

Mystery Writer Confesses: I MARRIED AN ALIEN

Mystery author Deborah Adams created the fictional town of Jesus Creek and filled it with killers, good guys, and ... aliens! For years Adams has claimed that ideas for her books come from her imagination, but at last the Tennessee author has volunteered the truth. "Those aliens?" she confessed to close friends, "They're based on life with my husband."

"She's really very naïve," says close personal friend and fellow writer Joan Hess in response to Adams' assertion that she didn't realize she'd wedded an alien until years after the ceremony. "The peas were a dead giveaway!"

According to a reliable source, Adams tearfully related the tale of a special evening early in her marriage. "I'd made a wonderful dinner – cornbread, fried potatoes, and peas. He just looked at his plate and asked, "What's wrong with these peas? They aren't green!"

Blinded by love, Adams convinced herself that her pea-vish husband was only joking. "But it soon became obvious that this was no ordinary earthling I'd married. Oh, sure –he drives a pick-up truck, but there's no gun rack! When we had children he was fascinated by the human birth process, even going so far as to claim that he enjoyed that Lamaze video. I knew I had to face the truth, though, when I came home unexpectedly one day and found him sorting the laundry before he washed it."

Adams contacted an alien-tracker who advised her that birth certificates could be faked and that Adams would do better to search out a permanent record from

her husband's school years. Adams did, and was stunned to learn that her mysterious mister is an alumnus of Robichaud High in, of all places, *Michigan!*

"At first I was heartbroken. How could I comfort my children when their little friends called them names? And it goes without saying that no one else in my family has ever married a, you know, *Yankee*. But love conquers all, and we *are* in love," insists Adams, cuddling up to her furry hubby.

Now that the skeletons are out of Deborah Adams' closet, she's making plans for a family vacation to her husband's home planet. "He's told me stories about the place, about snowdrifts higher than cars and about fishing for ice!"