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American Guest of Honour at World Mystery Convention in Toronto brings more than writing advice to convention

Jeremiah Healy--award-winning author of eighteen novels and three short story collections--will be the American Guest of Honour at the 35th World Mystery Convention in Toronto in October. Healy, the author of the John Francis Cuddy private-investigator series and (under the pseudonym Terry Devane) the Mairead O'Clare legal-thriller series, will join the ranks of Elmore Leonard, P.D. James, Lawrence Sanders, Robert B. Parker and Mary Higgins Clark, all of whom have been so recognized.

But for Jeremiah Healy, this honor will be a little different. Healy already has a reputation for tackling the thought-provoking issues of the times in his books. For example, his newest legal thriller, *A STAIN UPON THE ROBE*, which was just optioned by Hollywood, involves the priest-rape crisis rending the Catholic Church in Boston. "I want to entertain readers," he says, "but I also like to make them think."

So it should come as no surprise that Healy, who had prostate cancer surgery early this summer, wants to make people think again:

“Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer in men, and, next only to lung cancer, the most lethal. One in seven men will develop it, one in three who’ve had a father or brother with the disease. Please urge all males over 40 in your life to have a simple PSA blood test at their annual physicals. Nobody should EVER die from prostate cancer again.”

Healy's prognosis is excellent, he says, but only because the cancer was discovered early. “I’m now at operation-plus-12 weeks, and I’m back to all my usual activities—jogging, tennis, swimming, kayaking—with no limitations. Yes, a so-called ‘radical prostatectomy’ is major surgery, but consider the alternative: Prostate cancer typically

spreads to the bones, resulting in a long, agonizing death.”

Healy—who will talk about his treatment and recovery at the New York Athletic Club for the Blue Ribbon Prostate (Cancer) Initiative in November--is feeling SO good, in fact, that just prior to Bouchercon, he will be flying to Amsterdam, where he will conclude his four-year term as worldwide president of the International Association of Crime Writers.

Healy is the first American named to head the international organization, which numbers nearly 1,000 members from 22 countries. IACW, or AIEP (Asociacion Internacional de Escritores Policiacos) as it is known in other parts of the world, was formed to advocate freedom of expression and encourage the translation of works in the genre throughout the member nations. Past presidents have included K-Arne Blom of Sweden, Julian Semyanov of Russia, Paco Ignacio Taibo of Mexico, and Susan Moody of the United Kingdom.

Bouchercon—pronounced “BAUW-shur-con” and named after mystery's premier reviewer and critic, Anthony Boucher--draws 2500 writers, fans, readers, collectors, booksellers, publishers, agents and interested media, and will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Canada, October 7-10.

For more information on prostate cancer and its treatment:

American Cancer Society
404-320-3333
www.cancer.org

American Foundation for Urologic Diseases
800-241-2383
www.afud.org

Prostate Cancer Support Network
800-828-7866
www.ustoo.com

The Brady Urological Institute
410-955-6707
<http://urology.jhu.edu/prostate/cancer.php>

The Blue Ribbon Prostate [Cancer] Initiative
212-489-0727
www.brprostate.org

For more information on Jeremiah Healy, visit: www.jeremiahhealy.com

ABOUT JEREMIAH HEALY:

Jeremiah Healy is the award-winning author of the John Francis Cuddy private-investigator series and (under the pseudonym Terry Devane) the Mairead O'Clare legal-thriller series, both set primarily in Boston. He has written eighteen novels and more than sixty short stories. The Mairead O'Clare legal thrillers from Putnam/Berkley are UNCOMMON JUSTICE, JUROR NUMBER ELEVEN, and A STAIN UPON THE ROBE, which has been optioned for Hollywood by Flatiron Films (producer of PAY IT FORWARD, starring Helen Hunt and Kevin Spacey).

Healy's later Cuddy novels include RESCUE, INVASION OF PRIVACY, THE ONLY GOOD LAWYER, and SPIRAL. 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, was published by Crippen & Landru in the summer of 2003. The first collection of Healy's non-Cuddy stories, OFF-SEASON AND OTHER STORIES, appeared from Five Star in June, 2003.

Fifteen of Healy's novels or short stories have won or been nominated for the Shamus Award.

MAIREAD O'CLARE LEGAL THRILLERS

A Stain Upon the Robe (2003)

Juror Number Eleven (2002)

Uncommon Justice (2001)

JOHN FRANCIS CUDDY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR SERIES

Spiral (1999)

The Only Good Lawyer (1998) (Shamus nominee)

Invasion of Privacy (1996) (Shamus nominee)

Rescue (1995)

Act of God (1994)

Foursome (1993) (Shamus nominee)

Shallow Graves (1992) (Shamus nominee)

Right to Die (1991)

Yesterday's News (1989)

Swan Dive (1988) (Shamus nominee)

So Like Sleep (1987)

The Staked Goat (1986) (Shamus winner)

Blunt Darts (1984) (Shamus nominee)

Other novels by Jeremiah Healy

Turnabout (2001)

The Stalking of Sheilah Quinn (1998)

A graduate of Rutgers College and Harvard Law School, Healy was a professor at the New England School of Law for eighteen years before turning to writing full time.

Healy served as President of the Private Eye Writers of America for two years, and is a past Awards Chair for the Shamus. In October 2000, he was elected President of the International Association of Crime Writers (IACW). Books of his have been translated into French, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, and German. He was toastmaster at the 1996 World Mystery Convention (Bouchercon) and will be International Guest of Honor at Bouchercon 2004 in Toronto.

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