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She Has New Book



Virginia Evansen, author

The Santa Cruz Branch, National League of American Pen Women, Inc., will host an autograph party Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. for member Virginia Evansen, in the Santa Cruz Public Library meeting room.

Virginia will discuss writing juvenile mysteries, of which she has a new one just out: **THE FLEA MARKET MYSTERY**, published by Dodd, Mead and Co. this month. The public is invited to the reception and the program.

The book is laid in Santa Cruz, and Virginia says that the idea came from a story in *The Sentinel* about the Senior Citizens Co-op being robbed several years ago.

"I wanted to do several things with the book — write a mystery — tell about the problems of the elderly living on fixed incomes in a time of inflation — and use characters of a minority race who were still 'normal kids'," she says.

Virginia is the author of several books: **NANCY KELSEY**, **SIERRA SUMMIT** and **LAURA REYNOLDS, M.D.**, and numerous articles and feature stories for national magazines as well as a newspaper column for five Santa Clara Valley newspapers.

She is a founding member of the local Pen Women and is on the National Advisory Council, has served as state president and teaches writing for Cabrillo Community Services.