

Author to visit Barnes & Noble

Wendy Walker is a native of Utica

By **LARISSA O. PADDEN**
Observer-Dispatch
infocenter@uticaod.com

NEW HARTFORD — Wendy Walker, author of the book "Four Wives," will be attending a book signing at Barnes & Noble Saturday.

Walker lives in Connecticut with her family, but she is no stranger to the Utica area.

"First-time authors, when they do a book tour, they go to where they have ties in the community," Walker said.

Walker, who was born in Utica before moving to Connecticut as a young girl, still makes frequent visits here.

"I have deep family ties to Utica," Walker said. "I still have family in the area. My aunt and uncle raised their family in New Hartford, and my grandmother, who is now 92, still lives in Utica."

Before choosing to become a stay-at-home mom, Walker worked as an investment banker and lawyer in New York City.

"When I quit, I did it to stay at home with my kids, and I was fortunate and happy to be able to," Walker said. "But about a year after, I was longing for something intelligent and career oriented."

But Walker didn't necessarily want to go back to work.

"I was constantly reorganizing the kitchen and making organic baby food," Walker said. "But there are no raises or promotions in something like that. So I started writing in my free time. It's something stimulating and goal oriented."

Even during her days in the office, Walker thought like a writer.

"I was always thinking of real life in terms of plots," Walker said. "I would be in a meeting and something would happen, and I would say to myself 'that could be a story.'"

And "Four Wives" was no exception. The story is based on the lives of four different women trying to reconcile their lives in the suburbs with their former selves.

"I think the issues that are raised will resonate with women who have to make decisions about marriage and raising a family," Walker said.

"It isn't light or salacious, the

"I think the issues that are raised will resonate with women who have to make decisions about marriage and raising a family."

Wendy Walker
author of "Four Wives"

issues raised really hit home," she said.

On Saturday, Walker will be reading from four different chapters of "Four Wives" and talking about how she came up with the concept for the book.

"Its most important point is that

IF YOU GO

What: Author Wendy Walker, a Utica native, is coming to Barnes & Noble to sign copies of her book, "Four Wives."

When: 7 p.m. Saturday.

Location: Barnes & Noble is located at 4811 Commercial Drive, New Hartford.

Contact the Author: www.wendy-walkerbooks.com

there is no easy answer for women. Every choice has consequence and struggle," Walker said.

"There is no easy path and there is no perfect answer," she said.

Come on down to the

SUZUKI
SUZUKIFEST
2008

NATIONAL

OPEN HOUSE

Great Deals

on
Boulevards,
ATVs, and
Streetbikes!

Come in and see

- 14 exciting new Suzuki models.
- National Open House celebrations.
- Pick up a game piece with a chance to win a ton of great prizes!

For more details go to suzukifest.com.

SUZUKI
Way of Life!

Chenango
IMPORT MOTORS

March 28 & 29

N. Genesee St., Utica • (315) 732-8711
www.chenangoimport.com

No Purchase Necessary. Purchase does not increase chances of winning. Void where prohibited. Open to legal residents of the forty-eight (48) contiguous United States, Alaska, and the District of Columbia, age 18 or older, with a valid driver's license. Visit www.suzukifest.com for complete rules and to enter. Entries must be received by 11:59 pm PT on 5/31/08. At Suzuki, we want every ride to be safe and enjoyable. So always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Study your owner's manual and always inspect your Suzuki before riding. Always supervise young riders. Suzuki model and product names are Suzuki Trademarks or ©. ©American Suzuki Motor Corporation 2008.