

**September 2005** - The first copies of Tapas on the Ramblas have begun arriving in stores. I just received my first copies - the first time I'm seeing the final product - WOW - this is always one of the most exciting times in this career.

**September 2005** - The same production company which optioned the film rights for Flight of Aquavit have just decided to option Amuse Bouche as well. What a blast it would be to see Russell Quant on screen. They have a terrific screenwriter working on a pitch document.

**September 2005** - I always hold my breath until the first review of a new book. Of course you hope for the best - and I've been fortunate - but you never know - so last Saturday I opened Quill & Quire - a respected publication of book reviews in Canada - and jumped for joy. Gosh that felt good. You can check out a couple of excerpts in the Media Reviews section.

**September 2005** - keep on checking the Events page for new dates and locations for my Tapas on the Ramblas tour. I've just added a new event in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The newest Russell Quant mystery, Tapas on the Ramblas, will be off press and in bookstores by October 2005. Yahoo!

June 2005, at a glittering gala in New York City, Flight of Aquavit, the second Russell Quant mystery, won the Lambda Literary Award (a Lammy) for Best Men's Mystery. Just as deserving were my incredibly talented fellow nominees: Greg Herren, Gary Zebrun, John Morgan Wilson and Dorien Grey. And I thought I was there just to star gaze at all the great writers.

Russell on celluloid? Could happen! In June, 2005, the film and TV rights for Flight of Aquavit were optioned by a film production company in Toronto

Tour mates#1: Earlier this year I was thrilled to tour with Flight of Aquavit and introduce Russell Quant to California and later New York. Both times I was fortunate enough to be joined by my very talented colleague (and a lovely gentleman too), author Robert Taylor, promoting his new novel, Whose Eye is On Which Sparrow? I'm so happy to announce that Robert and I will once again be joining forces at several of the US stops of my Tapas on the Ramblas tour - check for dates and location on the calendar

Tour mates #2: I met one of my literary heroes, Ellen Hart, at a writer's conference in New Orleans earlier this year and I'm excited to announce that Ellen has agreed to join Robert Taylor and me in Minneapolis - her wonderful home town - in November - see details on the calendar

Upcoming - the 4th instalment in the Russell Quant series is at the final draft stages and will be heading to my wonderful editor, Catherine Lake, in the next couple of weeks - I can hardly believe it