

HYGIENISTS IN PRINT=Everyone's here--FICTION & NON-FICTION- October 2011 [[AUTHORS'S ANSWERS]]

KINDRED SPIRITS-Sarah Strohmeier= In CT, 4 women have formed the "Ladies Society for the Conservation of Martinis." Lynne, dying, commits suicide & requests from her 3 drinking buddies to deliver letters to her mother & aunt, to whom she hasn't spoken to since they made her give up her baby & to her daughter she never held. They set off to deliver the letters.

TOOTHY TIDBITS: 1. "I'm back again like bad breath." 2. "Nothing but the usual. A spare unopened toothbrush for guests."

DOC-Mary Doria Russell = This is a fictionalized novel of Doc John Henry Holliday's life from when he was born until almost the end of his life. There's dental action. Holliday started life with a cleft lip & palate which his surgeon uncle fixed. His talented hands made him an excellent card gambler/dealer. There's a mystery about the death of black, well-educated, teenager Johnnie Sanders.

DRILLED DENTAL: There are only a few pages in which Doc doesn't appear or isn't talked about. He was born in 1852. His cousin Robert Holliday became a DDS, & they were going to go into practice together. However, Doc left Georgia because the weather wasn't good for his health. He also explains for the fraud DDSs who came to town in a wagon with the Painless DDS sign on it, did it with a fake horse tooth. He pretended to pull a tooth from someone's mouth who didn't complain. (P 213)) Some highlights 1. "There (Philadelphia) he matriculated at the Pennsylvania College of Dental surgery, a progressive school with a fine national reputation." "15 years of piano practice had given him the strength of grip & attention to technique needed to pull teeth quickly & cleanly. His gold-foil fillings were the envy of his classmates..." 2. p. 41/42 "There is a diastema between the upper central incisors, & I can palpate a raised lingual margin on those teeth as well. The left eyetooth is slightly twisted. I filled the lower right 6 year molar myself, two weeks ago." 3. P. 48 "Lot of mail for you today, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *the Scientific American*, Dental supply catalogue." 4. p. 92 "I doubt the boy expired just to avoid his dental bill." 5. p. 110 "Upon awakening, it came to him that barbers & DDSs had the same basic requirements for working on people's heads. A reclining chair that could be raised to a comfortable level would reduce the muscular effort expended while leaning over during examinations, & he could nap in between patients." 6. "Unlike physicians, sir, veterinarians & DDSs are aware that our patients can & will bite. We are, therefore, diligent about the mitigation of pain. "...& this is Larkin's Dentifrice. A tooth-cleanin' powder. The patient showed no signs of recognition, which was typical. In his first 5 weeks of practice in Dodge City, Dr. J.H. Holliday had encountered precisely 3 patients who had ever before used a toothbrush." "...Wet the bristles, dip them in the powder, & brush your teeth. Start on the bottom, inside, by your tongue...Do every surface, like you're curryin' a horse..." "That's yours (toothbrush) to keep," the DDS told him, returning the Larkin's to the cabinet' A gift "...The idea of someone being bribed with a toothbrush was almost beyond belief, but when Wyatt got his hat to go, Doc changed his tone. I buy inexpensive brushes by the dozen & provide them free of charge to all my patients," he said firmly, adding, "It makes my own work more pleasant." 6. "Patients were most likely to arrive early in the say, after a night when a tooth had given them a sample of hell sufficient to overcome their fear of dentistry." 7. p. 198 "For a while Doc poked around, measuring things. When he had what he needed, he sat at the desk & began to sketch Morg's front teeth. The drawing was remarkable, down to tiny little bumps along the bottom edge of the teeth that Morgan had never noticed. 'Mamelons,' Doc told him, 'From the Greek: small rounded mounds. Same root as 'mammary'...' 8. 212 "This was the part of dentistry that John Henry Holliday liked most. Planning procedures step by step. Rehearsing the entire session in his mind, moment by moment, to minimize the time a patient spent under ether. By nature, he was inclined to begin with the most difficult aspect of any work so he could truthfully promise his patient, 'Today was the worst. It'll be easier from now on.'" 9. p. 213 "There he composed a detailed outline of a novel dental procedure that would involve yoking the bicuspid together with a gold collar, for structural strength, to be combined with a variation on a cantilevered pontic. He added 2 diagrams-occlusal & lingual-to illustrate the idea, ..." "If the procedure worked as he anticipated, he decided, he would submit an article to Dental Cosmos. A publication like that would be a genuine contribution to the profession." "Still, if he told people that Doc Holliday was good at his job, it would count for a lot. And that was as close to advertising as a DDS could come, for the ADA prohibited anything beyond the simple announcement of the opening of his office." 10. p. 256 Talking about Wyatt' Earp's denture-"If this is the last work I do, I'll die a happy DDS. 11. p. 261 "It was just as well that neither Wyatt nor Morgan inquired about the province of the teeth themselves, for Wyatt's new ones were among the hundreds of thousands collected from battlegrounds, sorted by type & size & made available for restorative dentistry for many years after the war." 12 p352-Wyatt is getting into a fight-"Wyatt' Doc called, ..." "For the love of God! Your teeth!..." "Give this to Doc," Wyatt said, pulling the denture out & handing it to James."

