

Jane Green pens tale about redemption

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WESTPORT — Westport author Jane Green was trying to write a mystery when she began work on "Dune Road."

She had all the right ingredients: a mysterious man with a secret, people with shady pasts and a 30-year-old murder, set against the backdrop of a wealthy Gold Coast town. What she produced instead is a story about trust, resilience and the love of a woman for her friends and family.

"I think that books almost tell themselves," said Green, who will be appearing at the Fairfield Borders on Tuesday, June 30.

This is the 11th novel for Green, who is originally from England.

"Well, I was a journalist," said Green, "When I was 27, a friend of mine published a book. I thought if she can do it, I can do it."

So Green took three months off to write a book. By the end of the three months, there was a bidding war for her first offering.

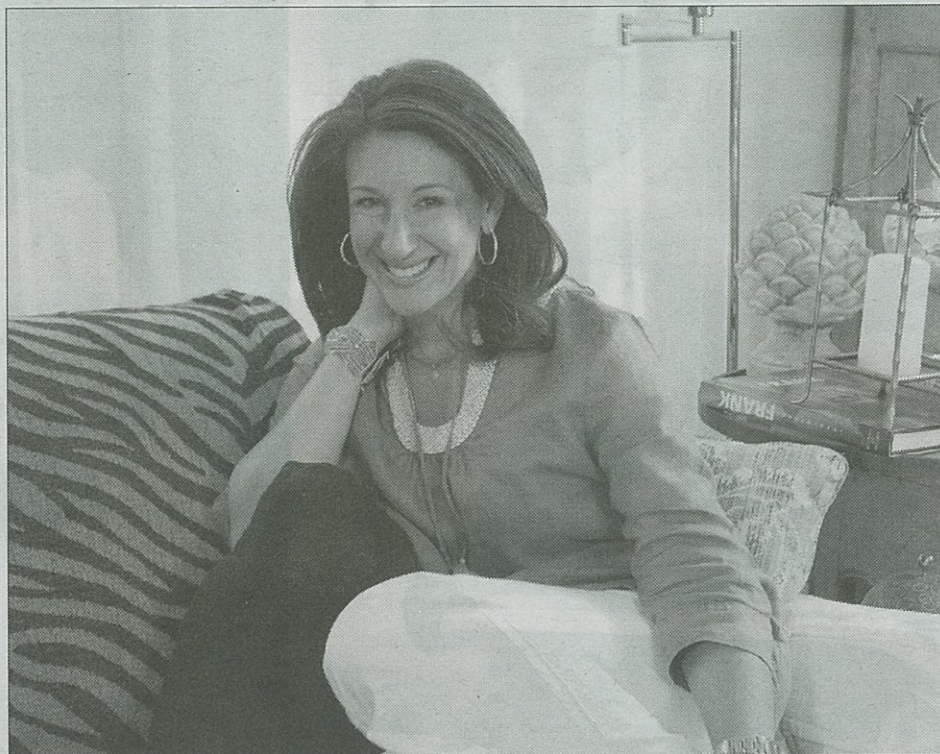
"That was it. That was the beginning," she said.

Green is now 41, a married mother with a blended family of six who lives in Westport.

Her novels have grown and changed with her. When Green began writing, her books featured single 20-something women on the prowl for Mr. Right.

"I have been married, had children, been divorced, been re-married, had a blended family," said Green. "That is what fuels my books."

Green's latest book, "Dune Road," features Kit Hargrove, a recently-divorced resident of Highfield, Conn., a fictional Fairfield County community. Hargrove is just beginning to enjoy her new freedom: She's taking yoga classes; she has new friends and she's taken a job as a



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research assistant with the famously secretive author who lives in town.

Then things begin to fall apart. The financial crisis strikes her best friend's family, her yoga instructor starts trying to date her boss and a stranger appears at her doorstep with a shocking revelation.

