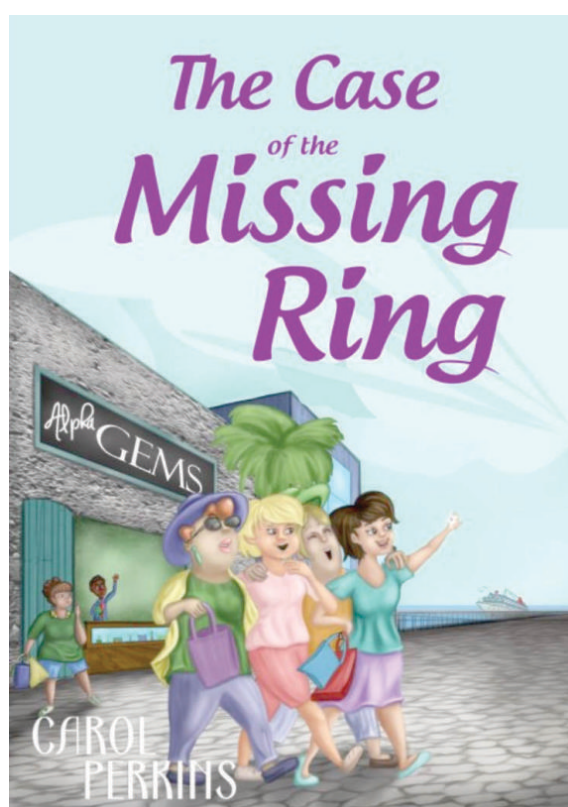


# Perkins pens fun fiction

## The Case of the Missing Ring

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Local author and retired educator Carol Perkins is known for her ability to preserve local history in an interesting and entertaining fashion. Now she had taken her literary work in another direction with her new life-based fiction novel, *The Case of the Missing Ring*.



Carol Perkins

### The synopsis is this:

Have you ever seen something you wanted badly but knew you didn't need it, couldn't afford it but took the leap?

"You had never been so frivolous about a purchase until the day you crossed the line between sensible and irrational? That is exactly what happened when Carol Perkins laid her eyes on the most beautiful ring she had ever seen and one she could not resist.

That is at the center of Carol Perkins's new book.

"A few years ago, my friends and I cruised to St. Thomas, where I bought a Princess Di shaped sapphire and diamond ring in one of the local jewelry stores. The first thing I did back home was have it appraised, but what I never got around to doing was insuring it," Perkins said.

### She adored the ring.

"I wore it to church, weddings, and special occasions, keeping it in the same place when I wasn't wearing it for fear of losing it. One Sunday, when I went to put it on, it was gone. I panicked," Carol said.

After days of ripping through the house, looking through every drawer, old purse, under the beds, in luggage, and searching her car, She concluded she had lost it. "Two weeks later, the matching necklace was gone. I was then convinced someone had taken them, but I had no proof. I reached out to my Facebook friends to help find my jewelry."

Not only did Perkins want to save the story on the written page, but she also wanted a fun cover.

"A girl from Canada designed the cover; I wanted a funny cover of women coming out of the store," she said.

The *Case of the Missing Ring* is based on a true story and Carol's attempt to find her jewelry. Part fact and part fiction, you will be drawn to the easy flow of the story and will become immediately attached to the characters as they develop, chapter by chapter.

Witty, well-penned, and surely entertaining, it's a perfect read for the quarantine.

It is absolute for purchase for Kindle or iPad (or any device) for only \$3.99 and in paperback for \$9.99 on Amazon.

In the future, it will be available at local locations for purchase.

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**Affective next week, there will no longer be a Monroe County Citizen in print, and The Tompkinsville News will be printed by Jobe Publishing, Inc. This is the last Citizen to be delivered.**

This effort has been a slow process and one we wanted to be absolutely certain was a good fit for each operation before executing something drastic.

Jobe Publishing, Inc. has local newspapers in 7 counties and prints another 2 weekly newspapers in its Horse Cave facility. One of its newspapers is the *Monroe County Citizen*.

Monroe County currently has 2 weekly newspapers, and the largest is the *Tompkinsville News* owned by the Monroe County Press.

*The Tompkinsville News* has a long and rich history of serving this community since 1903. It is one of the last family-owned single newspapers in the state and is currently owned and published by Blanche Bushong Trimble, the third owner of the newspaper since its beginning.

