

# Mertz Peters Michaels

## Notes from MPM - January 2010



A belated but sincere Happy New Year to you all. I hope you survived the holidays intact. My decorations, inside and out, were gorgeous. I can say that because I did very little but admire Tim and Oak as they did all the work. We had our first real snowstorm in – I forget how many years. It was fun for lazy people like me; snow fell beautifully and continually all day. I loved it because I knew my faithful friends (including, bless them, the county road crews) would have me shoveled out next day.

So now we're in the winter doldrums – we keep our spirits up by having lots of indoor plants. The orchids are doing well, the amaryllis bloomed magnificently, and there is an odd excrescence on my guava plant which Kristen assures me is an actual fruit. There's another such on the papaya. (We'll try anything and although we lose a few we have enough success to feel smug.)

The new Amelia, **A River in the Sky**, will be in bookstores on April 6, 2010. Contact your local bookstore or go online. The amazing [Barbara Rosenblat](#) will be doing the recorded version. So hang in there. "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