This is the third time that Highfield has appeared in Green's books.

The town debuted in "To Have and To Hold," and has changed over the years.

"Highfield has morphed," she said. "There is a part of Highfield that is very country."

That part is more like Ridgefield and Georgetown, she said. But Green's depiction of Highfield in "Dune Road" was partly inspired by the difference between two facets of Westport — the town's long-time residents and the newcomers, who have immigrated in from Wall Street.

She was also partly inspired by the way the

financial meltdown struck those people and how the community is dealing with the crisis.

"There is a tremendous amount of shame from the people who are used to living that lifestyle," she said.

Because she turned in her manuscript early this year, Green was able to include the financial crisis in the book, and incorporate recent events, like the election of President Barack Obama and the government's stimulus package.

"I was able to keep it unbelievably current," she

said. "I think it's the first book to deal with the current financial crisis."

More important to Green than current events, however, are the relationships affected by those events.

"Having been through a divorce, I wanted to write about redemption," said Green. "It is never too late to salvage relationships. Everything is salvageable, given enough time and will- ingness."

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For showtimes this week, visit www.AvonTheatre.org



• **Away We Go**
• **Easy Virtue**
• **Piranha** 7/2 at 9:00pm

272 Bedford Street, Stamford
(203) 967-3660

ITS SHOWTIME

Movie programs and times are often subject to late changes by theater owners. It is best to check by phone.

