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O'Reilly Returns with another 'killing' book,  
J.K. Rowling is still Robert Galbraith & the Crayons are back!

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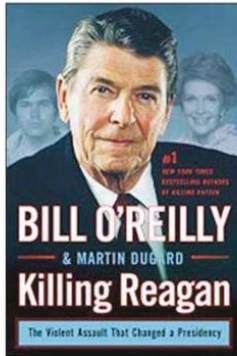
Some new books on the way this fall include another Bill O'Reilly/Martin Dugard thriller called *Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault That Changed a Presidency*.

The writing duo has already had two of their "Killing" books (*Killing Jesus* and *Killing Patton*) rise to #1 on the *USA Today* Best Seller List (although, in my view, *Killing Lincoln* was the best of this series).

O'Reilly's books have sold more than 6 million copies, and the 65-year-old television host says the new book will look at the assassination attempt on President Reagan and his battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Another much anticipated release this fall is the latest crime mystery from J.K. Rowling, but you won't find it at your local bookstore under her name.

Rowling's last two books have been written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith, who is described as a former member of the British Military Police



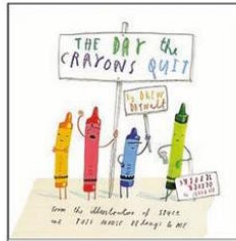
**Bill O'Reilly is back with another "killing" book. The series has really been killing it with sales, with more than 6 million copies purchased.**

(Rowling has even set up a Robert Galbraith web site, so she's having fun with the fake name).



**Jamie Bobo is one of two Canton, Ga. writers with children's books coming out. Her book, *The Birthday Candle*, is available now.**

Rowling, who lives in the U.K., said she is writing under another name so she wouldn't have to deal with all the hype and expectation after her Harry Potter success (according to the *Christian Science Monitor*, Stephen King



**Kids will be excited to see another in the Crayon series.**

said he enjoyed doing the same thing years ago when he wrote under the name Richard Bachman).

Rowling called the experience "liberating" because she was just writing without the pressure of doing it under her real name. Rowling's latest book, due out late next month, is called *Career of Evil*, following the first two in this series, *The Cuckoo's Calling* and *The Silkworm*. (Incidentally, Rowling's Harry Potter books are the best-selling book series of

all time, and she has sold more than 400 million books worldwide).

**Children's Books: Lookout! The Crayons Are Baaack!**

The crayons are back in *The Day the Crayons Came Home*, another hilarious book (published last month by Philomel) that follows Amazon's Children's Book of the Year in 2013 called *The Day the Crayons Quit* (by Drew Daywalt and illustrator Oliver Jeffers). Moms and Dads and grandparents will LOVE reading these books, where the crayons take on human characteristics and emotions (recommended for ages three to seven—and beyond). Start with the first book and you will be laughing out loud when Turquoise Crayon sends a postcard to little Duncan after sticking to his sock (and being partially melted after a ride in his mom's dryer). Orange Crayon and Yellow Crayon are stuck together after being left out in the sun and Pea Green crayon is unhappy because no one likes the color Pea Green. It's creative and fun—and full of learning.

**Closer to Home** -- Two local children's authors are also worth looking up, Debbie Byrd and Jamie Bobo. *Byrd's Lily & Grace: Friends To The Rescue* is a creative story of two sea creatures who help clean up an oil

spill and Bobo's *The Birthday Candle*, is described as "...the whimsical tale of how the birthday candle became a tradition." Debbie also did the illustrations for Jamie's book.

Both Jamie & Debbie are from Canton, and their creative books are available at Yawn's in Canton or at yawnpublishing.com.

**Deadline Approaching for Young Authors** -- Calling all middle and high school writers! The Sassafras Literary Exchange's (SLE) Annual writing contest, now in its 34th year, is open for entries and the deadline is September 30th. Organizers are expecting hundreds of entries—and the judging will be completed by October 5th, with winners announced on Oct. 15th.

**Forget Amazon this weekend**—check out Chattanooga Tech -- don't forget Friends of the Library used book sale coming up this weekend, Sept 18th—19th at Chattanooga Tech (Friends of the Library members get a sneak preview on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 17th between 4 p.m.-6 p.m.). Come and pick up a few good books and help support our local library.

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