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Meet Author Jane Cleland

Jane K. Cleland, author of *Antiques To Die For*, and the new *Killer Keepsakes*, will be meeting fans and signing books at **The Poisoned Pen Bookstore** in Scottsdale on May 7th at 7 p.m.



Killer Keepsakes author
Jane Cleland

Jane K. Cleland writes the multiple-award nominated and Independent Mystery Booksellers Assn. best-selling Josie Prescott Antiques Mystery series [St. Martin's Minotaur], an *Antiques Roadshow* for mystery fans.

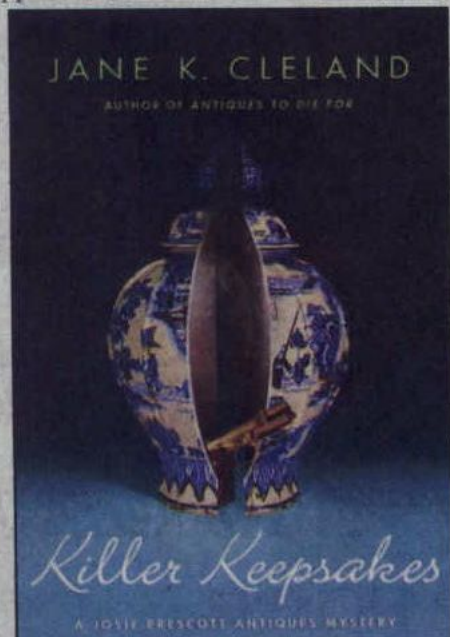
Killer Keepsakes, the fourth in the series, will be published in April 2009. Ms. Cleland chairs the Wolfe Pack's literary awards and is on

the board of the Mystery Writers of America/NY Chapter. "Josie" stories have appeared in *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine*.

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whole lot more including history, travel, and food. They carry British and Canadian as well as American titles with a strong collection of Signed First Editions. A member of BookSense, the bookstore invites readers to sign up for their newsletter!

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Synopsis of *Killer Keepsakes*:

Always one to win the hearts of people she meets, Gretchen is steadfastly dependable, so it seems odd when she doesn't show up for work one day. Surprise soon turns to alarm when a dead body is found in Gretchen's house, and Gretchen is named the prime suspect in the case.

How much does Josie actually know about Gretchen? Almost nothing, but enough to believe she isn't capable of murder. As Josie, working with her expert team of antiques appraisers, uncovers layer upon layer of long-buried secrets that might help bring Gretchen safely home—she finds herself the killer's new target.

Excerpt - Chapter One

I glanced at the Mickey Mouse clock on Gretchen's desk. It was nine thirty in the morning, a half hour after Prescott's: Antiques and Auctions' regular start time, and still, Gretchen, my assistant, wasn't there. Gretchen, who was supposed to be back to work yesterday after a two-week Hawaiian vacation, and who, in four years, had never once been tardy, hadn't returned to work or even called. I was worried sick.

I thought again of the man, the stranger, who'd been trying to reach her. He'd called frequently while she was out of town, wouldn't leave a message, and had seemed increasingly frustrated that we wouldn't reveal details of her schedule. It was company policy that we never gave out specific information about anyone on staff, but he took it as a personal affront.

"Has anyone spoken to that guy lately?" I asked. "You know, the one calling for Gretchen?"

Editor's Note: Intrigued by Jane Cleland's new book?

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