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Book Review

James F. Garner, [Sweet Marlene: Mistress From He!*](#)

For all those Christians and Science Fiction readers in the audience, Detroit, MI author Mr. Garner has some well crafted and wicked stories that he weaves together using well known themes of fornication, adultery, bisexuality, and deception in the first 3 chapters and throughout the 17 chapters of the book. Sam Wilkes and Susan Mitchell are two of the main characters. Obviously, Marlene Sutter (Gable) and Dave Sutter, the husband and wife around which much of the story revolve, have quite vivid portrayals of their actions rendered. As you read each chapter, one finds character development for each of the main characters occurs slowly and methodically. When you arrive at later chapters, this deliberate progression makes sure that you will keep the character traits in mind as the characters interact. Imagine braiding one's hair. There are those thick braids that are done quickly without much thought and quickly unravel. In the case of this book, Mr. Garner weaves the development to the point that the braid does not unravel and the reader does not have to return to earlier chapters for a memory check. The story is one of good against evil. Just as one believes there is not a prayer left for Christian believers, Mr. Garner shows that Susan Mitchell through facing ones fears and coming to terms with them, sacrifice by Deidra, Bob Gaithers III, Great Tree of one for the good of the group, teamwork displayed by Thelma, Susan, Great Tree, Brandon, prayer, meditation, redemption, physical struggle, and soul warfare, Good triumphs over evil ... at least in round one. As I closed the book, I sensed that this was one of many more books that James would write.

Rated R for language and sexual content

Book Signings and Storytelling Around Town

What: [Storytelling of Multicultural Stories from around the world](#)

Who: [Sumarah Karen Smith](#)

When: November 13 and 21 @ 2 p.m.
Where: Detroit Institute of Art - 313.833.7900 www.dia.org

What: Storytelling Fairies Dance of Light
Who: Amanda Moncur
When: November 13 @ 2 p.m.
Where: Borders in Birmingham - 248.203.0005

What: WB Television Network Movie Premier of Book character
Who: Samantha: An American Girl Holiday
When: November 23 (check local listings)
Where: www.americangirl.com/movie

What: Jewish Book Fair Book reading
Who: Harriet Ziefert
When: Nov. 14 @ 2 p.m.
Where: Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield - 248.432.5461

What: Storytelling
Who: Shutta Crum
When: November 16 @ 7 p.m.
Where: Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham - 248.554.4670

What: Book Signing
When: Nov. 19 @ 9:30-11:00 am
Who: Suzanne Collins
Where: Huntington Woods Center, 26325 Scotia, Hunt. Woods., MI

What: Storytelling
Who: Matt Faulkner
When: November 21 @ 11-12 noon
Where: Bloomfield Public Library in Bloomfield Township - 248.642.5800

What: Storytelling and Performance
Who: Steven Holl; Moscow Boys Choir
When: November 26 @ 11-12 noon
Where: Detroit Institute of Art – 313.833.7900 www.dia.org

Artistically Speaking:

What: Philadelphia International Art Expo

Who: Artists, poets, musicians

When: November 13, 14

Where: Liacouras Center, Temple University www.piae.org

Musical Notes / Festivals:

What: Jazz Festival www.jazzconcerts.com

Who: Bobby Caldwell, Peter White, Mindi Abair, Rick Braun

When: November 26, 27

Where: Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe resort and Casino, Lake Tahoe Incline Village, Nevada

Native American Festival

When: November 13th from 10 am-7 pm and 14th 10 am – 5 p.m.

Where: Southfield Pavillion, 2600 Evergreen Rd, Southfield, MI

