

Double Dead Receives Rave Reviews

Huntersville, NC - *Double Dead*, the debut mystery by Terry Hoover that will be published in January 2007, is receiving rave reviews from top mystery authors such as Cathy Pickens, Charles Todd, Patricia Wallace and Judy Clemens.

"The opening scene of this book is one you won't forget: I can't. Hoover will grab you and carry you back in time, plopping you down in a hot Southern courtroom, and keep you guessing until the end. Charlotte in the 1960s was the epitome of the old South becoming new, and Hoover's eye for detail makes it real: feel the scant breeze from paper fans and smell the sweat and the polite veneer hiding real secrets. Come in and sit a spell!" says Cathy Pickens, author of *Southern Fried*, 2003 winner of St. Martin's Malice Domestic Award for Best Traditional Mystery.

"Terry creates an excellent sense of time and place. Through her writing she invites readers to a challenging era and holds them in suspense. I look forward to her next novel," says Charles Todd, author of The Inspector Rutledge Series.

"...excellent courtroom scenes...one of the best fictional attorneys I've come across since Atticus Finch," says Patricia Wallace, Shamus-award nominated author of *August Nights*

"Hoover brings a fresh voice to the mystery genre with a disturbing and provocative look back at the 60s. When the end of the first chapter gave me chills, I knew I couldn't put the book down until I'd read it all," says Judy Clemens, Anthony and Agatha-nominated author of the Stella Crown mysteries.

Double Dead, a finalist in the Malice Domestic St. Martin's Press contest for Best First Traditional Mystery, is the first book in the Steve Harlan series. Terry Hoover, a native of Charlotte, NC, where *Double Dead* is set, now lives just outside the city, with her husband, a public relations consultant.

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