

# Hearsay

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## The truth about a sleuth

Move over Sherlock Holmes, there's a new detective in town — Algy Temple.

The fictional Temple is the name of the attorney-turned-detective developed by the creative mind of Providence attorney **John J. Partridge** in his first published murder-mystery novel, "Carom Shot," which came out in November 2005.

In the story set amid the backdrop of the colorful, character-filled Ocean State, Temple, counsel at a local university, becomes driven to solve a murder that happened on campus and is taken on quite a journey in his pursuit of justice.

But while Temple has tackled only one case so far, Partridge says his protagonist could be following other leads in the near future.

Partridge, a founding partner of

Partridge, Snow & Hahn, has taken his own journey as both an attorney and a writer in Rhode Island, where he grew up. The 66-year-old says he has always been interested in writing, but it was only recently that he became more serious about the passion.

"The [law] practice comes first," explains Partridge. "But [writing is] something I've always enjoyed doing on the weekends, evenings and on vacation, at odd moments when I get the time to sit down and think it through... it's not consistent the way I'd like it to be."

Now something — "Carom Shot" — that started as a gift to his children and was written purely for enjoyment has materialized into a published work that has appeared in bookstores throughout Rhode Island and on the Internet.

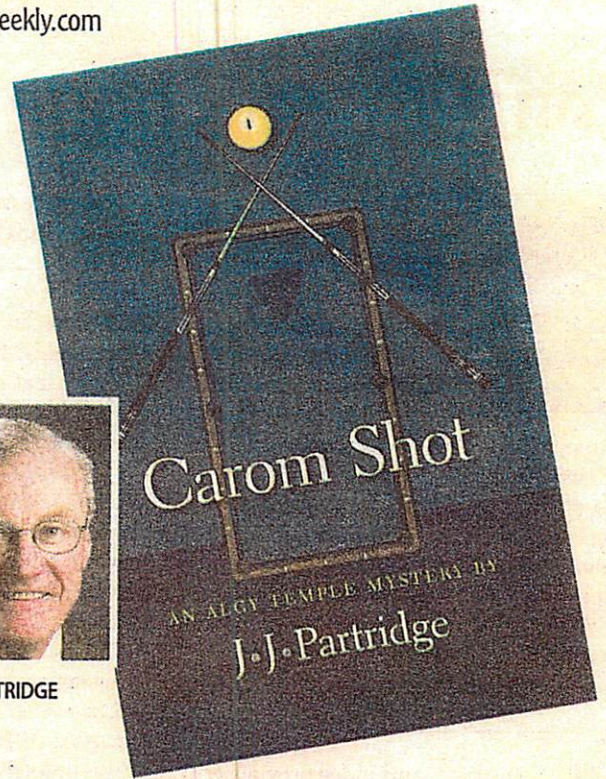
Partridge's interest in writing, combined with a love for mystery novels and some inspiration from his home state, was the perfect formula for his first book.

"[I would be] driving down the street and plotting that stuff in my head," says Partridge. "I like to use the local scene."

Partridge has plans to use the "local scene" again, as he is working on a sequel and notes that a prequel could follow, a fitting plan for someone who has received notes from readers all over the world — including South Africa and Europe



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— regarding his book.

"I would like [readers] to think that they finished the book and it was satisfying," says Partridge.

And satisfaction seems to be a key word in Partridge's vocabulary, as he believes it is important for attorneys to embrace activities outside of the practice of law in order to maintain focus.

"I know we all have demands, but if it's possible that you can have something else you can do that is not

precisely the law, it helps you focus on the law," explains Partridge.

"Writing has made me think about other aspects of the law I wouldn't have thought about or appreciated."

It seems Partridge has found balance somewhere between solving mysteries in a fictional world and tackling regulatory and corporate matters in his practice.

"I've enjoyed being an author as much as I've enjoyed being a lawyer," says Partridge.