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FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

From Illinois Politics to Promising Debut Set in Chicago

Former economic development director writes local character into debut mystery novel

CHICAGO, ILL. — *November 1, 2009* — In the new release, *A Cadger's Curse: A DD McGill Literati Mystery* (Midnight Ink, November 2009) by Chicago native Diane Gilbert Madsen, readers meet Tom Joyce, a rare books dealer who helps DD authenticate a long-lost Robert Burns manuscript. Chicagoans will recognize the name, as Madsen based this character on real life Chicago literati Tom Joyce of Thomas J. Joyce and Company, a professional rare bookseller and appraiser on Racine Ave.

Part owner of the Chicago Rare Book Center, Joyce is well known in the Chicago area, having done appraisals for many people along the north shore. He has appeared as a regularly featured guest on a Home and Garden television show with Leslie Hindman, who is the founder of Eppraisals.com, an online appraisal business that links 750 nationwide experts, author of "Adventures at the Action," and previous owner of Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, which was sold to Sotheby's Holdings Inc. in 1997. During the show, Hindman would consult with Joyce on any item related to books from the time of acquisition through the end of the auction.

Diane Gilbert Madsen was born and raised in Chicago and is the former director of economic development for the state of Illinois. She holds a master's degree in English and currently lives in Florida where she is a member of the St. Andrews Society of Sarasota, the Robert Burns Association of North America, and the Robert Burns World Federation.

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