Compiled by: Cinema Source

1. **BETHEL** — Bethel Cinema, 778-2100.
Away We Go (R) Sun. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15. Mon.-Tue. 4:45, 7, 9:15. Wed. 9:40, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15. Thu. 4:45, 7, 9:15.
Cheri (NR) Sun. 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:15, 9:35. Mon.-Tue. 4:35, 7:15, 9:35. Wed. 9:45, 12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:15, 9:35. Thu. 4:35, 7:15, 9:35.
Easy Virtue (PG-13) Sun. 12:50, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40. Mon.-Tue. 5:15, 7:30, 9:40. Wed. 9:35, 12:50, 3:05, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40. Thu. 5:15, 7:30, 9:40.
The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) Sun. noon, 2:15, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10. Mon.-Tue. 4:25, 6:45, 9:10. Wed. 9:30, noon, 2:15, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10. Thu. 4:25, 6:45, 9:10.
2. **BRIDGEPORT** — Showcase Cinemas, 339-7161.
Angels & Demons (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 3:55, 6:50, 9:40.
Imagine That (PG) Sun.-Tue. 1:25, 4, Land of the Lost (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 1:20.
New York (NR) Sun.-Tue. 1:45, 4:55, 8, Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Sun.-Tue. 1:10, 3:40, 6:30, 9.
Star Trek (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 12:50, 3:45, 7:05, 9:45.
The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) Sun.-Tue. 1:15, 3:35, 6:40, 9:15.
Terminator Salvation (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 6:35, 9:25.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun. 12:30, 1, 1:30, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:40, 10:15, 10:30. Mon.-Tue. 12:30, 1, 1:30, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:40, 8:15, Wed.-Thu. 12:30, 3:50, 7:10.
Up in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Sun.-Tue. 12:40, 3:50, 7:25, 10, 12:35.
Year One (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 12:35, 1:40, 2:50, 4:10, 5:10, 7, 7:45, 9:20, 10:05.
4. **DARIEN** — Darien Playhouse, 655-7655.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Wed.-Thu. 4, 6, 8.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun. 2, 5, 8. Mon.-Tue. 5, 8. Wed.-Thu. 4:30, 7:30.
Up (PG) Sun. 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45. Mon.-Tue. 4:30, 7.
5. **FAIRFIELD** — Fairfield Cinema at Bullard Square, 339-7151.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun. 12:30, 3:50, 7:10, 10:30. Mon.-Thu. 12:30, 3:50, 7:10.
6. **GREENWICH** — Bow Tie Plaza, 869-4030.
Away We Go (R) Sun.-Thu. 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45.
Cheri (NR) Sun.-Thu. noon, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.
Food, Inc. (PG) Sun.-Thu. 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15.
9. **NEW CANAAN** — Bow Tie New Canaan Playhouse, 966-0600.
The Proposal (PG-13) Sun.-Thu. 1:15, 4:30, 7, 9:20.
Public Enemies (R) Tue. 12:01 A.M. Wed.-Thu. 12:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30.
The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) Sun.-Tue. 1, 4, 7:15, 9:30.
10. **NEWTOWN** — Edmond Town Hall, 426-2475.
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Sun. 1, 4, 7, 9. Mon.-Thu. 1, 7, 9.
11. **NORWALK** — Garden Cinemas, 838-4504.
Away We Go (R) Sun. 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 9. Mon.-Thu. 6:50, 9.
Cheri (NR) Sun. 2:40, 4:40, 6:40, 8:40. Mon.-Thu. 6:40, 8:40.
Easy Virtue (PG-13) Sun. 2:15, 6:30. Mon.-Thu. 6:30.
Food, Inc. (PG) Sun. 2:40, 4:50, 7, 9. Mon.-Thu. 7, 9.
Summer Hours (L'Heure d'été) (NR) Sun. 4:20, 8:20. Mon.-Thu. 8:20.
12. **NORWALK** — Maritime Aquarium IMAX Theatre, 852-0700.
Animalopolis (NR) Sun. 11, 1, 3.
Deep Sea (G) Sun. noon, 2, 4. Mon.-Tue. noon, 2. Amazing creatures from the ocean around the world. Stadium Seating. Wed.-Thu. noon, 2, 4. Amazing creatures from the ocean around the world. Stadium Seating.
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) Sun. 6:30, 9. Mon.-Wed. 5. Stadium Seating. The Hollywood hit on a six-story screen! Thu. 6:30, 9. Stadium Seating. The Hollywood hit on a six-story screen!
13. **NORWALK** — Bow Tie Royale, 846-8797.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Wed.-Sat. 11, 1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:10.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) Wed.-Sat. 10:20, 12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:40.
My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) Sun.-Thu. noon, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50.
The Proposal (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 11:20, 11:50, 1:40, 2:10, 4:10, 4:40, 6:30, 7, 9, 10. Wed.-Thu. 11:50, 2:10, 4:40, 7, 9.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun.-Thu. 11:45, 12:45, 3, 4, 8:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:30.
Up in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Sun.-Tue. 11:30, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15.
14. **RIDGEFIELD** — Ridgefield Playhouse, 438-5795.
Up (PG) Sun.-Thu. 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8. Mon.-Thu. 1, 7.
15. **SOUTH NORWALK** — Bow Tie

