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Ginger Ring

USA Today Bestselling author, event planner, and want a be ghost hunter. Her stories are classy, sassy and full of love and adventure. When Ginger isn't tracking down old gangster haunts or stopping at historical landmarks, you can find her on the backwaters of the Mississippi River fishing with her husband. In addition to Wild Deadwood Reads, Ginger also hosts Romantic Galena Reads in Galena, Illinois.



Linda Rae Sande

A nerd from way back, Linda Rae was a technical writer specializing in 3D graphics before her interest in the Regency era sparked a desire to write fiction based in that time. A frequent instructor at book conferences, Linda Rae's class topics include authorpreneurship and book formatting. She enjoys movies and hockey and makes her home in Cody, Wyoming.



Rina Dayne

Rina Dayne writes steamy, small-town, contemporary romance. If you love snappy dialogue, fast-paced reads, and an always-satisfying HEA, you'll love her collection of Jasper Mill romances. From short stories to full-length novels, with tropes ranging from office romance to grumpy-sunshine to brother's best friend and more, there's something for everyone. Rina hails from Colorado, and yes, she was the one in the pirate hat last year.



Melinda Curtis

Melinda Curtis is the USA Today bestselling author of women's fiction, sweet romance, and sweet romantic comedies. Check out her latest releases: A Small Town Memory (women's fiction), A Cowboy Worth Waiting For (sweet romance), It Happened One Night (sweet romantic comedy), Christmas Town Bake-Off (sweet romance), Her Alaskan Valentine's Matchmaker (sweet romance).



R Weir

R Weir is a Colorado award-winning indie author who, when not glued to the computer for work and writing, enjoys the outdoors with his family. His Divine Devils and Jarvis Mann PI series' gracing the Amazon bestseller lists since 2014. Gritty plots covering Mystery, Crime, Suspense and Thriller genres. Featuring former US Marshal Hunter Divine and snarky private eye Jarvis Mann. Stories where no evil stands a chance against his written word!



KJ Gillenwater

K. J. Gillenwater has a B.A. in English and Spanish from Valparaiso University and an M.A. in Latin American Studies from University of California, Santa Barbara. She worked as a Russian linguist in the U.S. Navy, spending time at the National Security Agency doing secret things. After six years of service, she ended up as a technical writer in the software industry. She has lived all over the U.S. and currently resides in Wyoming with her family where she writes government proposals and squeezes in fiction writing when she can. In the winter she likes to ski; in the summer she likes to garden with her husband, take walks with her dog, and explore the Big Horn Mountains.



R Sullins

R Sullins is an International and USA Today bestselling author. When she's not writing, you can easily find her with a book in her hands.

She married her high school sweetheart, who just happened to be a soldier in the US Army. She is a lover of fairies, tattoos, and coffee cups, has a vast collection of them all, and receives a glare from her teenager every time she brings home a new cup to squeeze into the cabinet.



Laura Scott

Laura Scott is a registered nurse by day and an author by night. Inspired by reading Grace Livingston Hill as a young woman, she has made a career writing inspirational suspense stories. She has written over 80 books and has more ideas than time to write! Laura lives in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin with her husband of 37 years. She has two adult children, but alas, no grandkids. She is blessed with a grandpuppy named Otis.

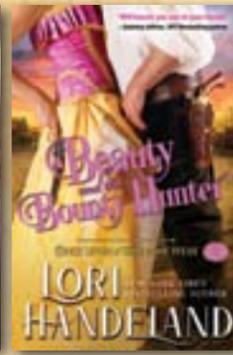
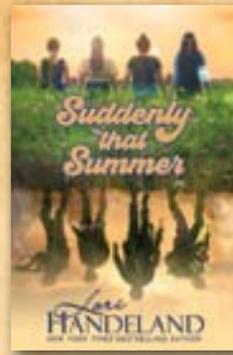




Lori Handeland

Lori Handeland is a five-time nominee and two-time winner of the RITA Award from Romance Writers of America, as well as the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of over sixty novels spanning multiple genres. Her women's fiction debut, Just Once was optioned as a feature film.

Lori lives in Southern Wisconsin with her husband. She enjoys long walks with their rescue mutt, Arnold, and visits from her two grown sons, awesome daughter-in-law and perfectly adorable grandchildren.



Jane Yunker

Jane Yunker is a poet and fiction writer living in northwest Wisconsin along the St Croix River where she takes her inspiration from the beautiful views that surround her. When she's not writing, you can find her walking the trails, golfing, or visiting her grandson in sunny southwest Florida. She also enjoys reading, x-stitch, and making jigsaw puzzles.

