

## HYGIENISTS IN PRINT-CUSP OF CARABELLI-FICTION & NONFICTION—Lois Foster Hirt

**206 BONES** Kathy Reichs The TV show BONES originates from this series. Dr. Temperance AKA Tempe Brennan, forensic anthropologist, is the protagonist, but Lt Andrew Ryan, who's a homicide detective assigned to Crimes Against Persons, has a big roll.

Tempe wakes up with her hands & feet bound in a dark place. Not remembering much, she doesn't know who abducted her or where she is. In between the story there's another imprisonment scenario In a flashback she remembers going to Chicago with Ryan to bring back Rose Jurman's bones who died in Canada & that there was a missing body in the morgue. She & Ryan were meeting pathologist Christopher Corcoran whose case it was. The body was just misplaced which ticks off ME Stanley Walczak.

Walczak is in a meeting with the Jurman family attorney Perry Schechter. They are the owners of Smiling J Foods which bakes & sells cakes. The black sheep Jurman daughter Rose died while hiking in Canada. Tempe did the autopsy, & stated she didn't die of any criminal action. Interest peaked about Rose when her father Edward Jurman got an anonymous call. The ME now thinks Tempe mishandled the case.

Corcoran, Ryan, & Tempe meet with Schechter who tells them Edward Jurman wants some clarification of how Rose died. She had problems. When she didn't return to the hotel, there was a 3 day search for her. Her skeletal remains were found 30 months later. When Tempe did the autopsy, there weren't any bullet hole signs, which the anonymous caller said should be there. Ryan got called in because Rose was an American.. Schechter ends the meeting telling Tempe she has an enemy because of the anonymous call stated Tempe screwed up. Tempe finds numerous mistakes in the Chicago morgue before she leaves.

In Montreal Tempe roots into another field case after a guy is caught by the police. He doesn't know a woman's killer but can identify her burial place.. The elderly woman's body is discovered like the man said, & then 2 more elderly women's corpses are found. Tempe is working on the bodies of a husband, wife, & their 2 children whose remains were found after their plane went down in 1967. Her boss thinks Tempe is screwing up because of some claims.

Tempe & Pete Peterson are finally divorcing because he is getting remarried. Tempe visits her almost ex-in-laws. One relative's grandson is missing. The family believes he is dead so Dr. Corcoran is asked to check out some bodies.

The book is inlaid with dental. When was the last time you read about the Cusp of Carabelli in a novel? Get used to it in this one. I haven't thought about that cusp in years. Some other highlights are 1. Smiling J Foods area mentioned quite a bit. 2. The father in the plane crash had shoveled incisors which is mentioned a few times. 3. Dr. Marc Bergeron, the lab's consulting odontologist makes numerous appearances and that includes his dental collection. 4. Since there is a skull involved in Rose's discovery, numerous teeth names pop up. 5. In the cases Tempe is involved with, dentals are asked for. 6. There is a lot involving the younger child's teeth from the plane crash. 7. 'Though the Quebec government enforces and has offered to subsidize fluoridation in Montreal, the city refuses. I have read statistics stating that Montreal children have 77% more cavities compared to children in areas of Quebec where fluoride is added to the water. The dichotomy on the Island of Montreal provides a natural laboratory. My assistant I will be comparing the decay rates of unfluoridated city children to those of their fluoridated suburban counterpart.' 8. 'And to publish them (my findings) in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* and the *Journal of the Canadian Dental Association*.' 9. 'The girls weren't so lucky there. Brushed and flossed like the devil. But still lost their teeth. Didn't matter how much I scolded. Both hated dentists. Got it from their mama, I think.' 10. 'Though the boy had visited a dentist and been treated for cavities, I had none of his teeth.' 11. 'Thanks to decomp and burning, her face and dentition were history. Fortunately she wore a bridge. That survived.' 12. There is a whole thing on how replacement of deciduous teeth transitions to permanent teeth. 13. The effects of Tetracycline and staining on teeth are brought in. 14. 'I wasn't a dentist, but I knew something about amalgams. I'd expected very different elements. Hg. Sn. Cu. Ag. Mercury. Tin. Copper. Silver. The stuff usually found in fillings.'

**BLINDMAN'S BLUFF** Faye Kellerman Protagonists are det. lieutenant policeman in LA's valley Peter Decker & his wife Rina. At 3AM det. sergeant Marge Dunn calls Peter about some brutal murders, that took place at Coyote Ranch. Ana, a maid, who came back early from being off discovered the disaster. She found 1 maid shot to death in her quarters & discovered billionaire mall developer Guy Kaffey & his wife brutally shot, & his 1 son Gill shot but still alive. Their 2 security guards were missing. The guard at the guard station was dead.

