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## **MY SISTER'S KEEPER** **THE SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN BROTHER AND SISTER** **EXPLORED IN RIVETTING NEW THRILLER** **BY SUSPENSE NOVELIST BILL BENNERS**

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The seedy underbelly of Wilmington, North Carolina is the sinister backdrop for *My Sister's Keeper*, the adventure-filled suspense novel by first-time novelist Bill Benners, published on May 15, 2007 (McBryde Publishing; \$16.96 trade paper). Compelling prose and realistic dialogue combined with death-defying heroics, including a dramatic chase on the notorious Cape Fear River, and a young reporter's life-changing rescue attempt, have already caused a sensation among early readers of this page-turning thriller. "If this book doesn't get your pulse pounding, you don't have a pulse!" raves Edward Ellis, author of *In This Small Place*.

Following a brutal attack that leaves his younger sister Martha paralyzed, photographer Richard Baimbridge leaves his Tribeca studio and goes south to his hometown of Wilmington, North Carolina, to support his journalist sister's recovery. While the local police appear to drop their investigation into his sister's attack as well as the murders of several young girls, out of fierce loyalty to Martha, Richard agrees to be his crippled sister's "legs" in a dangerous investigation of the crimes. After a brief encounter with a beautiful young starlet named Ashleigh Matthews one stormy night, Richard finds himself a murder suspect in a complicated case involving switched identities and other deceptions, and a pornography ring whose participants include one of Wilmington's most prestigious citizens.

As Martha and Richard uncover stunning facts in their criminal investigation, Richard experiences a journey of self-discovery that climaxes with his father's devastating deathbed revelation of a dark family secret. Both tragic and triumphant, the truth profoundly affects Richard's sense of self, explaining long-unanswered questions, and ultimately freeing him to identify the kind of man he has always been, and the man he will choose to be in the future.

*My Sister's Keeper's* stylish and sexy "film noir" narrative and dialogue, combined with searching literary prose, will appeal to readers who appreciate a well-written thriller and a work of fiction that explores the themes of revenge, deception, greed, love, family loyalty, and redemption.

### **About the author**

Bill Benners has been writing all his life. He has worked in radio broadcasting, theater and arts development in North Carolina for over 30 years. He served as General Manager of WPNC/WKLX in Plymouth, North Carolina, for seven years, which included writing marketing and promotional materials, commercials, news articles, and editorials. Benners has directed community theater, and penned several plays for the New Bern Civic Theater. Benners lives with his wife Dorrie in New Bern, North Carolina.

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