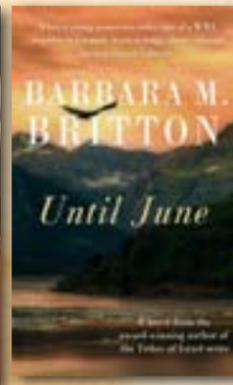
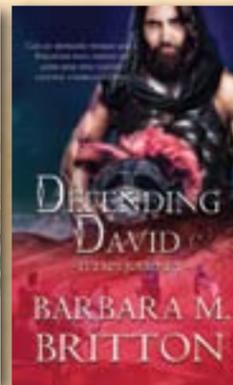
She has four published historical romances available through Amazon, and is currently working on her third.

Check out her blog at: www.janeyunkerauthor.com.



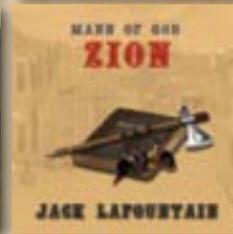
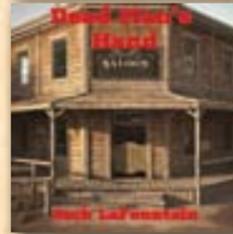
Barbara M Britton

Barbara M. Britton lives in Southeast, Wisconsin and loves the snow—when it accumulates under three inches. She writes Christian Fiction from Bible Times to present day. Her Tribes of Israel series brings little-known Bible characters to light. She also authored a WWI Historical set in Alaska. Barbara has a nutrition degree from Baylor University but loves to dip healthy strawberries in chocolate. You can find out more about Barb and her books on her website www.barbarambritton.com.



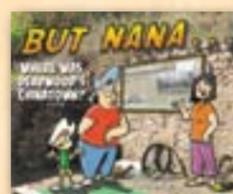
Jack LaFountain

A Vietnam veteran, an ordained minister, a registered nurse, a vagabond, and a dreamer share space inside a single head. From the chaos emerged a writer who, each week, tells people they should Know Jack. He has written six horror novels, a series of western fiction, three short story collections and a treatise on Christianity. He is blessed to have a wonderful woman in his life who encourages him to spend time listening to all the voices in his head.



Betty Jo Huff

Betty Jo Huff was born and raised in South Dakota. She always had a heart for children, reading, and dreamed of publishing children's books. Betty Jo has attended many writers events throughout the Black Hills. As a preschool teacher, she finds great joy teaching children about the wonders of what is in their own backyard. She draws inspiration from her parents and loving husband and four adult children who have blessed her with nine grandchildren.



Wild Deadwood Reads Welcomes Special Guest Cover Model Robert Kelly



At forty-one years of age, I never thought I would be starting a career as a model, but it has given me several opportunities to meet some great people, make a lot of new friends, be on the cover of several books, and be able to travel from East to West coast. Born and raised in the Midwest, I've lived in LA and Chicago but I always come back home to Indiana. I am looking forward to this event due to the history of the area, along with meeting a lot of new friends and old ones. – Robert Kelly

Robert Kelly is this year's Master of Ceremonies!



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Melissa Banczak

Melissa Banczak has lived all over the country, thanks to her now-retired military spouse. She currently resides in Florida, where she's a reasonable driving distance to roller coasters in the Orlando area. When she's not at her computer writing the next June Nash Mystery, she and her husband run. Slowly. She accidentally completed her first marathon in 2017, when she didn't hear her husband ask if she'd like to stop at 13.1. She would have. You can contact her at MelissaBanczak.com.



Debra Parmley

Debra Parmley, an Air Force veteran's wife, writes military romantic suspense, contemporary romance, and historical romance.

After living in five states with her husband and two sons, the last 23 years outside Memphis, TN, she and her husband sold everything to live and travel the U.S. in their 43-foot motorhome.

Debra has sold travel, has escorted a bus full of people through Scotland, and has set foot in 13 countries. She climbs lighthouses because she is afraid of heights. debraparmley.com



Teresa Keefer

Teresa Keefer was chosen by her adoptive parents in Warsaw, Indiana and has remained in Indiana all her life. She currently resides in rural Indiana near her beautiful daughters and fantastic grandchildren. Holding an MBA from Indiana Institute of Technology, she has spent the last 30 plus years in the human resources profession. In her spare time—what little there is—she can be found doing a variety of crafts, cooking, studying the paranormal, making organic remedies, and barefoot gardening. Her bucket list is quite extensive, and she is determined to mark off every item—as she adds two more for each one accomplished. Teresa writes contemporary and paranormal romance with a smattering of mystery and thriller.



