

Book beat

Writer to tour area stores

Shelly Thacker of Redford will publish her latest novel, "Forever His," next month and will be making the rounds of bookstores during the holiday season to promote the book.

"Forever His," a historical romance novel with a science-fiction twist, is about a modern woman caught between centuries and captured by love when she's sent back in time to the Middle Ages.

The book will be published Nov. 15 and among the book-signing appearances will be:

■ 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 23, at The Books Connection, 19043 Middlebelt, Livonia, and 1-2 p.m. at The Books Connection, 29211 Southfield Road, Southfield; and,

■ 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at B. Dalton, Westland Center, Warren at Wayne Road in Westland.

The heroine of the story, Celine Fontaine, is stunned to awaken on New Year's Day in the year 1300 and appealed to find herself married to a tall, dark, handsome knight by the name of St. Gaston de Veronne.

Gaston is equally annoyed as he wanted a docile bride who would fit into his plans for vengeance and justice, not this headstrong lady who turns his castle, his life, and his heart upside down.

Celine at first feels infuriated by Gaston's macho medieval attitude and tyrannical ways but gradually discovers the gentle heart beneath his not-so-shiny armor and finds herself falling in love.

Will Celine and Gaston be torn apart after only a few bittersweet weeks or will they conquer mistrust, treachery and time itself to discover a love that spans the centuries? The answer is between



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the covers of "Forever His."

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Thacker's publisher, Avon Books, is so impressed with "Forever His" that it is moving Thacker up to its Romantic Treasure line next year where she will be published in the company of such romance writers as Anne Stuart and Stella Cameron. Thacker will make her Treasure debut with her fifth book, "Silver and Shadow," in September 1994.

Thacker's first romance was "Falcon on the Wind" in 1991. "Midnight Rider," published in 1992, was one of eight finalists for the Romance Writers of America award for best historical romance of the year.

A fulltime freelancer since 1986, Thacker has written articles for Country Living, Entrepreneur, Writer's Digest, American Book-

seller, and Romance Writers' Report among other magazines. Her background also includes work as a public relations specialist for clients in health care and education.

She graduated Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude from Albion College in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in English and French. An active member of the Greater Detroit Romance Writers Association chapter since 1987, she served two years as president in addition to volunteering as newsletter editor, publicity chair, membership chair, conference co-chair, and conference bookstall liaison.

When not at her computer, Thacker can be found quilting, knitting, collecting antiques or visiting country inns. She lives in Redford with husband Mark and cat Arrow. Readers can write her at P.O. Box 1022 Novi MI 48376. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if a reply is desired.



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