

# Book Release

## *My Life with Mickey*



### My Life with Mickey

by Jane Spillane  
as told to Andrew Lesh

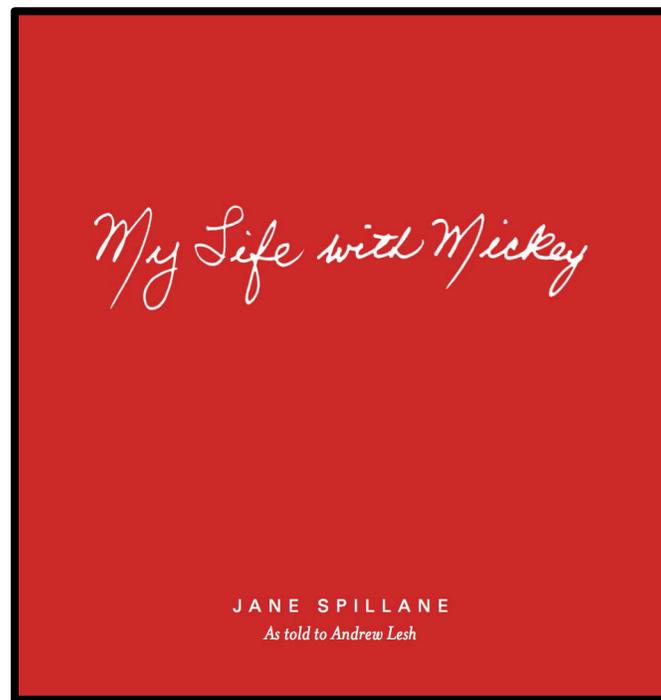
Release Date: January 2014

*My Life with Mickey* shares five memories of Mickey Spillane, acclaimed pulp fiction writer, as told by his wife, Jane Spillane.

Still residing in the house she and Mickey shared in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, Jane shares vivid stories of their life together — from their meeting while Jane was “riding her tricycle” to Mickey’s death in 2006. Each chapter is paired with artful photographs of the Spillane household, including Mickey’s most prized and beloved possessions.

Murrells Inlet, an intimate fishing village, provides a fitting backdrop for this rare glimpse into the man behind Mike Hammer, who as Jane says, “wasn’t at all like the books he wrote and characters he created.” Jane’s stories show the multiplicity of Mickey Spillane – heroic defender, thoughtful husband and father, and unfailing optimist – even in the destruction of Hurricane Hugo. Each captivating chapter adds another dimension to Mickey and the dynamic relationship that he and Jane shared.

This publication represents the first in The Athenaeum Press’ chapbook projects, the result of close collaboration between the project initiator (Jane Spillane) and a student production team (writer Andrew Lesh, photographer Amanda O’Brien and designers Sarah Swartz and Sarah Evans).



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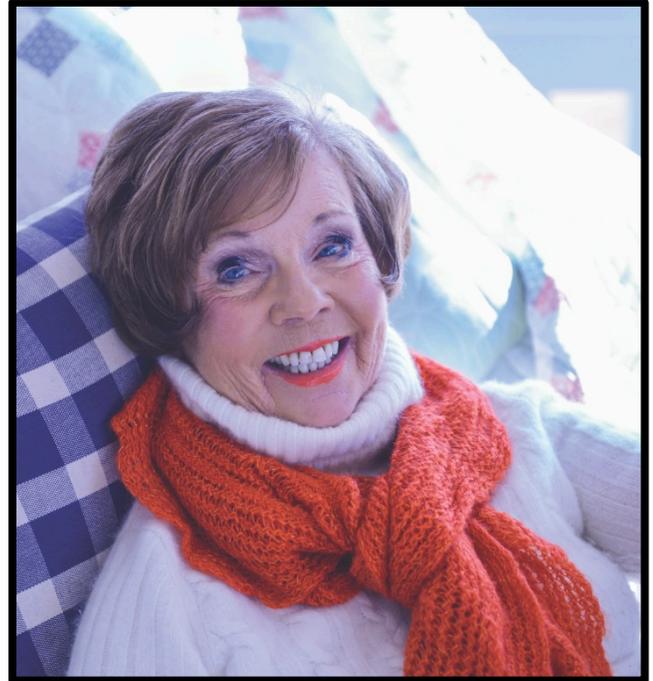
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### Jane Spillane