Via Mari

Via Mari is an International Best Seller who lives in the Midwest with her husband. As a child raised in the United States and the United Kingdom, she spent countless hours traveling and developed a passion for the written word at a young age.

Her passions are writing steamy and suspenseful romance. She writes billionaire, mafia, and protector romance as Via and paranormal vampire romance under Sylvia Black.

She is an avid reader of romance. You can still find her curled up in an overstuffed chair, especially during winter when the wood fire is crackling and popping, reading a page-turning novel until the early morning hours.



Christine Wevik

Christine Mager Wevik is the author of "It's Only Hair," a humorous, self-help book about living with hair loss, and award-winning novels "Vacant Eyes" and "Borrowed Memories." Her latest, landing in Amazon's Top 100 for over a month, "Someone Knows," highlights 52 of South Dakota's many cold cases. She is also published in C. Hope Clark's "FundsforWriters," a nationally recognized newsletter for writers, and "The Link" a quarterly magazine for The American Hair Loss Council. Mother of four and grandmother of five, she lives in southeast South Dakota with her husband, Doug (the other Clint Eastwood), and her dog, Livie.



Robin Carmody

Robin, born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts and felt a longing for the Black Hills for as long as she can remember.

A modern day kindred spirit of those early pioneers, Robin's background includes earning a Class A CDL license, Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education,

and Chairperson of the Early Childhood Department at Bay State College in Boston. For many years, she has devoted time to historical research of Wild Bill Hickok, his circle of friends, and the Black Hills area.



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Sheri Lynn

Sheri Lynn, also writes as Sheridan Knight, is a USA Today best-selling author. She writes romance across several genres—contemporary, vampire, Western, futuristic/post-apocalyptic, historical fantasy, and a few historical suspense novellas. A hopeless romantic, she can find a happily ever after in most situations and settings. First published in 2015, she has followed with over thirty additional single or anthology titles.

Growing up an Army brat, her childhood consisted of moving every three years until her father retired to Alabama. Currently she splits time between Alabama, Florida, and Wyoming with her husband, two golden retrievers, a chihuahua and a turtle.



A.L. Long

Award-winning Author of the Independent Press Award, NIEA, and Book Excellence Award.

Some would call me a little naughty, but I see myself as a writer of spicy thoughts. There is nothing more rewarding than putting your thoughts down in words and sharing them. I believe that every life deserves a little bit of romance; a little spice doesn't hurt either. When I am not writing, I enjoy the company of good friends and a delicious glass of red wine.



Sherry A. Burton

Sherry A. Burton writes in multiple genres and has won numerous awards for her books. Sherry's awards include the coveted Charles Loring Brace Award, for historical accuracy within her historical fiction series, The Orphan Train Saga. Sherry is a member of the National Orphan Train Society, presents lectures on the history of the orphan trains, and is listed on the NOTC Speaker's Bureau as an approved speaker.

Originally from Kentucky, Sherry, and her Retired Navy Husband now call Michigan home.



Rory Foresman

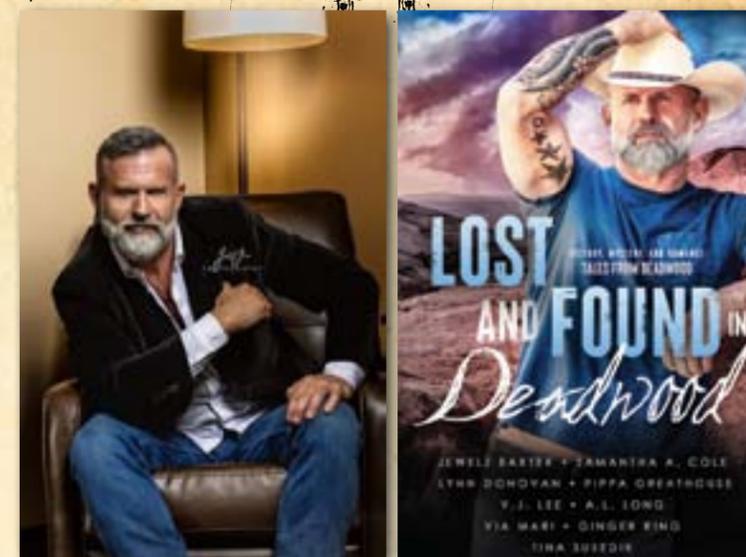
Rory and his wife are now retired full-time. Summers are now spent in North Dakota, and winters are in Arizona. Rory has always had a flare for creative design. He enjoys hobbies of woodworking and auto restoration and is an outdoor enthusiast. He is a musician, designer, artist, public speaker, and author. His fourth children's book and his second novel have now been completed. You can purchase his books on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and RoryForesman.com.



