *in good condition*. Please, have a heart—spare the book sorters and book shoppers any moldy, smelly, or otherwise disgusting volumes.

Music and Money

The April 29th concert featuring CDN (A Completely Different Note) at the Bakerville Methodist Church was a big success.

Upwards of 120 people attended, listened and laughed as these talented young men from UConn sang and entertained.

After expenses, about \$1300 went to benefit the library!

The Friends of the Bakerville Library would like to thank Sharon Mitchell and the Bakerville Methodist Church for all their help, both with this event and with many other past ones. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the refreshments and the flowers, and to everyone who came to the concert, sold tickets, and made donations.

To see all the pictures from the event, go to our website, www.bakervillelibrary.org. 🏠

Help Wanted

There's still time for you to help with this very fun event—sorting and transporting books, posting flyers, requesting auction donations, setting up, and cleaning up—see the sign-up sheets at the library, or call Milissa Woodward at 482-7561 for more information.

Come join the fun and help support the Bakerville Library, a community treasure. 🏠

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 4 – Bakerville Marketplace (9 am–2 pm) and Used Book Sale (9 am–3 pm, early bird 8:30 am)

Sunday, September 16 – Watch for our booth at New Hartford Day

Sunday, October 7 – Watch for our booth at the New Hartford Arts Festival

Next Up at Book Club



We will read *Water for Elephants*, a romantic page-turner set in a circus during the Depression, by Sara Gruen, for the next meeting. 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 DiMichele, Kendal DeMichele, Matt DeMichele, Pam FitzGerald, Carole Korzynski, Julie LaSata, Acadia Otlowski, Nancy Pretak, Deb Reardon, Nell Roberts, Kathy White, Gavin Woodward, Milissa Woodward. 🏠

Summer Reading Program Update

Everyone who fills out a reading journal, reads at least 10 books, and comes into the library at least three times by September 1st, receives the following:

- A paperback book of your choice, to be awarded at a Summer Reading Club party at your school in the fall—or if you're home-schooled, come pick up your book at the library. Thanks to the **New Hartford Women's Club**, who is sponsoring the reading program this summer, and will be helping with an ice cream social at the end of August.
- A certificate for a kiddie-size ice cream from Hogie's Sweet Shoppe.
- A certificate for a kid's meal at Applebee's.
- Your picture on the annual poster. The rewards of summer are great! 🏠



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 🏠

New for You on Our Shelves

Adult Fiction

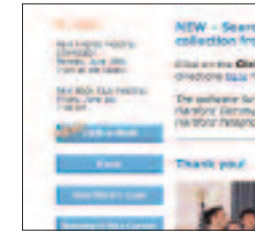
Blaze by Richard Bachman
Daddy's Girls by Tasmina Perry
Double Take by Catherine Coulter
The Ever-Running Man by Marcia Muller
Innocent as Sin by Elizabeth Lowell
The Judas Strain by James Rollins
New England White by Stephen L. Carter
The Overlook by Michael Connelly
Peony in Love by Lisa See
Second 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
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

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, 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.



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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, August 7th, 4 pm at the library. We will be discussing *Escaping the Giant Wave* by Peg Kehret. 🏠

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!



STILL BOOKS NEEDED
 for the Bakerville Library's Used Book Sale, Saturday, August 4th.

Please drop off books* at the library.

Call 482-8806 for more information.

*Books must be in good condition. Please, no text books, computer books, condensed books, or magazines—they don't sell.