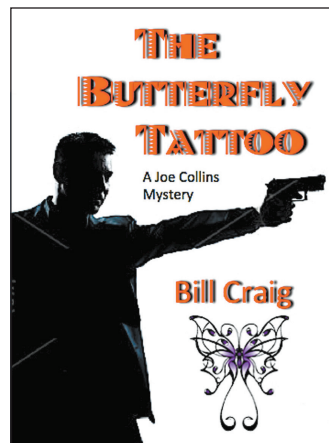


on the bookshelf

Local New Arrivals Have Hit the Editor's Desk

"The Butterfly Tattoo"
by Bill Craig (Absolutely
Amazing eBooks, \$3.99)



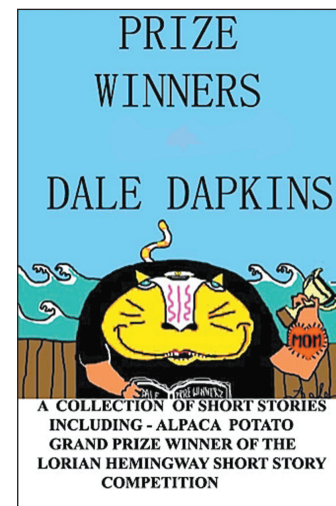
Can Bill Craig write more mysteries in a year than the creator of *The Shadow*?

Craig is a prodigious creator of original paperbacks plus e-books such as his Joe Collins series set right here in the Florida Keys. (He recently wrote an essay for Solares Hill on what it's like to compose Keys scenes up in frost-bound Indiana where he lives.) His latest mystery series featuring Joe Collins fits the Absolutely Amazing eBooks lineup tighter than OJ's glove, to coin a befitting phrase.

First book in the series is "The Butterfly Tattoo," an action-adventure involving the death of young women who share a lepidopteran tat. When it comes to taking on the bad guys, Collins and his partner Doris Linacre pull no punches.

Craig started writing when he hit 40. That was when he set out to break the record of pulp author Walter B. Gibson for writing the most mystery works in a single year. So we can count on seeing more books from Bill in this hot series.

"Prize Winners" by
Dale Dapkins (Absolutely
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One of the most prestigious literary prizes in America is the annual Lorian Hemingway Short Story Competition. When the granddaughter of Nobel Prize-winner Ernest Hemingway launched the contest back in 1981, she and her fellow judges sat in a Lower Keys cottage reading the few dozen entries.

Today, the contest draws more than 1,200 entries from around the world.

Dale Dapkins is a two-time winner, having received the grand prize in 1999 and again in 2000. This affords him a unique status, being that the current rules only allow a writer to win once.

A self-taught author, Dapkins published his first novel, "American Broccoli and Dr. Breast," in 1988. He's known for inventing a literary genre that he calls "social science fiction."

This latest collection of short stories contains his "Alpaca Potato," the winner of the Lorian Hemingway competition, and is one of a growing list of science fiction titles brought to market by this publisher.