

Four for the Road

TOURING IS DOUBLE THE FUN FOR AUTHORS JOINING FORCES

THE RAGTOP will be rolled down and blonde hair blowing in the wind when Signet Eclipse authors Toni Blake and LuAnn McLane hit the open road promoting their romance anthology *Taking Care of Business*, an August '05 release. On their affectionately dubbed "Luv Bug Book Tour," the authors will travel from town to town in a candy-apple-red Volkswagen Beetle convertible for fly-by book signings.

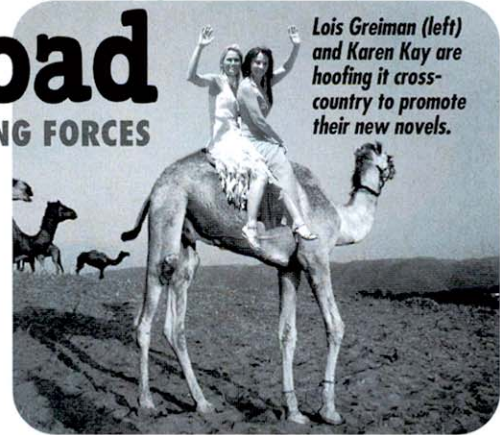
"After a summer full of deadlines, revisions and writers conventions we are so ready to cut loose and have fun with this tour," said McLane. The authors plan to map out a route beginning in their home state of Kentucky and branch out into Ohio and Indiana. Connecting with readers and booksellers, as well as taking in the sights along highways and byways, is the goal, plus brainstorming for a possible follow-up anthology, *Drive Me Wild*, with a fun road-trip theme.

The authors, who met years ago and became instant friends after learning they lived just miles apart in Florence, Kentucky, can't wait to hit the road, though they'll be missing a partner in crime. Author Patricia Ryan also has a story in the *Taking Care of Business* anthology but lives in Rochester, New

York—too far away to join in on the road trip. But she'll be with Blake and McLane in spirit. All three stories are about the trials, tribulations and temptations that occur when professional life and passionate love combine. Stay tuned to ToniBlake.com and LuAnnMcLane.com for tour dates and more information.

Another daredevil duo hitting the road this fall are Karen Kay and Lois Greiman. They embark on a coast-to-coast book tour to promote their latest novels on September 1. Greiman's *Taming the Barbarian* (Avon) tells of a 14th-century statue that comes to life in Regency England, while Kay's latest Native American romance, *The Angel and the Warrior* (Berkley), is the story of a lone brave sent from the shadows to save his clan.

The two friends, who've penned 40 historical romances between them, decided that this was the perfect time to visit some of the booksellers who have supported them so enthusiastically throughout their careers. Minnesotan Greiman will fly to Kay's home in sunny Los Angeles, where the duo will drive east, heading across



Lois Greiman (left) and Karen Kay are hoofing it cross-country to promote their new novels.



Toni Blake (left) and LuAnn McLane are hitting the Midwestern roads in the "Luv Bug" this fall.

Arizona and New Mexico, before turning north, all the while stopping at stores and visiting more than 30 cities in as many days. "I told her to bring a gun," jokes Greiman (who also pens mysteries), "because eventually she's going to want to shoot me."

To learn more about their road to romance tour, take a look at their websites: Novels-by-KarenKay.com and LoisGreiman.com

BOOKSleuth

Seeking...the final book, possibly published in '00, in a contemporary series about siblings whose mother was presumed dead when she took off in a storm after a violent argument and her car was later found in a river. The father continues to search for clues to his wife's disappearance, and the series is about how each child deals with the loss of the mother. In the final book, the youngest daughter finds a waitress at a truck shop who looks like the mother, though she goes by a different name. Her father becomes certain this woman is his missing wife.

Seeking...a western historical about man reluctantly leading a wagon train of brides into the west and a woman disguised as a boy joining a cattle drive to flee danger. These incidents could occur in the same book or in two separate novels.

Seeking...an e-book erotic romance about two brothers who live in the bayou and who kidnap a photojournalist. The word "cajun" may be in the title.

Solved...In RT # 257, the Silhouette Desire about a young woman with epilepsy could be #1392, *The Bridal Arrangement*, by Cindy Gerard, published in September '01.

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