THE CROSS-COUNTRY QUILTERS—Jennifer Chiaverini Five women of various backgrounds & places where they live, meet at a week quilting class. Some know each other from other classes. They try to help 1 another with some problems they face in life. They promise to come to put together their "challenge quilt." Through emails & letters they're able to help each other.

CRAFTY TIDBITS: 1. P.19 "Megan hadn't felt so frustrated & helpless since the afternoon Robby had come home from Cub Scouts with a black eye & a missing tooth." 2. p. 42 "After she seated herself, he had reached across the table & offered her his hand & a flash of white teeth." 3. "I called Keith at work, but they said he left early for a DDS's appointment, I didn't know he had 1 so I called the DDS, but they said he wasn't scheduled for any work. [["I wish I had a more interesting reply, but unfortunately I didn't have any particular reason for choosing a dentist appointment as Keith's excuse."]]

THE COUGAR CLUB Susan McBride=It's a cut-throat world for a woman working in the real world. In N. Y, C. K Maguire has just been fired from her high paying TV job. She's not happy with her younger, wealthy, live-in boyfriend. Deciding to take her company's package deal, she goes back home to Chicago. There she connects with her 2 good friends, divorced

anchorwoman Carla Moss & married dermatologist & mother Elise Randolph, whom none have been great about being frequently in touch. It turns out Kat isn't the only 1 with problems. All 3 have situations to handle, & they're there for each other to get them through their problems. These women are almost 40.

MEMBER TIDBITS: 1. "I'd rather go to the gyno than the dentist." 2. Before Elise had finished brushing her teeth.....Her mouth foaming with Colgate" 3. "Usually she panicked when a man left so much as a comb in her bathroom, but she didn't mind that Randy's pulsating toothbrush stayed plugged in atop her granite vanity." 4. "probably still taping interviews with toothless puck jockeys"

Renee Paley Bain collaborates the **MURDER SHE WROTE** series with her husband Donald Bain. I met them at a convention, & Renee told me about the dental in their books. She was nice enough to send me some of the references from books I hadn't read, yet.

MURDER SHE WROTE YOU BET YOUR LIFE by Jessica Fletcher & Donald Bain This 1 takes place in Vegas when author Jessica Fletcher goes there for the marriage of her very good friend Martha Reemes from Cabot Cove to Victor Kildare. Some Cabot Cove people also attend including Tina & Douglas Treyz, **DDS**. [[Tina is Doug's **receptionist** & bookkeeper. Marylou is the RDH.]] [[We've used the name of our own **DDS** Doug Treyz & his wife Tina in the books/]] She comes back 2 years later to help Martha who's accused of murdering Victor.

WINNING TIDBITS: 1.(Doug appears on a number of pages. According to the author, Tina works as a receptionist & bookkeeper. Marylou RDH appears.) Doug brings up to Seth about putting on weight, & Seth mentions his grapefruit diet. Doug replies, "I heard about that 1, but I wonder if all that citric acid is good for your teeth." 2. Henry tells Doug they have to introduce them to the devil's teeth. Doug comes back with, "I'm not sure I like the sound of that. I'm a DDS." 3. Martha says that her housekeeper Isobel Alvarez had gone off to a DDS appointment. She didn't leave a note for her since she figured she would be home before the housekeeper." 3. Isobel says she went to the dental clinic where her son-in-law is a DDS. Isobel also states that she doesn't want to leave the dental clinic because she has to show her son-in-law Carlos Santoya that she trusts him. Carlos is mentioned a few times. 4. p. 107-"Martha said she expected to arrive home before you did. She was coming from a restaurant on the other side of town, & you had a DDS appointment. Why would she think your appointment would take so long?" "I go to the clinic where my son-in-law works. It is often many hours till I am taken. Mrs. Kildare, she wants me to go to a different DDS. She says they will pay so I don't have to wait. But I tell her, this is my family. I have to show my son-in-law that I trust him. So I go to the clinic instead, & I wait." "Then how did you happen to come home before she did?" "A child came into the clinic. He had been hit by the swings in the playground. My son-in-law says he must take the child to the hospital first for some tests. All the appointments were canceled. And I came home."

