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The Ambush of My Name

First Mystery Novel featuring U.S. Grant, By Jeffrey Marks

Reviewers call the first novel “clever” and “funny”, and proclaim that Jeffrey Marks is “a real talent”

Johnson City, TN, June 1st, 2001: Silver Dagger Mysteries is proud to present the first full-length mystery novel by author Jeffrey Marks of Cincinnati. The novel, *The Ambush of My Name*, is a historical mystery set just after the Civil War in Marks' hometown of Georgetown, Ohio.

Born in the Same Hometown

Marks was born in Georgetown, Ohio, the childhood home of Ulysses Grant. So it made sense to set his first mystery novel in that town. The novel features Grant and his wife, Julia, on the first Ohio stop of their victory tour just following the Civil War. The tour gets off to a rocky start when the couple discover the body of an unidentified man in their hotel suite when they arrive in Georgetown.

Marks, who has published three mystery short story anthologies and a biography of mystery writer Craig Rice, has received multiple honors for his work, among them The Barnes and Noble award, the Malice Domestic Grant, and a Maxwell award nomination. He currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio where he works as a public relations and marketing coordinator for Intrieve, Incorporate, a financial technology firm.

Silver Dagger Mysteries is the suspense and mystery fiction imprint of Overmountain Press, the well-respected publisher from Johnson City, Tennessee. 2001 marks their second year as a publisher of Southern mysteries, having garnered awards for their short stories and novels during their first year of operation. While technically *The Ambush of My Name* is not set in the South, editor Beth Wright of Overmountain Press points out that the series deals with the Civil War, a subject still of interest to many Southerners. The series will deal with a number of issues and topics concerning the war and its aftermath.

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