



# Haven Books

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Mara Purl's  
Milford-Haven Series

Short Stories:

*Christmas Angels*  
CIPA Merit Book Award

Novels

*What The Heart Knows*  
Benjamin Franklin Award  
Silver  
USA Book News Award  
Finalist

*Closer Than You Think*

Evy Award  
Gold  
USA Book News Award  
Finalist

*Child Secrets*

Audio Drama

*Milford-Haven, U.S.A.\**

BBC Radio Drama  
NY Festival Finalist Award



May 2008 – Purl sweeps Indie Excellence Awards for two consecutive books in Fiction/Romance, first Silver, then Gold.

Mara Purl, author of the popular Milford-Haven Novels, won the Gold Indie Excellence Award for her novel “Child Secrets.” The title is book three in her series, “The Milford-Haven Novels.” The Indie Excellence is a national award granted in Los Angeles. Her previous novel “Closer Than You Think” was named Finalist in the same category.

*Child Secrets* also nabbed the Beach Book Festival Award as “Hottest Read for Summer” in the Fiction/Romance category. The Beach Book Festival is held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The two new awards for *Child Secrets*—also a Finalist for the Book Of the Year Award—brings the book-series wins to a total of eight. *What the Heart Knows*, Mara’s debut novel, earned a Silver Benjamin Franklin Award; *Closer Than You Think* won a Gold Evvy Award; and each earned USA Book News Finalist Awards. *Closer Than You Think* also just won the Indie Excellence Finalist Award.

“*Child Secrets* is—so far—the deepest and most complex in her series,” remarked publisher Reya Patton. “She has written a multi-layered, multi-leveled work, and we’re delighted—but not surprised—it is earning the excellent reviews and award notifications that it is.”

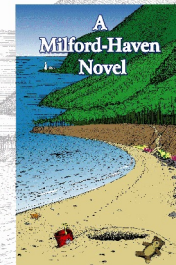
“*Child Secrets* plunges the reader more deeply into the background of each character,” author Mara Purl explained. “Childhood experiences imprint all of us. In this story, we trace how these imprints reveal themselves in adult behaviors. And we also develop a new way of discerning these ‘child secrets’ not only in my characters, but in ourselves.”

The core issues in Purl’s books make them favorites for her “Women’s Fiction” audience—romantic relationships, balancing personal issues with career goals, and creating a nurturing environment readers come to recognize as their own “haven.”

*Milford-Haven* has a long, unusual history, having begun as an original radio drama Purl created that became a hit on BBC Radio with 4.5 million listeners in the U.K. It won the Finalist Award at the New York Festivals.

Mara Purl honed her researching and writing skills with the *Associated Press*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Financial Times of London*, *Working Woman Magazine*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*, to name a few. But she’s spent equal time as a performer on-camera and on-stage, with her regular character on *Days Of Our Lives* having been her starting point for soap opera. She was named Woman of the Year 2002 by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women.

## Mara Purl



### Child Secrets

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