Mystery in the Valley --



Mark Coggins

Friday August 14 at 6p Bookwagon on Ashland St.

August Riordan is a jazz-loving, San Francisco investigator in the style of Hammett and Chandler. The writing is spare and clean with flashes of humor and familiar cultural icons. Coggins writes the classic hard-boiled, brought upto-date with the bits and bytes of hacking, stolen software, web cams and dot.com booms and

busts. There's a great cast of characters who run the streets that Coggins describes & photographs so well.

Four August

Riordan mysteries have been published; the next, *The Big Wake-Up*, is due fall 2009.

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