- Sono Regent, 899-7979.
The Hangover (R) Sun.-Tue. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30. Wed.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Sun.-Tue. 11, 1, 3, 5, 7:15, 9:30.
Public Enemies (R) Tue. 12:01 A.M. Wed.-Thu. 11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30.
The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) Sun.-Tue. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45. Wed.-Thu. 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun.-Thu. 11, noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11.
Up (PG) Sun.-Tue. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:30, 10:40. Wed.-Thu. 11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6:15, 8:40, 10:40.
Year One (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 11:30, 1:45, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45, 10:50.
- 16. **SPRINGDALE** — State Cinema, 325-0250.
The Hangover (R) Sun. 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:10. Mon.-Thu. 2:50, 5, 7:10.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun.-Thu. 12:50, 3:45, 7:10.
- 17. **STAMFORD** — Avon Theatre, 967-3660.
Away We Go (R) Sun. 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30. Mon.-Thu. 5:15, 7:30. Fri. 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45. Sat. 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45.
Easy Virtue (PG-13) Sun. 12:40, 2:50, 5:10. Mon.-Thu. 5, 7:10.
Piranha (1978) (R) Thu. 9.
Whatever Works (PG-13) Fri. 1:55, 3:50, 5:50, 7:50, 9:50. Sat. noon, 1:55, 3:50, 5:50, 7:50, 9:50.
- 18. **STAMFORD** — Bow Tie Landmark.
The Hangover (R) Sun.-Tue. 11:30, 1:30, 2:10, 4:50, 6:40, 7:20, 9:50. Wed.-Thu. 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50.
Land of the Lost (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 11:45 A.M.
Monster House (PG) Tue. 10 A.M.
Public Enemies (R) Tue. 12:01 A.M. Wed.-Thu. 11:45, 12:45, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6, 8, 9, 10.
Star Trek (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 11, 4:15, 9:10.
The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) Sun.-Thu. 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 11:15, noon, 1, 1:45, 2:20, 3, 3:30, 4, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:40, 8:10, 8:45, 9:30, 10:10, 10:40. Wed.-Thu. 11:15, noon, 1, 1:45, 2:20, 3, 3:30, 4, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:40, 8:10, 8:45, 9:30, 10:10.
Year One (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40.
- 19. **STAMFORD** — Bow Tie Majestic 6, 323-1690.
Angels & Demons (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 6, 9.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Wed.-Thu. noon, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D Wed.-Thu. 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:30.
Imagine That (PG) Sun.-Tue. 12:30, 3, 5:15, 7:15, 9:45.
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Sun.-Tue. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45.
The Proposal (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 12:45, 1:30, 3:30, 4:15, 6:15, 8:45, 10:30.
Up (PG) Wed.-Thu. 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:05, 9:25.
Up in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Sun.-Tue. 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:05, 9:25.
- 21. **TRUMBULL** — Bow Tie Marquis, 365-5000.
The Hangover (R) Sun.-Tue. 12:10, 1:10, 2:50, 3:50, 5:30, 6:30, 8:10, 9, 10:45. Wed.-Thu. 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 8, 10:40.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Wed.-Thu. 11:10, 11:50, 12:30, 1:50, 2:30, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:50, 7:50, 9, 10:10.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D Wed.-Thu. 12:01 A.M. Wed.-Thu. 1:10, 3:50, 6:10, 8:30, 10:50. Digital 3D.
Igor (PG) Tue.-Wed. 10 A.M.
Imagine That (PG) Sun.-Tue. 11:15 A.M.
My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) Sun.-Thu. 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:20, 10.
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Sun.-Tue. 11:05, 1:30, 3:30, 4:15, 6:15, 8:45, 10:30.
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Public Enemies (R) Tue. 12:01 A.M. Wed.-Thu. 11:30, 12:40, 1:30, 2:40, 4, 4:50, 6, 7:10, 8:10, 9:20, 10:30, 11:15.
The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (R) Sun.-Tue. 12:20, 4, 6:50, 8, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30. Wed.-Thu. 12:50, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 11, 11:40, 12:20, 1, 1:40, 2:20, 3, 3:40, 4:20, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:40, 8:20, 9, 9:40, 10:20, 11.
Up in Disney Digital 3D (PG) Sun.-Tue. 11:30, 12:45, 2:10, 3:20, 4:50, 6, 7:30, 8:45, 10:10, 11:15. Wed.-Thu. 11:05, 1:20, 4:10, 6:40, 9:30.
Year One (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 11:10, noon, 1:50, 2:40, 4:30, 5:20, 7:10, 9:50.
- 22. **WILTON** — Bow Tie Wilton 4, 761-0700.
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Wed.-Sat. 11:45, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:10.
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) Sun.-Thu. noon, 12:30, 3:15, 4, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:20.
Up (PG) Sun.-Thu. 12:15, 3, 6:30, 8:45.
Year One (PG-13) Sun.-Tue. 12:45, 4:30, 7, 9:30.