

# Daddy's Girls' Weekend

**March 11-13, 2011  
Gulf Hills Resort Hotel  
13701 Paso Road  
Gulf Hills, Mississippi**

The first annual Daddy's Girls' Weekend will begin at 1:30 on Friday, March 11, 2011, with a welcome by Carolyn Haines - your hostess with the mostest - and the mastermind of the event. This will take place in the lobby of the Gulf Hills Resort Hotel, and from there you will be pointed toward your workshop space.

There are going to be many ways to enjoy the Daddy's Girls' Weekend, but the one theme throughout will be to have a good time - meet interesting people, talk about books, laugh, play, and when it's all said and done on Sunday, for everyone to go home feeling like the weekend was worth their time.

**Friday, March, 11, 2011  
2 pm - 3:15 pm**

**For Writers!**  
Dean James

**For Readers!**  
David Sheffield

Or

Shopping with genuine Daddy's Girl Dixie Smith  
(from 2 pm to 5 pm)

**Friday March 11, 2011  
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm**

**For Writers!**  
Benjamin LeRoy (publisher/editor)  
& Marian Young (agent)

**For Readers!**  
Dean James

**Friday, March 11, 2011**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Party at the Carlisle House**

Take a break after your afternoon of workshops and then join us in the Carlisle House for an evening of story telling, Big Daddy campaigning, food, drink, and general merriment.

We can guarantee you that two things will happen: Lies will be told, and probably most of them will be by our three candidates for Big Daddy!

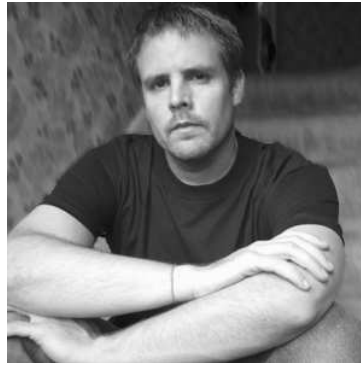
While enjoying drinks, sandwiches, and snacks, the candidates will try to convince you to vote for them for “Big Daddy.” You’ll also be able to spend time chatting with the writers, the agent and publisher, and our bookstore owner (the lovely McKenna Jordan from Murder By The Book in Houston, Texas), and all the other participants.

We will also put our “Big Daddies” through their paces, perhaps a dance off?

**The Big Daddy Candidates:**



Dean James



Benjamin LeRoy



David Sheffield

**Saturday, March 12, 2011**

**10 am - 11:15 am**

**For Writers!**

Benjamin LeRoy (publisher/editor)  
Marian Young (agent)

**For Readers!**

Carolyn Haines

*11:30 - 1:00 - Lunch Break*

**1:15 pm - 2:30 pm**

**For Writers!**

Carolyn Haines

**For Readers!**

Dean James

**2:45 pm - 4:00 pm**

**For Writers!**

David Sheffield

**For Readers!**

McKenna Jordan  
Carolyn Haines

**Saturday, March 12, 2011**

**4:30 pm - 5:00 pm**

Voting for “Big Daddy” via secret ballot. Your ballots will be available in the lobby of the hotel. Please go vote! Ballots will be calculated and crowning of “Big Daddy” will occur during the Saturday evening party.

**6:30 pm**  
**Party at the Carlisle House**

More socializing, more tall tales, perhaps a bit of dancing. Come comfortable, ladies! This is a special evening and it's our "casual" party. Pajamas, pegnoirs, and the gentlemen will be expected to come looking suave in their smoking jackets or something similar. There will be the crowning of Big Daddy, and depending on our moods, all manner of foolish behaviors.

Sandwiches, snack foods, and drinks will be provided, and this will be a good time to come with your questions for any of the writers, or for our editor/publisher and agent.

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

**9:30 am**

The final event of the Daddy's Girls' Weekend is a champagne and Bloody Mary brunch served at the Golf Course Grill. It will be a hot breakfast buffet, and a last time to "socialize" with each other and all those who have so graciously come to be with you at the Daddy's Girls' Weekend.

**Who will be there and what they will offer you!**



Carolyn Haines

Carolyn Haines grew up more tomboy than Daddy's Girl, but she has come to greatly admire the skill set of those women and girls who learn "you can catch more flies with sugar than vinegar." A native of Lucedale, Mississippi, Carolyn has written many stories set in the state that she loves. In her Sarah Booth Delaney mystery series, set in fictional Zinnia, Mississippi, she has found characters and plots to explore the

wonderful, fascinating, and sometimes hard world of the Delta. Carolyn also writes darker stories, and she delights in scaring her friends and family (she admits she is not right in the head). An activist for animal rights, she is founder of Good Fortune Farm Refuge, a very small rescue, and works to educate people on the desperate need to spay and neuter cats and dogs. While she loves writing, she also loves mischief.

