

# MYSTERY WOMAN

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## **KELLIE MARTIN RETURNS TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME JANUARY 7**

### **IN FIRST OF FOUR ORIGINAL 'MYSTERY WOMAN' MOVIES**

#### **"Mystery Weekend" Launches New Hallmark Channel Mystery Movie Franchises**

Reprising the role that made it Hallmark Channel's second-highest rated original of all time, Kellie Martin stars in **Mystery Woman**, a Hallmark Channel Mystery Movie premiering Friday, January 7 (9/8 c). **Mystery Woman** is one of three new original franchises launching in January 2005. The other contemporary whodunits are "McBride" starring John Larroquette and "Jane Doe" starring Lea Thompson.

In "Mystery Weekend," Martin, who received an Emmy® Award nomination for her performance in the acclaimed series "Life Goes On," returns to the scene of the crime as Samantha Kinsey, a talented photographer and mystery buff who inherits the "Mystery Woman" bookstore from her beloved uncle and mentor. Now an accomplished amateur sleuth, Samantha uses her knowledge of crime novels, characters, and clues to solve the most baffling real-life crimes.

Helping Samantha navigate the precarious twists and turns of her new avocation is Philby (Clarence Williams III, "Mod Squad"), a former secret agent with a cloak-and-dagger past who is now the enigmatic manager of the bookstore. Samantha also gets assistance from her best friend Cassie Hillman (Nina Siemaszko, "More Tales of the City"), a savvy assistant district attorney whose access to inside information proves invaluable to Sam's investigations. Wishing that Sam would keep her nose in her books – and out of his business – is Chief Connors (Casey Sander, "Grace Under Fire"), the town lawman.

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In "Mystery Weekend," Samantha and her fellow Thursday Night Mayhem mystery buffs are brimming with excitement when three top mystery writers gather for a panel and signing at the bookstore. But thrills turn to chills when Cassie is shot by a revolver rigged and hidden in the shelves. Who booby-trapped the bookstore? And who was the bullet's true target? Samantha and Philby vow to get behind the mayhem of this Mystery Weekend.

**Mystery Woman** was created by Michael Sloan. Joyce Burditt, creator of the acclaimed series "Diagnosis Murder," serves as both writer and executive producer for the franchise.

**Mystery Woman** is a Hallmark Entertainment presentation. Robert Halmi, Jr. and Larry Levinson are executive producers. Nick Lombardo, Michael Moran and Amy Goldberg are co-executive producers. Randy Pope and Lincoln Lageson are producers. The Hallmark Channel Mystery Movie is A Mat IV Production in association with Alpine Medien and Larry Levinson Productions.

Hallmark Channel, owned and operated by Crown Media Holdings, Inc., is a 24-hour basic cable network that provides a diverse slate of high-quality entertainment programming to a national audience of 75 million subscribers. The top tier program service is distributed through more than 5,300 cable systems and communities as well as direct-to-home satellite services across the country. Hallmark Channel consistently ranks among the top 10 ad-supported cable networks in Total Day and Prime Time household ratings and is the nation's leading network in providing family-friendly programming. Crown Media also operates a second 24-hour linear channel, Hallmark Movie Channel.