At the hospital Decker & Marge interview Gil in the Kaffey Emergency Service Building. He's able to give them some info from what he heard & saw of the killers. His brother Grant & Mace Kaffey, his uncle, chartered a plane from the east coast when they found out what happened. They run the east coast development business. The death count does not stop with those first discovered.. Gil Kaffey could be very generous or very cheap also.. Like any other company they had their legal & other problems. On the east coast they were developing a mega mall that includes both an indoor & outdoor golf course & a resort. Not everyone was happy with that.

Rina has jury duty downtown. She & other jurors notice a well dressed man wearing designer sunglasses in the spectator area sitting up close, but they know nothing thing about him. The case Rina is assigned to deals with a Hispanic man who got into a slug fest, & it ended up with "alleged assault & battery case" only because the cops happened by at the time. Kellerman ties the courthouse, & the Kaffey case together thanks to the man with the designer sunglasses.

Dental bluffs its way in with 1. flashed the good citizens of Los Angeles a blinding smile of perfectly straight white teeth, 2. The man with the sunglasses is called Mr. Smiles, Smiling Tom Cruise, Smiling Sunglasses Tom 3. "What kind of saliva and fluids did you find of interest?" 'We found some cigarette butts and a toothpick. We're working on pulling DNA from that.' 3. "As he got out of the car, he tried to smile back. He feared that it came out forced, like a smile after a Lidocaine shot from the dentist." 4. "He finished his tea and smiled with yellow teeth", .

A Hollywood film company surfaces in Plonktown, a tiny northern California town, to make a TV show pilot. The town is enticed by offers of big bucks & parts in the pilot. The film company doesn't pay upfront. When the checks arrive in Plonktown, they bounce. This pilot cost the town & residents large sums of money because when the film people came, they needed help with many items that involved money. The town's people who got screwed decided to get their revenge & traveled to southern California for it. Some is done by computer. However, sometimes when people get back at you, you can turn it to your advantage.

I liked this dental line: "She was smiling, showing teeth a little uneven. He liked them. Straight teeth made him nervous, ever since he'd had to pay for Yancey's braces."

### **MAGNOLIAS, MOONNIGHT, AND MURDER** Sara Rosett

Protagonist Ellie Avery has just moved again with her husband Mitch & 2 very young children because Mitch is an Air Force Pilot. Now its to Georgia. The house they moved into belonged to a young woman Jodi Lockworth who has been missing for almost a year. Her family lives there. Ellie has promised Mitch & herself she wouldn't get involved in looking into Jodi vanishing. That doesn't happen. Ellie has helped solve a few other mysteries, & these things seem to fall into her lap. Ellie is a professional organizer, (Boy, can I use her!) but Mitch urges her to give it up because she hasn't made any money from it. Ellie wants to give it another chance., It takes time to get established when you're new. Going to a meeting about Jodi's disappearance leads to a couple of jobs. One is for Save Taylor And North Dawkins, STAND. Scott Ezell, the man who hires Ellie, had been involved with Jodi. They broke up & weren't on the best of terms. Things get dangerous for Ellie when she probes into Jodi missing.

I loved this dental line. Ellie goes to do more work at STAND and doesn't see Candy, the receptionist who is usually there. Ellie yells out "Hello" and Scott tells her to come in, telling her that "Candy's at the dentist."

**THE AGE OF SHIVA** Manil Suri==The story's action is in India. Seventeen year-old Meera Sawhney's family is a well-to-do even though her mother is totally uneducated. Her older obnoxious sister Roopa chooses not to marry Dev Arora the guy she has been kind of seeing. Meera decides she wants to marry. Since they were caught fooling around, which is a no-no, her father gives in to her. That leaves the younger sister Sharmila at home. Dev & Meera move into his parent's house with his whole family & that includes sharing a bedroom with his brother & sister-in-law. Dev has a beautiful voice but it gets him no where. Thanks to Meera's father, they move to New Delhi. He has a job, but not 1 for his singing. His temper loses him his job. Meera gets her degree & teaches. Neither are happy people.

