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Local Author's story plundered by "Talk Like a Pirate Day" book list

Chicago, IL – Friday, September 18, 2009 – This weekend, grown-ups have an excuse to don their costumes and talk like a pirate. And now, they can fly back to Neverland and join up with Captain Hook.

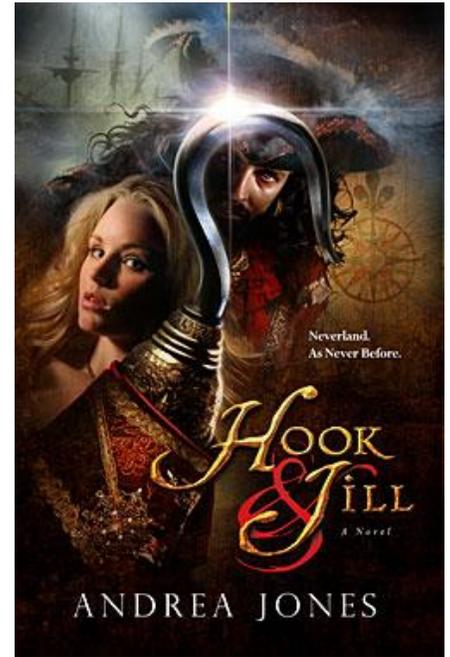
The 19th of September is the official [Talk Like a Pirate Day](#). For seven years, this annual celebration of pirate lore begun by Mark "Cap'n Slappy" Summers and John "Ol' Chumbucket" Baur has gained popular momentum. Aurora author Andrea Jones has added her contribution, a sparkling new gem called *Hook & Jill*, a fresh vision of Peter Pan, tailored for adults. Jones' book has been selected for the official [Talk Like a Pirate Day book list](#).

"Tis with tears of pride in me peepers that I tell ye," says Jones. "Little did I ken I'd reach this pinnacle of pirattitude."

A Chicago area author, Jones is dropping anchor in local bookstores to promote *Hook & Jill*, a "grown-up" spin on the classic children's story by J.M. Barrie. Those who fell in love with *Wicked* won't want to miss this new fairy tale for grown-ups.

Jones is performing excerpts from her book and signing copies at Chicago area bookstores. Look for her next at Borders Books in Mt. Prospect on Sunday, September 20th, and at the Local Lit Fest scheduled for Saturday, September 26th, at Waldenbooks in the Fox Valley Center. Both events will take place at 1:00 p.m.

Other upcoming appearances are listed on the website, www.HookandJill.com.



Hook & Jill was released by [Reginetta Press](#) on August 1, and can be purchased at local bookstores such as [Town House Books](#) in St. Charles, and [The Book Cellar](#) in Chicago. It's also available at major bookstores and on-line booksellers [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#).

Hook & Jill deepens the beloved Peter Pan story at the same time it challenges the original work's assumptions:

- Is prolonged childhood truly desirable?
- Can morality be viewed in terms of black and white?
- Is there a dark side to innocence?

Hook & Jill is the first in a series of "grown-up" Neverland novels.

Reviews

Michael Neff, author of *Year of the Rhinoceros*, calls Jones' story "Edgy and heretical," while Brooks Sigler, author of *Five Finger Fiction* says, "This is not your nursery room Pan."

"*Hook & Jill* is a fine spin on the classic, and very much recommended," says Susan Bethany of the Midwest Book Review.

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About the Author

Andrea Jones holds a B.A. from the University of Illinois in Oral Interpretation of Literature, with a Literature minor. In her career in television production, she wrote, produced, directed, and managed studios for PBS and CBS affiliates and corporate studios, and acted as on-air talent. Her lifelong inspiration springs from the theatre, and that passion comes gloriously to life within the pages of her stories. Learn more at www.HookandJill.com.

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