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PUBSPEAKS

Member cost is \$10 with advance payment; \$15 at the door.
Nonmember cost is \$15 with advance payment; \$20 at the door.
Reservations are required. To RSVP, call (202) 775-5150,
e-mail rsvp@aiwriters.org or [register online](#).

Please mention the event for which you are responding and your membership status.

Thursday, December 4, 7 - 9 p.m.

food and beverage orders from 6:30 p.m.

La Madeleine
7607 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, MD 20814
Wheelchair accessible
Metro: Bethesda (Red Line)

***JEWELER'S MARK* by Vincent Lash**

Vincent Lash began his career in the jewelry trade in 1980 as an independent appraiser of jewelry, silver, and clocks, and he established a p.praisers, inc., formally PRAISER'S in 1986. In addition to appraising throughout the mid-Atlantic region, he writes and lectures on the jewelry trade. More than 400 insurance agencies, including State Farm, Nationwide, Allstate, Erie Insurance, refer their clients to Lash.

Jeweler's Mark is a fictional thriller that reveals true secrets of the jewelry trade. It is the story of Trustum Crook, a jewelry appraiser and artisan—with a passion for sailing the Chesapeake Bay—who becomes entangled with an underground investment syndicate whose profits hinge on murder. The first in the Crook Book series, it weaves suspense and horror into a provocative tale laced with eye-opening and startling facts about the world of jewels.

Coming next in the series:

Bloodstone—Wholesalers on the road, carrying suitcases full of jewelry inventory, are being robbed and murdered at an alarmingly increasing rate. In and around Washington, D.C. and Baltimore matters worsen as jewelry appraisers—mistaken as wholesalers—are added to the growing list of victims.

Oldest Profession—“I’m telling you, what everybody thinks is the oldest profession puts the cart before the horse, because whoever the very first person in history to do this thing sure had to have done it for jewelry. That’s why I always say the jewelry trade is ahead of prostitution, though not by much,” said Trustum Crook.

Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.