

# ABOUT MORGAN MANDEL



## *Morgan's Rascal On Vacation*

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## JULY Issue

Lots has happened since I've had the opportunity to send out another newsletter.

Chicago Spring Fling,, Printers Row, AuthorFest and Arlington Heights Frontier Days Marketplace are some of the highlights I'd like to share with you.

Chicago Spring Fling was an awesome event. Who couldn't be inspired by Debbie Macomber, Eloisa James and Christie Ridgway? I came away with renewed writing enthusiasm

Printers Row was a hot, stormy, crazy weather time, but well worth the effort. I met many readers who are now acquainted with *Two Wrongs* and *Girl of My Dreams*.

*To the right is a shot of the shattered glass in the doors at Ogilvie Transportation Centre from the afternoon storm on June 8.*

## AuthorFest

AuthorFest, sponsored by the Gotta Write Network created by Denise Fleischer, included local and out-of-town authors who shared their writing secrets with readers and each other. Last year was great. This year was greater.



Morgan Mandel with Debbie Macomber



Morgan Mandel with Christie Ridgway



Morgan Mandel with Margot Justes at Printers Row



Storm damage at Ogilvie Transportation Centre



Sue Gibberman & Sue Petersen

## Frontier Days Festival Marketplace

I'd been a Festival Committee member for close to 20 years, but had never taken advantage of selling wares at its popular Marketplace — until this year. I knew the two day event garnered a lot of foot traffic, also people who came with the purpose to buy items.



What I wasn't sure about was how autographed books by authors would go over in an arts and crafts show atmosphere.

So, I and my special author friends, Margot Justes and June Sproat, set up our booth and waited to see what would happen.

It didn't take long before we were greeted by curious shoppers.

Sales were steady through the first day, but slower the second since traffic was lighter on Sunday.

*Left photo: Margot Justes, June Sproat, Morgan Mandel. Right photo: Morgan Mandel, Margot Justes in back, June Sproat.*



As at many of my book signings, I was pleasantly surprised to note that my first novel, the mystery, *TWO WRONGS*, was as popular as my new release, the romantic comedy, *GIRL OF MY DREAMS*. All in all, it was a fun time, a bit tiring, a bit hot, but another endeavor worth repeating..

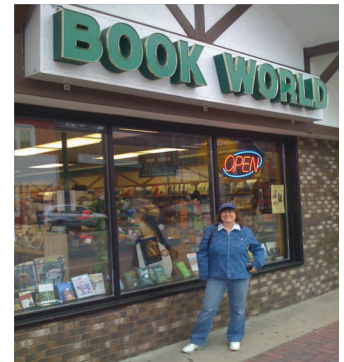
## Appearances

Coming up are two Book World book signings. The first in Minocqua, WI on Sat, July 26 from 11am-2pm. See the photo to the right taken during my last vacation in the area.

I'll also be doing a book signing in Eagle River, WI at Book World during their

Cranberry Fest on Sat, Oct. 4, from 11am-2pm

Other book signings are planned, but not yet finalized, some involving Christmas fairs. I'll let you know when I know for sure.



## DON'T FORGET THE BLOGS



I'm still participating in group blogs on Wednesdays at Acme Authors Link <http://acmeauthorslink.blogspot.com> and also at Mystery Turtles Blogspot at <http://mysterytutles.blogspot.com> .

I invite you to stop by on Wednesdays, as well as any time you have a free moment.

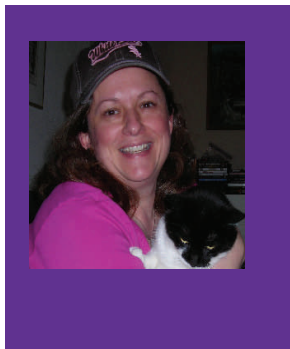
You'll also find my blogs at other places. Some are: <http://morganmandel.blogspot.com>,

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

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and various other places such as my Book Place network at <http://bookplace.ning.com>.

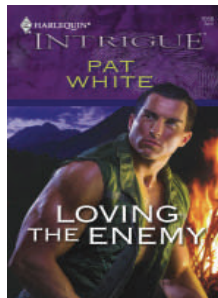
You never know where you'll find me!

## SPOTLIGHT ON PAT WHITE



Pat White is special to me not only personally, but also because she's a terrific author. Pat introduced me to Chicago-North Romance Writers of America and took me to my first meeting.

Before her husband's transfer to Seattle, she carried the titles of chapter volunteer and person with the most nominations for Golden Heart Award from RWA. Her career has taken off into the stratosphere, and I'm proud to say I knew her when.



Andrea Franks couldn't deny anyone in need nor could she deny her instant, intense attraction to the stranger. Who was this man? And why did he bring trouble to her isolated world?

