

November 2000 meeting of the Mt. Diablo Branch of CWC

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Sarah Andrews

Sarah Andrews is the author of six Em Hansen forensic geology mysteries. She writes what she knows. A California State Registered Geologist, she has worked in basic research, oil, and environmental services, and currently teaches part time in the Department of Geology at Sonoma State University.

Although she hold a Master's degree in Geology, Sarah is enough dyslexic that she reads at the level of the average high school freshman. She studied Geology and avoided literature courses because she couldn't keep up with long reading assignments. However, her mother (a secondary school English teacher) read aloud to her, her father (an Art teacher) told stories with elegance and rhythm, her grandfather (an etymologist who taught Chaucer and Shakespeare at the college level) laughed delightedly over newly-coined terms, her older siblings discussed literature at the dinner table, and in all family doings, points were given for a phrase well turned. Hence, she came to writing through a sense of ear training, almost like a musician learning notes and harmonies.

Sarah's books are designed to entertain, but also to inform. As a passionate member of the scientific community, she finds herself translating from science-ese into English, framing her devious plots around explorations of the worlds of geologists, inviting the layperson to enjoy an inside view of what these rock jockeys find so compelling about a life spent chewing on ancient mysteries.

Some time ago, when responding to our Speaker Chairperson's request for her topic, she wrote:

"TALK: WHAT'S ON MY MIND THIS WEEK

"Undoubtedly in November I'll still be thinking about what writing has just taught me, except that will come in the form of a brand new brick to my head, and I'll undoubtedly offer up some of my very best war stories about how a nice dyslexic geologist like me wound up writing 120,000-word novels that by God get great reviews."

Internet references to Sarah Andrews

[e-mail](#) ? This site seems to have her address.

Ms. Andrews six published mysteries:

Tensleep Simon & Schuster Trade (May 1994)

A Fall in Denver Simon & Schuster Trade (November 1995)

Mother Nature St. Martin's Press, Inc. (June 1997)

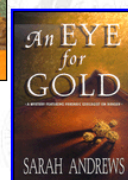
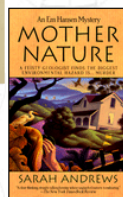
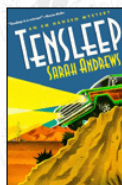
Only Flesh and Bones St. Martin's Press, Inc. (June 1998)

Bone Hunter St. Martin's Press, Inc. (September 1999)

An Eye for Gold St. Martin's Press, Inc. (August 2000)

Updated [BOOK LINK](#) (Lots more than six on these three pages!)

Some of her covers



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