You discover dental with Dev & his drinking because he uses a lot of Listerine. I thought these 2 traditions were interesting: 1. Paji was on an overnight trip, and Biji had seized the opportunity to drag our younger sister Sharmila to be blessed by a holy man in Dhaula Kuan to make her teeth grow out straight." & "One May afternoon before your ninth birthday, I took you to Chowpatty to fling your milk tooth into the sea." 2. Talking about an abortion-"A person as young, and healthy as you-the problem would be solved in an afternoon, before you even knew it. It probably wouldn't be worse than going to the dentist and getting a tooth removed." 3. "But the sight of my toothbrush nesting next to Dev's in the bathroom made me lose my determination, and I unpacked everything before he returned." 4. "You made barking sounds when you came across Pluto, and asked if Dumbo (with his own mouse Timothy, no less!) was the flying version of Ganesh, Goofy's protruding teeth were so frightening that you turned the page quickly so as not to see his face." 5. "The afternoon you wrestle with Pinky and she breaks your tooth accidentally, the dog at Sharmila's house that bites your thigh when you try to ride it like a pony."

### **THE MERRY MISOGYNIST** Colin Cotteril

Seventy four year old widower Dr. Siri Paiboun is the only coroner in Laos in 1978 & for years. He's been married 2 months to 66 year-old Madam Daeng, who he's known for a long time. She runs the best noodle shop around. Siri works with pregnant nurse Dtui, now married to Central Intelligent Unit Inspector Phosy. His lab assistant Mr. Geung has Down Syndrome. The politics are something else.

Things aren't good in Laos, especially in Vientiane the capitol. The book's beginning notes there are only 2 happy men in the country. Siri is 1. The other is Phan who has just married his 5<sup>th</sup> wife. That fact wasn't discovered.. With the type of job Phan had, families are throwing their daughters at him.

Along with his coroner duties, Siri is having trouble with the Department of Housing Allocation. Early 1 morning, Koomki, a man from housing allocation comes to Madam Daeng's & asks Siri if he lives there because their records show him living in another place with 19 other people. Siri concocts a story. Siri, not wanting to go to the hearing about it, handles the situation his own way. Siri believes he's hosting the soul of Yeh Ming, a 1000 year old Hmong shaman, "though no fault of his own." It has taken Siri a while to figure out what the spirits were telling him.

Siri surfaces at the morgue to escape Koomki. There Dtui is working on the unidentified body of a young teenage girl. She arrived wrapped in tobacco leaves. She was strangled, which is rare because of their belief. What else happened to her was horrific & also rare. The girl's hands & feet are normal, but yet very unusual. They have a Polaroid instant picture of the body thanks to the police department's newest crime fighting tool. Inspector Phosy & Siri will work this case. Siri confirms more than 1 young girl had the same weird, horrific thing happen to her. He's determined to root out what transpired & prevent more killings.

Siri & Madam Daeng are looking into the missing person case of crazy Rajid. He'd turn up every Friday but hasn't been where he normally goes for 2 weeks.

Dental- She pointed to three ancient French buildings behind a low white wall. At one time they'd been white, but time and weather had turned them as ugly as a smiler's teeth. 2. "The monk lifited his eyes toward heaven and smiled, showing his few remaining betel-ravaged teeth, 3. "Comrade Phat, a Vietnames with few teeth but no shortage of charisma, looked up from his corner table and greeted Siri in Vietnamese.

**FIRE AND ICE** J.A. Jance This features Sheriff Joanna Brady & Detective J. P. Beaumont. Brady is married with a teenage daughter from her first marriage. She was a widow & now has a 1 year old son with Butch Dixon. Beaumont is now married to & works with Melissa Majors Soames, his third wife, & has come into some major bucks. The book goes back & forth between Brady in Arizona & Beaumont in Washington state. He works for the Special Homicide Investigation Team.(Read the initials). His boss is Harry I. Ball. I like what Jance did with an ex madam & a private home that was used as a nursing home.

We delve into the book in Washington state with a man agreeing to pay off his debt to the coyotes who brought his wife & two sons across the border. These coyotes have threatened his family. He is driving a stolen car with a woman wrapped in a tarp, who is supposed to be sedated. He is to kill her, remove her teeth, set her body on fire after dousing it with gasoline, & ditch the car. Even though she wakes up begging him not to kill her, he does but can't bring himself to remove her teeth. The dead woman is the 6<sup>th</sup> victim found like this; however, all the others did have their teeth removed. The sixth victim is also different in another way.

Brady probes into a probable homicide of a man apparently run over a few times, maybe by different vehicles.

Brady's & Beaumont's case are bridged together. The body Brady handles has been dead a few hours. The 6<sup>th</sup> victim Beaumont has to deal with died months ago.