To the right is the cover of her April, 2008 release, *Loving The Enemy*, a Harlequin Intrigue.

### About Pat White

Pat was a journalist/PR specialist for 10 years before trying her hand at fiction. She is a Romantic Times Reviewer's Choice winner for Best Contemporary Romance for *RING AROUND MY HEART*,

(Dorchester, 2004), and a six-time Golden Heart finalist.

Pat writes single title romantic comedy, romantic suspense and paranormal romance.

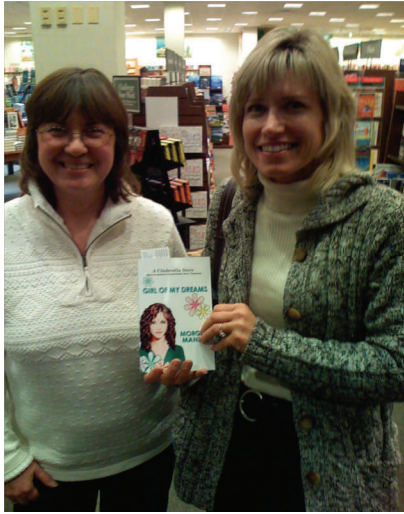
Her books include The Blackwell Group series for Harlequin Intrigue, her romantic comedies set in professional wrestling, and her Romantic Times Top Pick paranormal,

*Saving Destiny*. In 2008 she celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> release, *Soldier Surrender*, (Jan, Harlequin Intrigue) followed in April by *Loving the Enemy* (April, Harlequin Intrigue).

### What's in Store for Pat's Readers

Pat's readers will be happy to know she'll start off February, 2009 in a new series for Harlequin Intrigue, called *Girl Next Door*.

For more on Pat White and her books, be sure to check out her website at: [www.patwhitebooks.com](http://www.patwhitebooks.com)



Morgan Mandel with reader, Sandy McArthur, at a Barnes & Noble, Deer Park, Illinois book signing in February, 2008.

If you'd also like to purchase the romantic comedy, *GIRL OF MY DREAMS*, about the straitlaced assistant who goes glam in a reality show to save a dying TV studio, go to one of these spots:

<http://www.hardshell.com> (print or ebook)

<http://www.amazon.com> (print or kindle)

<http://barnesandnoble.com>

<http://www.fictionwise.com>

<http://allromanceebooks.com>\*

<http://mobipocket.com>

OR PLEASE ORDER AT YOUR BOOKSTORE.

*Publisher: Hard Shell Word Factory*

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

*Ebook ISBN#978-0-7599-4700-9*

Julie Kornhausl of Simply Romance Reviews gives *GIRL OF MY DREAMS* An A for Outstanding Read!!!

She says, "The characters will pull you into this charming story and the plot will keep you turning the pages.

Morgan Mandel wrote an enjoyable book that is not only romantic but also funny and sweet."

<http://www.simplyromancereviews.com/srrreviews/girlfomydreams.aspx>



Morgan Mandel at a *TWO WRONGS* book signing in Minocqua, Wisconsin last September.

*TWO WRONGS* combines the elements of a John Grisham-like courtroom scene, a Danielle Steel-like second-chance-at-love, and a Charles Bronson movie-type revenge plot.

*Danny's testimony sends the wrong person to prison. Now that person is free and no one Danny loves is safe!*

AVAILABLE AT THE SAME VENUES AS *GIRL OF MY DREAMS*, EXCEPT FOR \*ALLROMANCEEBOOKS.COM \*\*\*SEE LEFT COLUMN\*\*\*.

*Publisher: Hard Shell Word Factory*

*Print ISBN# 0-7599-4065-7*

*Ebook ISBN# 0-7599-4062-2*

Top Ten 2006 Read by Dennis Collins

Dennis Collins, Reviewer for MyShelf.Com, and author of *The Unreal McCoy*, says, "The story has the pace of the last two minutes of an NBA basketball game...It's a gritty story and not for the faint of heart, but it's very well-written with visible characters and well-painted scenes. A very good read."

#4 IN BEST BOOKS OF 2007 BY GEORGE THOMPSON 8/1/07 GEORGE T. at Pop Syndicate.Com Gives *TWO WRONGS* 5 STARS!

"Two Wrongs by Morgan Mandel is a thriller page by page. You won't want to put this one down until you've reached the end...This is a riveting reading and you will be glad you read this book."

To see the entire review, go to:

[www.popsyndicate.com/site/story/book\\_review\\_of\\_two\\_wrongs\\_by\\_morgan\\_mandel/](http://www.popsyndicate.com/site/story/book_review_of_two_wrongs_by_morgan_mandel/)