



Beaufort Cranford



Thomas Sullivan



Ann duMals McCormick

Michigan authors to speak

Authors Tom Sullivan of Lathrup Village, Ann duMals McCormick of Grosse Pointe and Beaufort Cranford of Birmingham will read from their latest novels at 6:15 p.m. Sunday at Borders Book Shop of Novi. A reception for authors and audience will follow the readings. To register to attend, call 347-0789.

Though they all live in Michigan, these authors have widely different writing styles. McCormick, who lives with her husband and two teenage sons, looks at women's friendships in her new novel, "Northern Exposure." It's about two best friends," she said, "and how their relationship changes through husbands, babies and the losses of adult life."

It is the story of photographer Dianna Jarrett as she travels from San Francisco to Boston for a reunion with her best

friend Emily. They haven't seen each other in 10 years — since Emily ran off with Alan, Dianna's first husband.

The book isn't based on a real incident," McCormick said, "But, when I was a teenager, my father was in the military and so I moved around quite a bit. I was always leaving good friends, and I think those experiences were the starting point of the book."

"Born Burning" is Sullivan's latest book. He has produced three other novels and more than 50 short stories in every fiction category from westerns to social satire. "My writing is diverse," he said, "I don't fit into any particular category. Paradoxically, this seems also to have meant that I fit into all of them."

"Born Burning" is about a family torn apart by their fears and suspicions about a bizarre family heirloom. Sullivan describes the story as "Incidental and

psychological." Sullivan first book, "The Phases of Harry Moon," has been very successful.

Though he has been living and working in Michigan for many years, Cranford returned to his native Georgia for the setting of his first novel, "The Rattlesnake Master."

"The South is what I know, most of the time in a first novel, a writer will draw heavily on what he knows best," Cranford said. "The Rattlesnake Master" has the people, idioms and surroundings I'm most familiar with."

Like T.R. Pearson's "A Short History of a Small Place," Cranford's book focuses on small town life in the South. "It's really several stories, that, by the end of the book, become one story," he said.

Borders Book Shop is in Novi Town Center, 43263 Crescent Blvd., Novi.



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