Blanche has created a strong local business that not only provides local news, but her company also operates a full-service print shop along with screenprinting, embroidery, and laser engraving services. The facility for these services is located at their office at 105 N. Main St., in Tompkinsville.

Jeff Jobe is the owner and publisher of Jobe Publishing, Inc. He began his company in 1998 with the purchase of the *Butler County Banner* and *Green River Republican*.

Since that time, the Jobe family business has added 6 more community newspapers and purchased a commercial printing operation capable of printing small family-owned personalized printed material as well as large quantity business forms and books, an online media and marketing division, as well as diversifying a few other commercial properties in the region.

"Recently we chose to move all of our newspaper print operations to The Jobe Publishing facility in Horse Cave," said Tompkinsville News editor Ronda Jordan-Elam. "With this move, we were able to see a dramatic difference in our print quality. It allowed us to get better deadlines, and with the ability to mail from several post offices in the main line of distribution, many of our customers are able to receive their paper much faster than in the past. It just makes good business sense for us."

"Being a part of the Monroe County community has been a wonderful experience," said Jennifer Moonson, General Manager for the Jobe newspapers affected by the change. "I grew up in Nobob, very close to where Monroe, Barren and Metcalfe adjoin and have fond memories of going to Tompkinsville as a kid, to eat at Dovie's and go to Denton's Salvage."

Jennifer said that she believes the relationships she has will help her in managing news in Metcalfe and Barren because what affects one of us affects all of us.

"It's certainly sad to see the *Citizen* close, but at this critical time in history, it's important to be in cooperation not competition," said Jeff Jobe. "Jobe Publishing is proud to print the *Tompkinsville News*, and I am personally proud of the relationship our families have built over the years. Blanche is my friend, and I'll do anything I can to help her provide a good strong newspaper for Monroe County."

"Jobe Publishing will keep our online presence through the Citizen Facebook page for sharing of future regional news, but we will divert print advertising to one of our other newspapers or into the Tompkinsville News," Jennifer said. "All paying customers will have the Barren County Progress or our Edmonton Herald News mailed to their homes to honor our sister newspaper's mail subscriptions."

For more information about any of the services offered at the *Tompkinsville News*, call Rhonda Jordan-Elam at 270-487-5576 or call Jennifer Moonson at 270-670-9233.

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## PROTOCOL

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feed stores, and gas stations, have all been asked to implement frequent and thorough sanitation methods.

"I don't allow more than three people in the store at a time," said Russell Hernandez, the Manager of Burkmann Feeds.

Inside the store, Hernandez is being certain that the three or less customers at a time keep a safe distance of more than 6 feet.

"I've set up staging areas, when they come to the door, there's 10 to 12 feet from them in the next customer, and 20 feet between the customer and the next."

He says that his employees have been advised to not have extensive social interaction with the customers and to wear the gloves at all times.

Common areas such as the doors, doorhandles, credit card machines, and keyboard are being sanitized with every use.

Edmonton's local food store, the Edmonton IGA, is also taking extra precautions to protect customers and employees.

For starters, the store has new hours to help accommodate the extra cleaning. But in addition to that cleaning, Store Manager, Eric Matney, says that he and all employees have made sanitizing a part of the new daily routine.

"We have a certain ratio of bleach to water, that has been shown to kill all germs. We are using that as often as we can, on all of the surfaces. We are using Lysol to, but Lysol is in such high

demand we use what we have," he said. "Studies in China also said that people were put at ease with the Bleach water, because it gave them a reassurance that things smelled clean and sanitary."

Wiping down car handles, gas pump handles, and empty store shelves are also part of the process.

But he says that they're wearing gloves in all departments, with the exception of cashiers.

"It's very hard to count the money wearing gloves, so I'm leaving that up to each individual at this time," he said.

"We are determined to keep the customers safe, and the employees safe as well," Matney added.

For example, if an employee doesn't feel well, they send him home right away and before they can return, they must have a doctor's note for a clean bill of health.

Both Hernandez, Matt, and he said that, for the most part, people have complied with the new rules and regulations associated with coming into the store.

"I'd say 99% of the people that come in and have understood, and they have complied. It's a process, and we're all getting used to it, but for the most part they have done good," Hernandez said.

While many businesses are suffering greatly from the economic impact of a global pandemic, most life sustaining businesses are ahead of the curve.

"We are about the same in sales, maybe just a little bit more. People are planning ahead," Hernandez said.

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