Jance pulls teeth with 1. The teeth of the victims pop out a couple more times including dental records and x-rays. "These days it's routine for the dental records of missing persons to be entered into a national missing persons database. That wasn't possible with our current set of victims. None of them had teeth. None of them! And the teeth in question hadn't been lost to poor dental hygiene, either. They had been forcibly removed. As in yanked out by the roots." 2. P 15 "He's like a crocodile lurking in the water with just his eyes showing. The teeth are there, just under the surface, ready and waiting to nail the unwary." 3. Talking about taking a private plane-If you want to take along a brand-new ten-ounce container of toothpaste? Fine. If you want to take along a twelve-ounce container of mouthwash or baby formula?" 4. "I busted out Tommy Leroy's right front tooth when I was sixteen, and it wasn't no baby tooth, either." 5. "What about friends here? 'Mel asked.' Did you meet any of those?' 'No.' 'Doctors, dentists?'" 6. In jail-"Andred's throat was slit with what started out as a toothbrush with a handle that got turned into a deadly weapon."

**THE GRAVE TATTOO** by Val McDermid . The story occurs in & outside of London in the Lake District where protagonist Jane Gresham's roots are. Not being a full time professor, she also waits tables & is writing a book. Jane goes home to investigate a body found with a certain, evidently old tattoo. Everyone wants to know if he was a famous fugitive from their town. Knowing the body's identity can possibly help her with her book. There's a possible tie-in to those living in the district. Unfortunately conceivably being related & having some old letters can be deadly.

Some tattooing of teeth: 1. "Sharon moving to one side and kissing her teeth in irritation." 2. "the teeth will tell us where he was living when they were formed." 3. "We'll be taking teeth for stable isotope analysis to find out where he was living when they were formed. More teeth so we can age him more precisely." 4. "his mouth tasted as rank as a ditch" 5. When asked what she needed while hiding out, Tenille asked for a toothbrush. 6. "Jane couldn't help wondering what he was up to. The family dentist was in Ambleside, the doctor in Grasmere." 7. "His mouth was hanging open and I could see his false teeth and everything." 8. "it looks more like it's been torn by teeth." 9. "the teeth. According to the cement annulation, our guy is the right sort of age. And the stable isotope analysis of the teeth tells us that he lived in Cumbria at the time his teeth were formed." 10-He held out the jawbone to her in what she recognized as a gesture of reconciliation. 'I find myself somewhat puzzled by the nature of the wear on these molars.'

**PSYCHE-MIND OVER MAGIC**—William Rabkin—This is from the TV show Psyche. Shawn Spencer is a psyche, with a keen sense of observation & deduction, in Santa Barbara, CA. His sidekick Burton "Gus" Guster is also a pharmaceutical salesman.

The story starts with a bachelor party for Bud Fleck. Shawn & Gus get the privilege to watch a show at the Fortress of Magic, normally exclusively for professional magicians. While there something goes terribly wrong with P'tol P'kah's, the Martian Magician, act. Did I mention he is green, has razor-sharp teeth, & he dissolves in water? The part about him dissolving in a tank of water goes well; the part where a corpse surfaces isn't part of the act. They get hired to expose who the dead person is & where is the missing magician.. They have to pose as mentalists in Vegas.

Some dental illusions are 1. "What do you mean home?" 'Generally I mean that place where I keep my clothes and my toothbrush.' 2. "Is there anyone who doubts?" the green man said, his filed teeth bared in a grin that would cause most people to give up any suspicions very quickly." 3. Shawn is talking to Bud's assistant Sandy who along with letting him know Gus has a ticket that need to be paid by tomorrow, Gus also needs "to know that his teeth are past due for a cleaning." [[The prophecy was added because Bill said he "was just reaching for a bit of information that should not be in any database -- something both private and trivial, that could have no effect on an employer/employee relationship, and therefore should not have been accessible to the people who have hired Shawn and Gus."]]

**HOMICIDE IN HARDCOVER** Kate Carlisle Protagonist Brooklyn Wainwright is a skilled book restorer. Her parents were hippies, thus the name. She started to learn her trade from her friend Abraham Karastovsky. Brook worked with Abraham but is on her own. She's invited to the Covington Libraries Rare Books Gala & hopes to reconcile with Abraham. When she finds him, he thrusts a rare, albeit cursed, book into her hands. With his dying breath he references something that doesn't make sense. Brook is hired to complete the work Abraham started.. She's determined to work on the book & root out Abraham's killer.

Hip dental is 1. "I noticed that some of her coral lipstick had migrated to her tooth and it gave me the strength to lob another round of insults her way." 2."It might make the ladies happy but the book lovers will swallow their dentures." 3. "He had a tattoo of a snake wrapped around his neck. The snake's fangs were exposed and its forked tongue slithered across the guy's bald head." 4. "I still had some Vicodin left over from the evil dentist I'd seen last month."

