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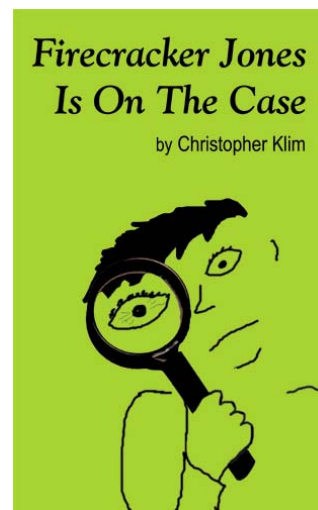
Klim's FIRECRACKER JONES Bursts onto Children's Scene with Free Book Offer

This Fourth of July, cult favorite author Christopher Klim (*Jesus Lives in Trenton*) launches a praised new juvenile fiction series with *Firecracker Jones Is On The Case*, including a free book giveaway to nationwide libraries--all while his anticipated next novel, *The Winners Circle*, simmers for September release.

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As author Christopher Klim's novels (*The Winners Circle*, *Everything Burns*, *Jesus Lives in Trenton*) continue to garner acclaim in the U.S. and abroad, Klim enters the juvenile market with ***Firecracker Jones Is On The Case*** (ages 8-13). Hopewell Publications will celebrate the launch by sending free copies to the first 500 inquiring libraries in the nation. "We're only in the initial days of the offering," says the publisher, "and the copies are going fast."

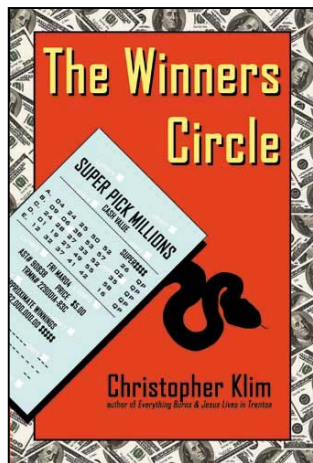
Klim is a former space program physicist turned novelist and magazine entrepreneur (*Writers Notes Magazine*). He has been compared to Steinbeck, Hammett, and Chandler for his distinctive voice and storytelling abilities. In ***Firecracker Jones Is On the Case***, Francis "Firecracker" Jones must find his best friend who has mysteriously disappeared. "Klim draws readers into the mystery ... Kids will laugh out loud at the antics," says *The Midwest Book Review*.



The author is no stranger to young readers. "I visit dozens of schools each year," Klim says. "I was appalled by some of the books thrust upon primary school kids. I wanted a fun story that dealt with important issues without the bloodshed and violence."

"At times side-splittingly funny," says *Book Pleasures*, "Firecracker drew me into the story and held me captive until the last page." Next year, Klim plans the second installment, *Firecracker Jones Gets Mad*, where the gothic high school detective deals with anger, a growing problem among children.

"Klim has been an unusual author for us," states the publisher. "His production has been prolific, reviews are consistently high, and sales steady. He's still climbing."



And 2005 promises to be a banner year for the rising author. With the continued success of *Writers Notes Magazine* and the launch of *Firecracker Jones*, Klim will release his next novel, the anticipated comedy drama ***The Winners Circle*** (September 2005), about a young couple that wins the lottery and pursues their dreams, finding a few nightmares along the way. "Like Christopher Klim's previous two novels, it's hard to put down till you're done," says Thomas E. Kennedy, the International Editor of *StoryQuarterly* and noted author of the *Copenhagen Quartet*.

"*The Winners Circle* is the name of a therapy group for lottery millionaires," Klim says. "I wanted to demonstrate the many ways to be miserable in the lap of luxury. The dangers of sudden wealth are real. It seems to magnify your best and worst characteristics, and the grifters come out of the woodwork. They are smarter than you."

When pressed, the author was asked if this reflects his own life. "Maybe one day," Klim says, "when I get the proper financing."

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