

MEDIA BUZZ



“Just Out Of Reach” BY BELINDA J. STEVENS

Stevens' novel influenced by Yazoo

Stevens to sign copies of her debut novel *Just Out of Reach* at Downtown Madison on Main Street by VANDYKE SIGES Herald Correspondent

Reading Belinda Stevens' recently published debut novel *Just Out of Reach*, Yazooans are indebted, will do some reading between the lines.

The setting, Lafayette in Yazoo City perhaps a Lafayette High School, is not that far from the Yazoo City High School as it was in the '60s.

The Lafayette County Jail is the State Country Club because it was not on a hill overlooking the town, even though it doesn't really overlook.



Belinda Stevens recently published her first novel, *Just Out of Reach*. The story was heavily influenced by Yazoo.

Stevens (from page 4C): New author is already 10 chapters into her second book, a murder mystery she hopes to have completed by 2014



Stevens has served as a public defender in Yazoo County since 1996. Other than practicing law, she has also always dreamed of being a writer and being a dress designer.

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Yazoo City attorney talks about new novel “Just Out of Reach”

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Legal Affairs

“Just Out of Reach” by Mississippi attorney Belinda Stevens tells the story of young love and dark secrets in the turbulent Sixties. Inspired by her own experiences as a Yazoo City High School student, Stevens writes about the impact President Kennedy’s assassination, James Meredith’s integration of the University of Mississippi and the Vietnam War had on one Mississippi young woman.



Stevens is a graduate of Belhaven University and earned a masters in social science and a law degree from Mississippi College. From 1987-1990, she served as special assistant to Mississippi attorney general Mike Moore. Stevens lives in Brandon and practices law in Yazoo City where she is an assistant public defender.

Stevens will be available at Lemuria Books in Yazoo City from 11 AM to 1 PM to sign copies of “Just Out of Reach.” She will be with the MJB.

What were you trying to capture or convey?

At the center of the novel is a love story that is set within the story are historical events that alter the way they ultimately take. It delves into the relationships well as their relationships with others. I would like to see stuck and ultimately break out and grow.

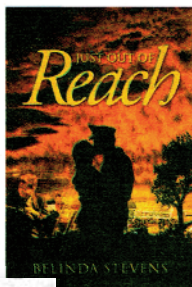
Flowood chamber to host local author

Stevens to sign book June 21

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“Just Out of Reach” is the debut novel by Belinda J. Stevens of Flowood. She will be signing her book at the Flowood Chamber of Commerce, 115 Laurel Park Cove, Suite 108, June 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Stevens was born in



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Stevens' debut novel introduces the reader to a host of unforgettable characters, situations and issues that captivate the heart of small town Mississippi. The novel takes place in the heart of Mississippi.

Author

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in the Mississippi Delta around the early 1960s. Katherine meets the love of her life, David, and their love goes on a roller-coaster ride solely because of family issues and political differences. Due to the actions of Katherine's mother and a string of horrendous events within Katherine's life, Katherine and David later separate. Katherine later marries Jeffery, a prestigious attorney, whom she meets in college. Katherine later discovers that Jeffery doesn't like African-Americans. She then



Belinda Stevens and her friend, SPECIAL TO RANKIN LEDGER

calls for a divorce but Jeffery feverishly refuses her wishes.

“Just Out of Reach” is filled with drama and suspense. The novel touches on many issues such as war, addiction, dysfunctional relationships, the evolving role of women and the complex issue of

race in Mississippi.

The book is available in stores throughout the Southeast with book signings scheduled until the end of the year.

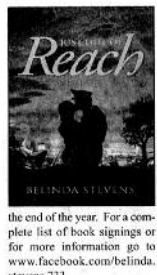
For a complete list of book signings or for more information go to www.facebook.com/belinda.stevens.733.

Yazoo City native releases debut novel

JANS - *Just Out of Reach* is the debut novel by Yazoo City, MS, native Belinda J. Stevens, a practicing defense attorney in her hometown. She grew up in the sixties in the Mississippi Delta where racial injustice and war were at the forefront of society. Within the novel she conveys what it was like in those times by taking a controversial look into the life of a 16-year-old high school freshman, Katherine Boyd.

Just Out of Reach is filled with enough drama and suspense to keep readers at the edge of their seat wondering what will happen next. Stevens is able to show vivid imagery as she sheds light on the erratic life of Katherine Boyd. The novel touches on many issues such as war, addiction, dysfunctional relationships, the evolving role of women and the complex issue of race in Mississippi.

Katherine meets the love of her life, David, and their love goes on a rollercoaster ride solely because of family issues and political differences. Due to the actions of Katherine's mother and a string of horrendous events within Katherine's life, the young couple eventually separates. She ends up marrying her college sweetheart, Jeffery, who becomes a prestigious attorney.



For a list of public appearances or for more information visit: www.belindastevens.com or [facebook.com/belinda.stevens.733](https://www.facebook.com/belinda.stevens.733)

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