(Renee sent this title but it isn't correct-I read YOU BET YOUR LIFE- I don't know the right 1): **YOU BET YOUR LIFE:** [["A **DDS** chair can be a source of valuable information for Jessica Fletcher who overhears the following exchange."]] 1. "You'd never know Paul Marshall was in financial difficulty, judging from this place," Doug Treyz said absently. "Is he?" Decker asked. "That's the scuttlebutt from my treatment chair," the DDS said. "The way I hear it, his partner Scott, never did come up with a solution for BarrierCloth's flammability problem, & paid the price with his life. Without that, the company can't compete with L.L. Bean & LandsEnd." 2. "One of my patients told me that the 2 partners took out hefty 'key man' insurance policies not long before the accident," Seth said. "Paul should have collected on the policy, millions. I understand." 3. "Yes, but I heard the company hasn't paid yet because of the suspicious nature of the fire," Tina Treyz added. "Looks like if you want to know anyone's financial condition around here, go for a root canal or a routine physical." Marylou (**RDH**) said, raising her eyebrows."

A FATAL FEAST ("Jessica Fletcher is getting ready for bed.") "I enjoyed the novel & finished it a little before 10 when I got up sleepily from my recliner, brushed my teeth, & climbed into bed." 2. (Jessica's guest is Inspector George Sutherland of Scotland Yard.) "I ran to get the lens & had to smile when I returned. There was George, frowning down at the suspect envelope, his unlit pipe clenched in his teeth. He reminded me of classic depictions of Sherlock Holmes."

TRICK OR TREACHERY=[Jessica Fletcher is at a costume party] "Great party, huh?" said Doug Treyz, reaching for 2 glasses of punch. Doug, my **DDS**, wore a 1920s golfing outfit; his wife, **Tina**, was costumed as Marie Antoinette, or some other lady of the century."

DYING TO RETIRE [Jessica Fletcher is being picked up at the airport] "He was a wizened gentleman, barely 5-feet tall, with tufts of white hair fringing his bald pate. He wore a green T-shirt, khaki shorts & purple & gray sneakers. When he spotted me, he scuttled over to where we stood, his lips parted in a big grin over the whitest teeth I'd seen since **Tina** Treyz's youngest child wore a Bugs Bunny mask for Halloween."

MURDER IN MINOR KEY-(Sheriff Mort Metzger has help raising money for a new patrol car.) "And Mort," he said, finishing up, "has got **Mrs. Treyz** on a campaign to raise money for his new patrol car. She's already got the Ladies Auxiliary to promise the proceeds from the fashion show & bake sale, & got Dave Ranieri down at Charles Department Store to donate a toaster over for the raffle. She even put 1 of those collection cans on the counter in **Doug's office**, & everyone who comes to see him for a toothache has to plunk in some coins before they can leave."

MURDER SHE WROTE-SKATING ON THIN ICE= The town's ice skating rink, open to the public & to a hockey team, has been refurbished, but not to everyone's liking. Christine Allen's father brought her here from San Francisco to be partnered with Russian star Alexei Olshansky. They're being coached by former gold medalist Brian Devlin. There's also another partnered young couple who aren't in the same class as Christine & Alexei. All sorts of "accidents" are happening at the rink making people believe maybe it is jinxed or is it sabotage? There're people around evidentially with secrets that if found out, could set them off, make it dangerous for others, or make them killers. Was Alexei's death an accident or murder?. Now what is Christine going to go without a partner?

ICED TIDBITS: 1. “It was a small piece of faux scrimshaw made of resin in the shape of a shark’s tooth.” 2. “He even said he knows a good **DDS** to see when I knock out my front teeth.” 3. “Nice, normal, middle-class family. Dad’s a **DDS**. Mom’s a school teacher.” 4. “...they (**DDS** & wife) were very much alive & traveled to Cabot Cove to stand by their disturbed son during the sentencing phase of his trial.”