### What she's doing:

For Writers--The Zinnia Gang--Even characters grow older and wiser with time. Sarah Booth, Tinkie, Jitty, and even Cece have all changed since THEM BONES. While the characters have aged only roughly 18 months, over a decade has passed since I first created them. Time has changed all of us. How does a writer of a series character manage the passage of real time versus book time.

For Readers--Stories that never grow old. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD is a story that I can read again and again. I love Scout. I completely related to her when I was a young girl, and now I see her as a shade of me, a bit of my past woven into a time and place that no longer exists. What are your favorite characters and stories? Why do you love them so much? Is there a moment when you know you're reading a book that you will love, that will impact your life? Let's talk about it!

She'll also share time on Saturday with McKenna Jordan for Readers!



Dean James

Dean James is a seventh-generation Mississippian long transplanted to Texas. In October 1996 he became the full-time manager of Murder by the Book, one of the nation's oldest and largest mystery specialty. After nine years he returned to the library world in 2006, and he is now the Associate Director, Collection Development.

Dean's first novel, *Cruel as the Grave* (Silver Dagger Mysteries) was published in 2000. Since then he has published fourteen more novels, writing under his own name and the pseudonyms Jimmie Ruth Evans and Honor Hartman. In August 2010 he launched a new series under the name Miranda James, and the first book under this name, *Murder Past Due* (Berkley Prime Crime; \$7.99) spent four weeks on the extended *New York Times* bestseller list for mass market paperbacks. The next book in the series, *Classified as Murder* (Berkley Prime Crime; \$7.99), will be published in May 2011. Another book in the series will follow in the spring of 2012.

Dean lives with two cats, thousands of books, and plays bridge whenever he can.

What he's doing:

For writers—He'll talk about the market for mysteries from the POV of both an author and a bookseller.

For readers—He'll talk about how he got started writing, the ins and outs of a lower-than-midlist career, and suddenly finding myself on the NYT extended bestseller list.

Dean James: *"I told my two elderly cats about the contest, and they are thrilled. They think I am the best "Big Daddy" in the world, and I'd hate to come home and tell them I lost. At their age, who knows what the news might do to them. So help me keep my cats happy, and vote for me."*



McKenna Jordan

Owner at Murder By The Book since 2003, McKenna has her Bachelor's Degree in English and a Master's in Violin Performance from University of Houston. She's owned Murder By The Book since January 2009.

Some of McKenna's favorite authors: Megan Abbott, Cara Black, Ken Bruen, Kerry Greenwood, Charlaine Harris, Carolyn Haines, Peter Lovesey, Daniel Silva, Jacqueline Winspear.



What she'll be doing:

McKenna will bring books for you to buy by the authors who are participating in the weekend. She will also take a session for readers with Carolyn Haines during which she will talk about reading mysteries, and what to look forward in a good book.



Benjamin LeRoy

Benjamin LeRoy is as likely to be walking the river swamps of North Florida as he is to be working book deals in a Manhattan high rise. As the Publisher of Tyrus Books, LeRoy often travels to the settings of the novels his company publishes—taking extended tours of both rural and urban America with his authors and a video camera to get a better understanding of the books he reads. Tyrus Books publishes fiction that typically revolves around a crime and the effect it has on the ordinary people having to deal with its consequences.

What he's doing:

With Marian Young, Literary Agent:

#### Workshop One--The State and Future of Publishing

Learn about the ever changing publishing landscape. How is technology changing the book business? Will the ebook replace paper? Now that it's easier than ever to self-publish, should you? How important is the internet when it comes to marketing and promoting your book? These and all of your other questions will be answered in this workshop.

#### Workshop Two - The Process of Publishing

Agent Marian Young and Publisher Benjamin LeRoy answer your questions about how a book goes from being an idea in an author's head to the shelves of bookstores. What is expected of an author? What does an agent do? Do you really need a publisher? Have questions about the query process? Book contracts? Bring them here.



David Sheffield

David Sheffield is a highly-successful screenwriter whose credits include the Eddie Murphy comedies, "Coming to America" and "The Nutty Professor". His network television career began in 1980 when he left Ocean Springs, Mississippi and headed for New York to write for "Saturday Night Live".

In the three years he spent at SNL, Sheffield had a hand in writing sketches for many of Eddie Murphy's most memorable characters, including Buckwheat, Gumby and Mister Rogers. He also wrote the lyrics for the Murphy cult favorite, "James Brown's Celebrity Hot Tub".

More recently, Sheffield and his writing partner, Barry Blaustein, have written the screenplays for "The Nutty Professor 3" at Universal and "Adam & Eve" which is currently in development at Paramount Studios.

In 2010, Sheffield's story "Love In Vain" was included in "Delta Blues", a collection of short stories edited by Carolyn Haines and published by Tyrus Books. Sheffield won the 2004 Faux Faulkner contest with a parody called "As I Lay Kvetching". He and his wife, Cynthia Ward Walker, live on a farm in Overt, Mississippi.

#### What he's doing:

Talking to writers and readers about the life of a screenwriter, and the experiences of writing his short story in "Delta Blues."