Jane Spillane is a native of Marion, South Carolina and spent weekends and summers in Murrells Inlet. She is a Carolina girl through and through, going so far as to become the runner-up in the Miss South Carolina pageant. Spillane went to the University of South Carolina before moving to New York to attend the American Academy of Performing Arts where she majored in theatre, specifically musical comedy, and toured with a number of regional productions including the show “Star-Spangled Girl.”

Eventually she married a Connecticut man and lived in Fairfield, CT, heading a fitness program there and raising two beautiful daughters. In 1982, Spillane divorced and moved south to Murrells Inlet. That is when she became reacquainted with a neighbor who she married a year later. That man was Mickey Spillane. They were married for 23 years before his death in 2006. Currently, Spillane owns Mickey Spillane Productions and Publishing, and has published seven of Mickey’s novels posthumously. She still lives in the house on the Inlet with three cats of her own and tends to her endeavors related to her late husband.



## Other Publications from The Athenaeum Press

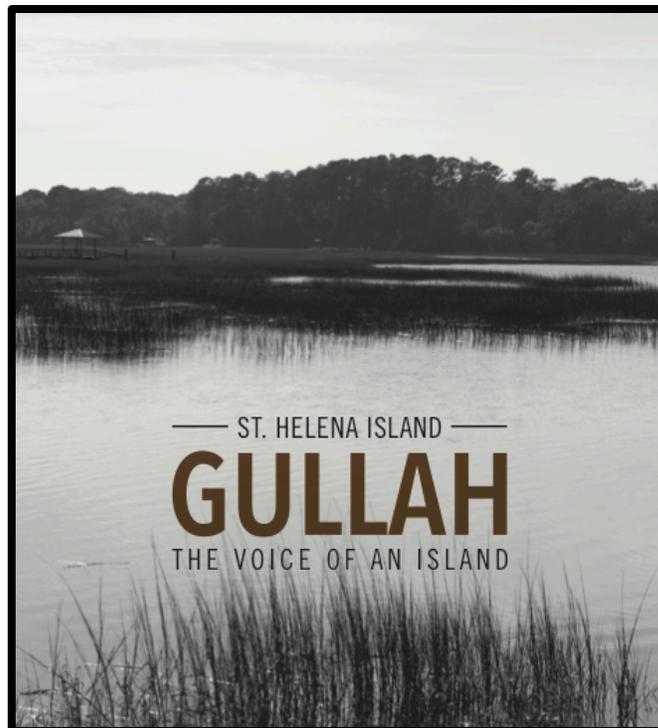


### **Gullah: The Voice of an Island**

Released: April 2014

This CD and digital publication project shares the stories, spirituals and songs of the Gullah culture on Saint Helena Island, SC. In an effort to preserve these fast-disappearing songs, this project has recorded over 80 hours of spirituals and stories. Students in history, music recording, digital media, English, photography and design combine original recordings of elder song leaders on the island with research into the rich musical and spiritual traditions of the Gullah people. The resulting project, described by the Penn Center as “exquisitely educational” and “soul-stirring,” brings these 200-year-old songs to a new audience.

Hand-crafted CD Box, 7.5” x 5.5”, MSRP \$14.95



### **Chasing the Paper Canoe**

Publication Date: 12 April 2013

This inaugural publication from The Athenaeum Press reimagines Nathaniel Bishop’s journey down the Waccamaw River in a paper canoe more than a century ago. The book is the culmination of a year’s collaboration between students and faculty at Coastal Carolina University.

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