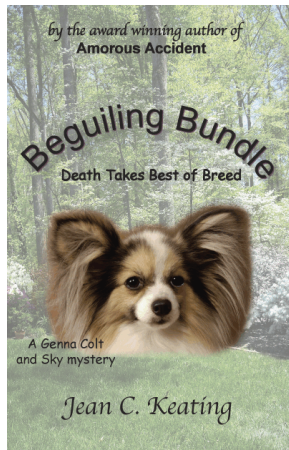


Williamsburg Author Wins National Recognition



Beguiling Bundle: Death Takes Best of Breed, the second mystery of a fiction series written by Williamsburg author Jean C. Keating, won the coveted **2007 Arthur Frederick Jones award for Excellence**. For writers of books about purebred dogs, this national award is the equivalent of the Oscar. The award, a handsome brass Trophy (shown below), was presented at the annual meeting of the Alliance of Purebred Dog Writers (APDW) held on Sunday, February 10, 2008, at Sardi's Restaurant in the heart of Manhattan's theater

district.

The Arthur Frederick Jones Award is named in honor of the late editor of the American Kennel Club Gazette, a writer known for his well-researched, lively writing on purebred dogs. Jones is credited for much of the canine terminology in Webster's Dictionary, vocabulary still in use in writing about the sport of dogs.

Beguiling Bundle, Keating's fifth book and second in her mystery series featuring a little Papillon named Sky, was published in November 2007. In this national award winning novel, a murder occurs in the show ring at the all breed dog event at Jamestown Festival Park.

"Genna Colt's plan to introduce her Uncle Kevin Andrews, a Richmond homicide detective, to the excitement of the weekend dog shows at Jamestown seems jinxed. Her three weekend guests are accompanied by three additional dogs. The rescue papillon she's fostering delivers a puppy with a birth defect that requires hand feeding every two hours. She's already frantic and sleep deprived by the morning of the first show, but neither she nor her Uncle Kevin expect a murder. When an exhibitor is killed in the show ring the killer seems to think Genna might have seen something that would be a threat. Andrews and Genna are drawn into the homicide as Andrews struggles to protect both Genna and her papillon, Sky, from the killer's determined efforts to add them to his list of victims."

The mystery is challenging and a delight to mystery buffs, but it also seeks to promote understanding of the world of purebred dogs. A recent reviewer said "the dialogue is as humorous and entertaining as it is enlightening. Anyone who has ever struggled to understand the language of the die-hard show enthusiasts will chuckle and sympathize with " one of the main characters "as he tried to overcome the language barrier."