



Morgan's Rascal

# ABOUT MORGAN MANDEL

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## EVENTS

DEC. 1-DEC. 31, 2007  
MORGAN'S DISPLAY  
ARLINGTON HTS  
MEM. LIBRARY, 1<sup>ST</sup> Flr.  
500 North Dunton Ave,  
Arlington Hts, IL

Feb. 1-3, 2008  
Panel & Signing -  
Love Is Murder  
On Dark & Stormy Nights  
Wyndham O'Hare  
Rosemont, IL

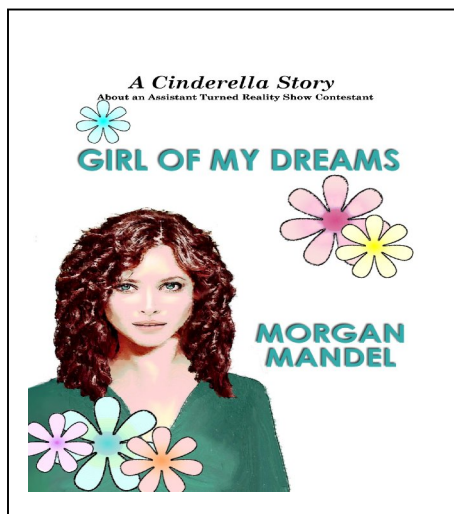
Feb. 7, 2008, 7-9pm  
Book Signing  
Barnes & Noble  
20600 N. Rand Road  
Deer Park, IL

SUNDAY, FEB. 10, 2008,  
1-4pm  
**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**GIRL OF MY DREAMS**  
Arlington Hts Historical  
Museum - Dunton Rm,  
110 W. Fremont,  
Arlington Heights, IL.

Feb. 13, 2008, 12-2pm  
Book Signing -  
Barnes & Noble  
State & Jackson  
Chicago, IL

**WELCOME** to my newsletter, *ABOUT MORGAN MANDEL*, where I share my writing life, with some useful and fun tidbits thrown in.

**First, I must unveil the cover for my romantic comedy/Cinderella Story, *GIRL OF MY DREAMS*. Isn't she beautiful? This book is now available for order!!!**



Cover art by Mary Z. Wolf

## GIRL OF MY DREAMS

**Available At:**

<http://www.hardshell.com>

<http://allromanceebooks.com>

<http://mobipocket.com>

Soon at Amazon.com & fictionwise.com

**By Order at Bookstores**

Print ISBN#978-0-7599-4701-6

E-book ISBN#978-0-7599-4700-9

Publisher: Hard Shell Word Factory

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT?** To save a dying studio, straitlaced assistant, Jillian turns vamp on a reality show. It looks like she may win the millionaire. Too bad he's not the one she loves!!

**STILL AVAILABLE:** *TWO WRONGS* By Morgan Mandel, a tale of vengeance and the healing power of love. Order information is on the second page in the left column.

## NEW SPOTLIGHT SECTION

**Don't stop reading after this page or you'll miss THE NEW SPOTLIGHT SECTION** featuring a recipe from mystery author, Julie Hyzy's January release, *STATE OF THE ONION*.

April 26, 2008  
Chicago Spring Fling  
The Hyatt, Deerfield, IL  
Panel – *Ins & Outs of  
Small Presses* and  
Book Signing

April 30, 2008,  
6:30 – 8:30pm  
Inside Writing &  
Publishing  
Back to Basics –  
Panel & Signing  
Fremont Public Library  
1170 N. Midlothian Rd.  
Mundelein, IL



**TWO WRONGS**  
By Morgan Mandel

**ORDER AT:**

<http://www.hardshell.com>

(In print & ebook)

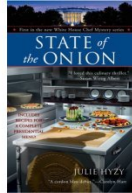
<http://amazon.com>

(In print & Kindle)

<http://fictionwise.com>

By Order at Bookstores

**SEE MAIN  
SECTION TO  
ORDER GIRL OF  
MY DREAMS**



**AND NOW, A RECIPE SURE TO IMPRESS YOUR GUESTS  
from Julie Hyzy's White House Chef Mystery,  
STATE OF THE ONION. (Berkley Prime Crime, January, 2008)**  
<http://www.myspace.com/juliehyzy.com>  
<http://www.juliehyzy.com>

*White House Chef, Ollie Paras feeds the First Family...and saves the world in her spare time.*

## **Honey Almond Scones**

**Scones:**

1/4 C. buttermilk or plain yogurt  
3/4 C. honey  
2 eggs  
1/4 t. almond extract  
3 C. flour  
4 t. baking powder  
1/2 t. baking soda  
1/2 t. salt  
1/2 C. butter  
1/4 C. sugar  
1/2 C. finely chopped almonds

**Glaze:**

3 T. butter, melted  
1 T. hot water  
1 t. vanilla extract  
2 drops almond extract  
1 C. confectioner's sugar

Heat oven to 375°F.

