



Handwritten signature of Phillip Margolin in black ink.

Bestselling author Phillip Margolin grew up in New York City and Levittown, New York. In 1965, he graduated from American University with a Bachelor's Degree in Government. For the next two years, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia and later graduated from New York University School of Law in 1970. After practicing law for 24 years, Margolin decided to become a full time writer. The idea for his first book came during his clerkship at the Oregon Court of Appeals. *Heartstone* was nominated for an Edgar Award for best original paperback mystery of 1978. By the time his third novel came out, he was balancing writing with a law practice. His latest book is *Proof Positive* (2006). An avid chess player, Margolin has been the President and Chairman of the Board of Chess for Success since 1996. It is a nonprofit charity that uses chess to teach study skills to elementary and middle school children in Title I schools.



Handwritten signature of Jennifer Weiner in red ink.

World-renowned author, Jennifer Weiner made her sensational debut with *The New York Times* best-seller *Good In Bed*. The following year, Weiner turned her attention to the love/hate affairs of sisterhood in her second novel, *In Her Shoes*, which instantly became a best-seller and is now a hit movie starring Cameron Diaz. *Little Earthquakes*, Weiner's third book, is a tale of romance, friendship, and forgiveness as three very different women navigate the journey of new motherhood. Weiner's most recent novel, *Goodnight Nobody*, is a whodunit tale of a suburban housewife who fights crime between play dates. Upon graduating from Princeton University, Weiner worked as a journalist for ten years before her first book was published. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and their two-year old daughter Lucy.

Handwritten signature of Dorothea Benton Frank in black ink.



Dorothea Benton Frank was born and raised on Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. The *New York Times* bestselling author has written such novels as *Sullivan's Island* and *Plantation*. Her latest novel is *Full of Grace*. In addition to her writing, Dot is a nationally recognized volunteer fundraiser for the arts and education, and an advocate of literacy programs and women's issues. She resides in the New York area with her husband and two children.