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## New from Northwest writers: vampire fantasy and 3 Debbie Macomber books

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### Local books |

A vampire fantasy for young adults and three — count 'em — *three* new books by Port Orchard pop-fiction queen Debbie Macomber dominate the books of local interest this week.

**"Blood Promise" by Richelle Mead** (*Razorbill*, \$16.99) and **"Thorn Queen" by Richelle Mead** (*Zebra*, \$6.99). "Blood Promise," the latest in Mead's "Vampire Academy" series for young adults, finds its young heroine torn between protecting her best friend or dropping out of school to "hunt down the man she loves." "Thorn Queen," a fantasy novel for adults, is about a "shaman for hire" whose life is in chaos. The author reads from "Blood Promise" with Lili St. Crow ("Strange Angels") at 4 p.m. today, University Book Store, 4326 University Way N.E., Seattle (206-634-3400 or [www.ubookstore.com](http://www.ubookstore.com)); tonight at 7, Mead will be at Borders Books & Music, 16549 N.E. 74th St., Redmond; free (425-869-1907).

**"92 Pacific Boulevard" by Debbie Macomber** (*Mira*, \$7.99) and **"Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove Cookbook"** (*Harlequin*, \$29.95). The prolific Port Orchard author has two books coming out today: a new novel in her ongoing series about doings in the small waterside Washington town of Cedar Grove and a book of recipes for such rich fare as "Cowboy Eggs with Smoky Black Beans and Lime-Avocado Salsa," "Parmesan Cheese Twists with Fresh Herb Dip," "Roasted Garlic White Pizza" and cakes and pies galore (angioplasty not included). Next Tuesday, a third book — **"Knit Along with Debbie Macomber: A Charity Guide for Knitters"** (*Leisure Arts*, \$16.95) — hits bookstores. In the meantime, a celebration of all things Macomberian, the Cedar Cove Days festival, is happening in Port Orchard, Aug. 27-30. See [www.CedarCoveDays.com](http://www.CedarCoveDays.com) for a complete schedule.

**"Table Manners" by Mia King** (*Berkley*, \$14). A Seattle-set novel about a high-end baker with the "perfect boyfriend" who finds her happiness threatened by the boyfriend's disapproving sister and his "sultry" ex-fiancée.

**"Calamity: The Heppner Flood of 1903" by Joann Green Byrd** (*University of Washington Press*, \$22.50). A former reporter for the Spokane Daily Chronicle, The Herald in Everett and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer chronicles the sudden, storm-caused flood that wiped out the small Eastern Oregon town where her father was born and raised and her grandparents lived.

**"Your Religion Is False" by Joel Grus** (*Brightwalton*, \$14.95, [www.brightwalton.com](http://www.brightwalton.com)). A first book by a Seattle writer explaining "what not to believe." This is also the first title from a new Seattle small publisher.

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