Grease scone pan or place parchment paper on a baking sheet and spray with cooking spray.

Add honey to buttermilk, stir, then beat in the eggs.

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, and salt. Cut in butter with a pastry cutter. Add sugar, and almonds. Toss to coat.

Add the wet mixture to the flour mixture. Stir with a fork until a ball forms. Turn out dough onto a floured board. Knead 5 to 6 times to make sure it is well mixed. If using scone pan, spoon dough into the pan, spreading evenly among the indentations. If using baking sheet, roll dough into a ball and flatten it some. Cut into 8 wedges.

Bake for 25 minutes or until medium golden brown.

Cool on a wire rack.

In a medium bowl, mix melted butter, vanilla, almond extract, and hot water. Add confectioner's sugar. Stir. If glaze is too thick to pour, add more hot water, a teaspoonful at a time, until the glaze has the consistency of thick syrup. Spoon the glaze over the warm scones.

I usually wait at least an hour before serving for the scones to stabilize, absorb the glaze, and develop a fine crumb texture, but the First Family likes them hot from the oven.

## CONFERENCES

<http://Loveismurder.net>  
Love Is Murder  
On Dark & Stormy Nights  
Feb. 1-3, 2008

<http://ChicagoSpringFling.com>  
Chicago Spring Fling  
April 25- 26, 2008

<http://www.rwanational.org>  
RWA National Conference  
July 30-August 2, 2008

<http://www.charmedtodeath.com>  
Bouchercon  
Oct. 9 - 12, 2008

## ORGANIZATIONS

<http://Chicagonorthrwa.org>

<http://Rwanational.org>

<http://www.epicauthors.com>  
(Electronically published  
Internet Connection)

<http://www.mwamidwest.org>

<http://www.sistersincrime.org>

## CATCH MORGAN AT:

Morgan's Website:  
[www.morganmandel.com](http://www.morganmandel.com)

Morgan's Network:  
<http://bookplace.ning.com>

MySpace:  
<http://myspace.com/morganmandel>

## BELOW - PREVIEW OF GUEST SPEAKERS AT LOVE IS MURDER ON DARK & STORMY NIGHTS

<http://loveismurder.net>

*Feb. 1-3, 2008 Wyndham O'Hare, Rosemont, IL. Featuring Tess Gerritsen, Lee Child, & other great guests & participants.*



Tess Gerritsen Lee Child Barry Eisler Carolyn Haines William Kent Krueger



## BELOW - GUEST SPEAKERS AT CHICAGO SPRING FLING - April 25-26, 2008

The Hyatt, Deerfield, IL

*Featuring Debbie Macomber, Eloisa James, Christie Ridgway, Not only that, but some bigtime agents and editors And lots of great panelists. Check it out at <http://chicagospringfling.com>*



Debbie Macomber



Eloise James



Christie Ridgway

\*Morgan Mandel, Margot Justes & Sara Daniel will appear on the Ins and Outs of Small Presses Panel

***SEE MORGAN'S DISPLAY AT THE ARLINGTON HTS MEM. LIBRARY DEC 1-DEC.31 - 500 N. DUNTON, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, ARLINGTON HTS, IL.***

## NEW RELEASES:

### *Girl of My Dreams*

By Morgan Mandel

[www.morganmandel.com](http://www.morganmandel.com)

### *City of the Absent*

By Robert W. Walker

[www.Robertwalkerbooks.com](http://www.Robertwalkerbooks.com)

### *Heat of the Moment*

Benefit Anthology featuring  
Acme Authors Link bloggers,  
Margot Justes, Norm Cowie  
And others

[www.mjustes.com](http://www.mjustes.com)

[www.normcowie.com](http://www.normcowie.com)

## CONTESTS

My December website contest at <http://www.morganmandel.com> features an autographed copy of Robert W. Walker's *City of the Absent*, the sequel to *Shadows in the White City*. The deadline is January 9, 2008. Click the contest link on the main page, <http://www.morganmandel.com> for instructions on this and future contests, or click the contest button in the Morgan Dark or Morgan Lite section.

### UPCOMING CONTEST:

January – *The Blade Itself* by Marcus Sakey

## FAVORITE WEBSITES/BLOGS

<http://www.morganmandel.com>

<http://bookplace.ning.com>

<http://Shelfari.com>

<http://Myspace.com>

<http://Bebo.com>

<http://Crimespace.ning.com>

<http://Myshelf.com>

<http://publishedauthors.ning.com>

<http://Pumpupyourbookpromotion.blogspot.com>

<http://worldcat.org>

<http://theoutfitcollective.blogspot.com>

<http://hardshell.com>

<http://acmeauthorslink.blogspot.com>

<http://mysteryturtles.blogspot.com>

## FUTURE SPOTLIGHT FEATURE:

**DIANE WHIDDON-BROWN FROM**

**NOVEL WEBSITE DESIGN.com REVEALS TIPS  
ON WEBSITE OPTIMIZATION.**