

Straight Up

The Official Newsletter of Author Joe Konrath

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Second Issue

Jack Daniels on Audio!

Welcome to the second issue of the Joe Konrath newsletter. You're on this mailing list for one of these reasons:

- a) You know me.
- b) You signed up for this.
- c) I blackmailed one of your friends to get your email address. (Thanks again, and you have my word I have destroyed the photos.)

This just in: Michael Bourret, who works for my amazing literary agency Dystel & Goderich, has sold the first three books in my Lt. Jack Daniels series to the fine folks at Brilliance Audio.

The audio versions will be released in conjunction with the novels. My first novel, *Whiskey Sour*, will be available June of 2004.

Brilliance Audio is the nation's largest independent audio bookseller, and they've worked with big names Tom Clancy and Stephen King. I'm sure they'll do their usual excellent job with my series.

Keep on eye on their site, www.brillianceaudio.com, for updates.

Order Whiskey Sour

I know; the novel isn't coming out for ten months. But the fine folks at Amazon.com have already begun taking preorders.

Best of all, Amazon has the novel available for a 30% discount. When was the last time you bought a hardcover new release for only \$16.77?

You can do an Amazon search for my name or my title to find the book. There's also a link to the Amazon order page on my website (www.jakonrath.com).

Can't Stop the Blurbs

I've been extremely fortunate to have over a dozen fine authors, many of them bestsellers and award winners, say nice things about Whiskey Sour. Here's a small sampling:

Michael Prescott "Everything about Whiskey Sour is smart - smart characters, smart writing, and a smart pace that keeps you reading long after you'd meant to turn out the lights."

Ridley Pearson "A dash of sardonic wit, two jiggers of the colorful Jack Daniels, and the icy, sharpened prose of Joe

Konrath, all combine to make Whiskey Sour a literary cocktail that'll knock you off your chair."

Jay Bonansinga "I can't wait until the next fix!"

Warren B. Murphy "Joe Konrath's Whiskey Sour is the best mystery series debut I've read in years!"

Andrew Vachss "Whiskey Sour is one potent cocktail: a police procedural dashed with romance, mixed with a shot of sharp-tongued commentary, and garnished with an acidic sprinkling of spoof."

F. Paul Wilson "A fast, fun read!"

Robert W. Walker "I can honestly say that I have seen the future of suspense thrillers, and it is Joe Konrath..."

To read the complete quotes, along with blurbs by Libby Fisher Hellman, George C. Chesboro, Steven Spruill, Rob Kantner, David Wiltse, and

others, go to my homepage at www.jakonrath.com.

While you're there, please check out my brand new message board, and let me know what you think of the Whiskey Sour jacket art. I just received it from Hyperion last week, and I'm very pleased.

When I wrote Whiskey Sour, my goal was to create the perfect beach read; funny, exciting, scary, with cool characters and a breakneck pace. I think this cover wonderfully portrays my intent.

Finicky Eater

My horror short story, Finicky Eater, is now available in the highly respected genre magazine HORROR GARAGE #7. If you're a fan of dark fiction, pick up your very own copy at www.horrorgarage.com, or check out your local Tower Records, or Border's Books and Music.

I also have a few lying around; feel free to contact me at haknort@comcast.net if you'd like an autographed copy.

1st Short Story Contest

The results are in, and the winner of my very first short story contest is Derrick Rushlo.

Derrick's tale, "Sleepless," beat out several dozen other competitors to take first prize.

He won a collection of autographed stuff, a trophy, and the unabashed admiration of his peers.

Plus, he'll have a character named after him in my next book, BLOODY MARY, coming out in 2005. Great job, Derrick.

Second place went to Sean Hicks, and Chris Lynch got the third place prize. Thanks again to everyone who entered.

My Second Short Story Contest is now running, and the winner

will receive all of the above,
plus some cold, hard CASH!

Check out my website for more
details.

Where I'll Be

There will be plenty of
opportunities to catch up with
me in the upcoming months.

Why bother, you ask? Well,
whenever I'm out in public, I
pass out free stuff. Plus, anytime
someone engages me in a
conversation about writing, I
buy them beer. Try to get
Stephen King to do that!

October 13-Schaumburg Library at 7:00 PM

(www.stdl.org). I'll be doing a
three hour writing workshop
with Robert Walker
(www.robertwwalker.com). This
is free, but space is limited, so
arrive early.

October 16-20-BoucherCon in Las Vegas.

October 24-26-Magna Cum Murder Mystery Conference in Muncie, Indiana.

Also in October, I begin
teaching at the College of
Dupage in Glen Ellyn, IL. You
can sign up for my eight week
writing and marketing class
(class code 15990), or my one
day seminar on how to land a
literary agent (class code
15948).

Contact me, or www.cod.edu,
for more info.

This is adult education, and you
don't have to be enrolled in the
college to take my classes.
Everyone is welcome, and there
will be special celebrity guest
speakers for both courses.

Love is Murder

I'm helping organize the Fifth
Annual Love is Murder Mystery
Writer's Conference happening
at the O'Hare Radisson in
Chicago Feb 6-8 in 2004.

It promises to be one of the
biggest and best conventions in

the Midwest. Keep an eye on www.loveismurder.com, for news and updates.

There are going to be some big name authors in attendance, and you won't want to miss it.

More coming in the next issue!