

## LOCAL AUTHORS

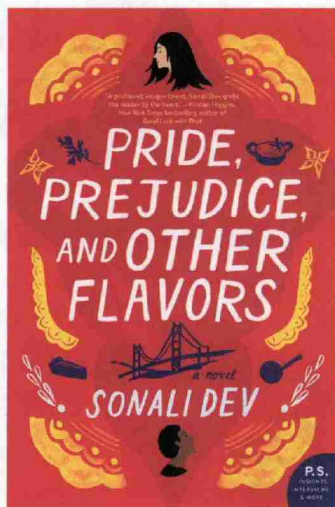
By Anne Knudsen

## Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors

Naperville novelist deftly blends romance and social commentary

In the first of a new series of novels, Sonali Dev introduces the Rajes, an immigrant Indian family descended from royalty who have built their lives in San Francisco, achieving power and influence far from their native land. Yet, traditions — and family loyalties — remain unbreakable, even for the genius daughter of the family who has risen to become the top neurosurgeon in the city.

In a romance reminiscent of those imagined by Dev's favorite author Jane

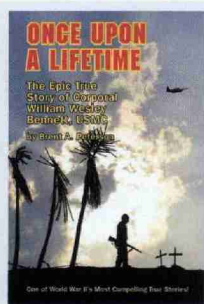


Austen, chance brings Dr. Trisha Raje into the world of up-and-coming chef DJ Caine. In a battle of pride versus arrogance, the

two discover love but must also reckon with a clash of cultures, personal ambitions and divided loyalties.

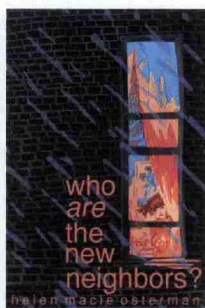
A masterful observer of social norms and behaviors, Dev expertly blends romance with social commentary in a story that appeals in equal parts to the heart and the intellect.

Sonali Dev, a Naperville resident, spent her childhood in Mumbai, India. Her books include *The Bollywood Bride*, which won the American Library Association's Award for Best Romance, *A Bollywood Affair* and *A Distant Heart*. Dev is an active member of Windy City Romance Writers, a writing clinic serving the western suburbs.



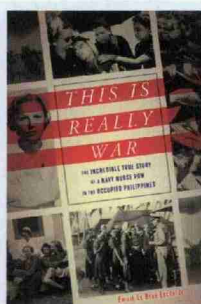
## ONCE UPON A LIFETIME

by Brent A. Peterson of Yorkville  
Peterson reconstructs the life and times of U.S. Marine Corporal William Wesley Bennett, who served in combat in the Pacific theater in WWII. From his faith-based upbringing in the Midwest to his daily fight for wartime survival, the book draws a detailed picture of a man driven by patriotism, discipline and duty. Detailed records and eyewitness accounts provide a painful, realistic window into life on the front lines.



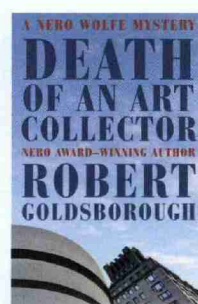
## WHO ARE THE NEW NEIGHBORS?

by Helen Macie Osterman of Homer Glen  
Wrapped inside the theme of domestic abuse is a story of a mother who uses personal trauma to set herself on a path to self reliance and happiness. Dominated by a husband who thinks every ailment is best cured by prayer alone, Deborah strikes out in defiance to find help for her daughter's serious health issues. A serious beating lands her in hospital and her husband in jail, but becomes the catalyst for a new life.



## THIS IS REALLY WAR

by Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi of Oak Park  
In this true story of a U.S. Navy nurse held as a prisoner of war in the Philippines during WWII, Dorothy Still was one of 12 nurses who, captive themselves in uninhabitable conditions, reported each day to a make-shift hospital to provide nonstop care for starving, diseased and abused inmates. A story inspired by despair moves on to deep friendships and even love in a time of darkness, ending with a dramatic rescue operation.



## DEATH OF AN ART COLLECTOR

by Robert Goldsborough, formerly of Elmhurst  
The latest book in the classic Nero Wolfe mysteries involves the suspicious death of a hoarder of fine art. With few clues or motives, Wolfe begins an investigation into those in the "art hog's" circle — a famed museum overly eager to acquire his collection, an ex-wife, a trio of obsequious advisors, and a Greenwich Village artist keen to see the works on public display.