#### Marian Young

A graduate of Swarthmore College, Marian Young has been working in publishing her entire career. Her first job, with a publishers' advertising agency, led to a position with Harper & Row (now HarperCollins) as advertising director. Preferring to work directly with writers, she decided to become an agent and worked at two literary agencies before going out on her own in 1986.

Over the years, she has had the privilege of working with a diverse group of writers in many fields: art, history, fiction, cookbooks, and general non-fiction. She represents Bret Lott, author of one of the highest-selling Oprah's Book Club picks, JEWEL; the PEN/Bingham Award-winner WE'RE IN TROUBLE, by Christopher Coake; historian Maury Klein; and the mystery/thriller writers Carolyn Haines, Thomas Lakeman, and newcomer Jeannie Holmes. Two of her cookbooks, ALL ABOUT BRAISING, by Molly Stevens, and TASTY, by Roy Finamore, were awarded the prestigious Beard Award, and another cookbook, FISH WITHOUT A DOUBT, by Rick Moonen and Roy Finamore, was chosen as the first book in the Gourmet Magazine Cookbook Club. Finally, she liked the work of writer T.R. Pearson so much that she married him.

If there is a theme to her preferences, it would follow the words of Oscar Wilde: “My tastes are simple. I am always satisfied with the best.”

What she’s doing:

Workshops detailed under Benjamin LeRoy, with whom she will present.



Dixie Smith

This is Scoochie, and she says that her Mama is a genuine Daddy’s Girl, and that if you want to experience shopping with the real article - you better bring your charge card all warmed up and have on your walking shoes, because she’s going to show you how it’s done in all the fancy shops available in Ocean Springs.

Now, if you don’t want to buy, but just watch and learn, that’s fine, too. The shops in Ocean Springs are pretty, and there’s a number of places to stop and have a drink as well. Which is perfectly fine in the long tradition of Daddy’s Girls.

What she’s doing:

Friday afternoon there’ll be a three hour period during which you can follow her into Ocean Springs and learn from the best about how a true Daddy’s Girl does it.



Sarah Bewley

Sarah is a long-time friend of Carolyn Haines, and an admirer of all the people involved in this event. A produced and award-winning playwright, she lives in Gainesville, Florida with a large dog named Rosie (whom she adopted from Carolyn!), and a visual artist named Patrick Payne who is always interesting and makes her laugh, a lot.

She met Carolyn when she was running writers' workshops out of Gainesville, but these days she sticks to her own writing, some editing, and a bit of teaching and tutoring.

She's doing this event because she loves Carolyn and would possibly even take a bullet for her. Nah. Probably not.

#### What she's doing:

She's acting as the "administrator" for this event. If you've got a problem with your registration, or questions about how something is done, or any concerns, she's the one to talk to - both before and during the event.

This is a Carolyn Haines' event.



## **Daddy's Girls' Weekend Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Workshops**

You may register for any of the workshop sessions. You may "mix and match" writers' workshops, readers' workshops, or other types of sessions.

### **Writers'**

Session with Dean James \_\_\_\_\_

Session with David Sheffield \_\_\_\_\_

Session with Carolyn Haines \_\_\_\_\_

Sessions with Ben LeRoy and Marian Young (2) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Readers'**

Session with Carolyn Haines \_\_\_\_\_

Sessions with McKenna Jordan and Carolyn Haines \_\_\_\_\_

Session with Dean James \_\_\_\_\_

Session with David Sheffield \_\_\_\_\_

### **Events**

Shopping with Dixie Smith \_\_\_\_\_

The following events are included in your registration and will not be held during workshop sessions:

Welcome Party on Friday Evening, March 11, 2011

Big Daddy Crowning on Saturday Evening, March 12, 2011

Brunch at the Gulf Hills Resort Restaurant, Sunday, March 13, 2011

### **Payment**

Payment before February 1, 2011 - \$175

Fee includes all workshop sessions, and events listed above.  
Shopping funds not included.  
Hotel not included.  
Meals not included other than the brunch on Sunday.  
Party Friday and Saturday evening will include food and drink  
Payment after February 1, 2011 - \$190

Payment can be made in the following ways:  
Checks: Made payable to Sarah Bewley and mailed to:  
Sarah Bewley - Daddy's Girls' Weekend  
3905 SW 20th Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32608-3327

Credit Cards: Accepted through PayPal. Make payment to:  
DGWeekend@gmail.com

PayPal accepted for anyone wishing to pay on-line.

Registration forms may be mailed to:  
Sarah Bewley - Daddy's Girls' Weekend  
3905 S.W. 20th Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32608-3327

Or they may be sent via e-mail to either of these e-mail addresses:  
[SarahBewley@sarahbewley.com](mailto:SarahBewley@sarahbewley.com)

Or faxed to:  
352-373-1879

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Gulf Hills Resort directly and requesting the special rate for the Daddy's Girls' Weekend - 228-875-4211.