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# **Book Signings at the Raven Bookstore**

## Who we are:

The Raven Bookstore is in the thriving downtown of Lawrence Kansas. We have been in business since 1987 at the same location. Our store is 1200 square feet and specializes in mysteries and we have collections of literary fiction, regional books, travel, history, cooking and gardening.

We have had events for mystery authors from Nevada Barr, Lawrence Block, James Lee Burke, Sue Grafton, Sara Paretsky, Anne Perry, and Donald Westlake. Non-mystery writers who have visited the store include William Least Heat Moon, Ian Frazier and Nancy Sorel.



## What we can do for authors:

The Raven Bookstore has hosted many author events, both in the store which is about 1200 square feet, in the handsome rehearsal hall right above us that seats 90 people, and sometimes in the local library (one block away) in a room that seats 120 people.

We advertise events with newspaper display ads in the Lawrence Journal World, mention events on bi-weekly local radio show, place listings in the Kansas City Star Literary Calendar, and publish a quarterly newsletter for 2500 customers. The Sisters-in-Crime newsletter in Kansas City lists all our events. Sometimes these newspapers will run feature stories on visiting authors, requesting to do phone interviews prior to their arrival.

In addition, we have an excellent working relationship with the local public library and frequently coordinate signings with them, using their mailing list and large auditorium.

\*\*We are a New York Times Best Sellers List reporting store.





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#### MYSTERY ABOUNDS

What: Reading by Nevada Barr, author of "Deep South."

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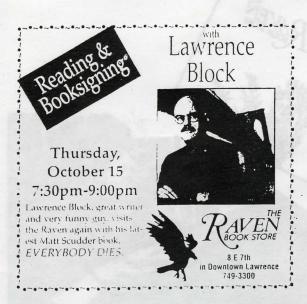
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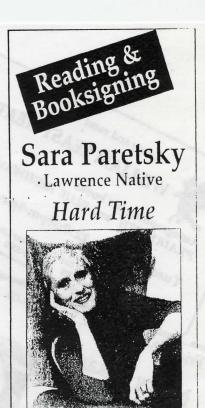
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How many attend:

For established authors, such as Nevada Barr, Block, Paretsky and Grafton we average 150 people at an event. When we have several authors for panel discussions we average between 50-75 people. We prefer to have panel discussions or joint signings for less well-known authors.

### Where we are:

Lawrence Kansas is 35 miles from Metropolitan Kansas City and 25 miles from Topeka Kansas. Lawrence is the home of University of Kansas, with 29,000 students, faculty and staff. The total population of the city and surrounding area is more than 100,000.

We are about 45 minutes from KCI airport.

For more information contact The Raven Bookstore (785) 749-3300, Fax (785) 843-5909.

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