

Interview With Charlotte Fairchild, Author of 'Murder on the Silver Comet Trail'



You will be on the edge of your seat the moment you pick up, "Murder on the Silver Comet Trail," by Charlotte Fairchild. The Mystery, is hot off the press. It is a book which is comprised of fiction, with some factual information, and is "selling like hotcakes." Charlotte is a lover of many things, most of all people and their well-being and she loves walking on the Silver Comet Trail.

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At the beginning of, 'Murder on the Silver Comet Trail,' Charlotte Fairchild pulls you into the Silver Comet Trail, where she sets the stage for where the events began to take place as though you are actually there. It's the end of October, you've gotten onto the trail at the Hiram entrance and the half naked man who is sitting by the mailbox seems oblivious to the two women walking the leaf strewn trail. A woman's voice carried over the distance, asking him in a belittling tone why he was sitting on the large rock beside the mailbox without his shirt. She asked if he was working on his tan. His voice was muffled, and the words became even more indistinct as the two women walked along back to their cars at least two miles away.

Nothing was mentioned about what they had heard or almost heard for a time. They were walking and stomping on dried leaves the size of dinner plates when the shot reverberated. Joan froze. The shot seemed to be from behind them, but with the echo of the hills and trees, it was uncertain.

Charmain O. Samuel kept

walking, and waved for Joan M. Milken to catch up. The two women alone did not need to get involved in a domestic dispute, in her opinion. She was sure if they wanted to know anything that it would be in the paper the following Thursday. She just wished she had her pepper spray and a strong walking stick. That was too much like Psycho, the Hitchcock film to have unpleasant sounds and an unhappy woman.

Charlotte has received raving reviews from many people. Al Reynolds, Reference Librarian, Frederick Community College, served as Customer Service Librarian for the National Library of Medicine, says, "A scenic trail and family walk combine to bring shock by a surprise finding. Here are the building blocks of the book."

"Everybody likes a 'whodunit,' and here's an interesting take on the game. Set in NW Georgia, what starts out as a relaxed walk turns sour after a gruesome find and encounters with characters that give a decidedly uneasy feeling," said Bill Nichols, director of medical libraries for the Air Force and Army, as well as former head of the main library at Fort Knox, KY. 'Murder on the Silver

Comet Trail won the 2005 Nanowrimo Award. Chaplain to the World, winner 2008 Nanowrimo Award.

Charlotte is also the author of Fertile Prayers, Kudzu Questions and Green Calendars. For eleven years she was a chaplain. She grew up in a Navy family and has lived in 23 places, so far. She lectures Master Gardeners about Kudzu and performs with the autoharp when she isn't teaching.

Charlotte feels it is her mission to make people aware that while walking on trails anywhere they should walk with someone else. 1) she advocates the buddy system. 2) she wants people to love themselves enough to take care of themselves better. 3) She also wants to make people aware that they are saving two people with awareness. "No one is really safe on any trail alone, men, women, boys or girls," she added.

Jennifer Ewing was murdered on the Silver Comet Trail. Meredith Hope Emerson was found in the Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area in 2008. May both women rest in peace and may their families find solace in the love they gave to these women while they were with them.

Two other people killed, possibly by the same person who killed Meredith Hope Emerson, were John and Irene Bryant. John is still missing. Men are also vulnerable. We are safer than we think and yet one never knows?

If only a magic wand could change the course of the people murdered. This book is dedicated to their memory. We truly do not know how many people are missing. Right to Hike, Inc. was created after Meredith Hope Emerson's death and is meant to benefit the safety of hikers. This site doesn't mention pepper spray, yet. Another site for women's protection is www.justyellfire.com.

"They're saving themselves from being a target and they are saving the person who is targeting them by making it so difficult for them to target you. In the first three months of 2009, 21 men were arrested for violence or drugs on the Paulding County segment of the trail," Charlotte said.

To purchase "Murder on the Silver Comet Trail," or any of Charlotte's books, go to murdertrail.blogspot.com or mail her at "Fear Thou Not," P.O. Box 1268, Hiram, GA 30141, and send \$19.99 for a signed copy of the book + shipping and handling. Kudzu Questions and Green Calendars are both free!

Charlotte will have a book signing on Aug. 1st, 2009 at the Hiram Silver Comet Trailhead from 4-5pm at the Red Caboose. Bring your books or you can buy a new one there and have it autographed!

School Choice Information 09-10

Under a new state law (HB 251) parents or guardians of students currently enrolled in our District may request to transfer your child to another public school in the Paulding County School District for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

As a parent or guardian, you can request to have your child transferred to another public school within your school district of residence as long as the school district has determined that there is available classroom space at the school after all assigned students have been enrolled. Please keep in mind that if you choose to transfer your child to another