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Literary Split Personality; Jeremiah Healy/Terry Devane Reunited on Website

Until now legal thriller author Terry Devane has been identified only as "an attorney and award-winning novelist who lives in Boston." Those in the know in the mystery world correctly deduced that the award-winning Boston attorney was Jeremiah Healy, author of the Shamus-award winning John Francis Cuddy private investigator series, also set in Boston.

Others, though, didn't have a clue, so when Jeremiah Healy decided to bite the technological bullet and commission a website, it raised a question. Did he have one website for Jeremiah Healy, and another for his alter ego, Terry Devane?

"I originally adopted a pseudonym for the Mairead O'Clare series to avoid consumer confusion in the bookstores," says Healy, "as my own name had been so associated with private-investigator fiction, and especially the Cuddy novels. However, I thought it made sense to give those people interested enough to crawl the web the opportunity to compare the two series and reach their own judgments about whether they like one, both, or neither."

But even so, how does one go about melding the thirteen Cuddy novels by Jeremiah Healy, the two and soon to be three Mairead O'Clare legal thrillers by Terry Devane, two stand-alone novels, and more than sixty short stories, under one banner?

For the answer, Healy went to Beth Tindall of CincinnatiMedia.com.

"We knew that there would be a lot of information," says Tindall, "so setting up an easy way for readers to find their way around the site was essential. Since I'm a fan of both series, I came up with the tagline 'Either way, it's about justice' as a unifying theme to tie the two sides together, though each side has a distinct personality. The Jeremiah Healy half reflects the more hands-on, hard-boiled personality of the Cuddy private investigator series. The Terry Devane side focuses on the legal system and how it's used to obtain justice in the Mairead O'Clare thrillers."

"Oddly enough," says Healy, "the initial, overwhelming success of the Devane/O'Clare

novels (the paperback reprint of the series debut, UNCOMMON JUSTICE, alone sold-through over 100,000 copies in just its first three months after publication) is what persuaded me I needed a website, so that readers enjoying the more recent series could know there were other books, with a different protagonist but a similar sensibility, out there."

But the Healy/Devane website doesn't just promote the books, it includes articles and advice for new writers, as well as an ongoing "travelogue" feature that will follow Healy on his travels as the first American president of the International Association of Crime Writers. IACW is a worldwide organization with nearly 1,000 members in 22 countries.

The Healy/Devane website can be reached by using any of the following:

www.jeremiahhealy.com

www.terrydevane.com

www.johnfranciscuddy.com

www.maireadoclare.com

Other pages on the website include candid photos, newsletter registration and email contact with Healy himself.

"While many of us resist technology," says Healy, "it has unquestionably become a way to reach people frequently and reliably, especially readers and other writers. As someone who sits in a room alone making up fictional characters for a living, I find that reassuring."

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Jeremiah Healy has written seventeen novels and more than sixty short stories. His later John Francis Cuddy novels include **RESCUE**, **INVASION OF PRIVACY**, **THE ONLY GOOD LAWYER**, and **SPIRAL**. Healy's Mairead O'Clare books from Penguin/Putnam (under the pseudonym "Terry Devane") are **UNCOMMON JUSTICE**, **JUROR NUMBER ELEVEN**, and, coming in September, **A STAIN UPON THE ROBE**.

A stand-alone private-eye thriller, **TURNABOUT**, appeared from Five Star in December 2001, and the second collection of his Cuddy short stories, **CUDDY PLUS ONE**, will be published by Crippen & Landru in the summer of 2003. The first collection of his non-Cuddy stories, **OFF-SEASON AND OTHER STORIES**, will appear from Five Star shortly thereafter.

A STAIN UPON THE ROBE

By Terry Devane

ISBN: 0-399-15108-7 \$24.95 Hardcover

Putnam

Publication date: September 2003

JUROR NUMBER ELEVEN

By Terry Devane

ISBN: 0-425-19066-8 \$6.99 U.S., \$9.99 CAN Paperback

Berkley

Publication date: June 2003

CUDDY PLUS ONE

By Jeremiah Healy

ISBN: 1-885941-94-3 (signed, limited edition)

ISBN: 1-885941-95-1 (trade softcover edition)

Crippen & Landru

Publication date: Summer 2003

OFF-SEASON AND OTHER STORIES

By Jeremiah Healy

ISBN: 0-7862-5438-6 Hardcover

Five Star

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