Wild Deadwood Reads Welcomes Special Guest Cover Model Kevin Davis



I have been cover modeling for the past four years. I got asked to do my first cover shoot, when I was not even a year into my recovery from drug addiction. It has opened up so many doors for me and set my life on a different path. I'm really enjoying the opportunities and the people that I am getting to know in the industry. I feel very fortunate and blessed to be living the life that I am living. This is my second year attending Wild Deadwood Reads, and I'm very excited to be back.



Kevin R. Davis - Cover Model

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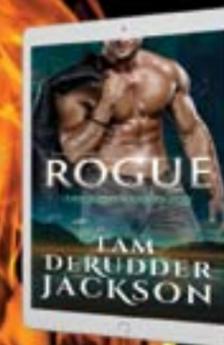


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Lynn Donovan

Lynn Donovan is an author, playwright, and director. She spends her days chasing after the muses and writing down their stories. She never knows what sort of mischief they will get into, be it historical western romance, or contemporary romance. There might even be something speculative or fantasy mixed in, who knows. But she enjoys ensuing their lead into a publishable adventure in whatever genre they may frolic. Keep your eyes open, because these muses are not sitting still for long!

Oops, there they go again...



Haley Rhoades

Haley Rhoades's inaugural year of writing is another bucket-list item coming to fruition, just like meeting Stephen Tyler and skydiving. As she continues to write contemporary romance, she also writes sweet romance and young adult books under the name Brooklyn Bailey, as well as children's books under the name Gretchen Stephens. She plans to complete her remaining bucket-list items, including ghost-hunting, storm-chasing, and bungee jumping. She is a Netflix-binging, Converse-wearing, avidly-reading, traveling geek.

A team player, Haley thrived as her spouse's career moved the family of four eight times to three states. One move occurred eleven days after a C-section. Now with two adult sons, Haley copes with her newly emptied nest by writing and spoiling Nala, her Pomsky. A fly on the wall might laugh as she talks aloud to her fur-baby all day long.

Haley's under five-foot, fun-size stature houses a full-size attitude. Her uber-competitiveness in all things entertains, frustrates, and challenges family and friends. Not one to shy away from a dare, she faces the consequences of a lost bet no matter the humiliation. Her fierce loyalty extends from family, to friends, to sports teams.



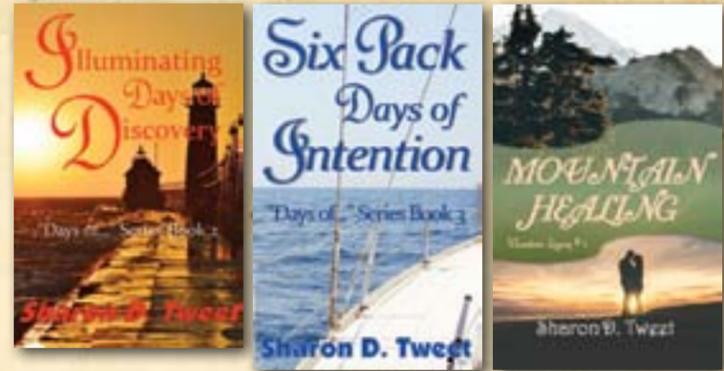
Allie Marie

Allie Marie is the author of the award-winning paranormal and historical "True Colors Series" as well as the first book in its spin-off "True Spirits Trilogy," connected by a stand-alone sequel. She has tried her hand at various genres with several short stories, including a very "outside her comfort zone" fantasy adventure. Retired from law enforcement, she is currently working on her first crime thriller. When not writing, she enjoys traveling and camping with her husband.



Sharon D. Tweet

Mom. Homeschooling veteran. Widow. Author. Amateur photographer. Child of God. From the shores of California to the rolling hills of Missouri, Sharon has traveled many roads through theatre, archery, and her husband's cancer. She resides in the KC metropolitan area, writing, editing, and helping others bring order from chaos. Sharon writes contemporary Christian fiction and her overriding desire is to share a love of God's word through written fiction, and encourage others to discover #LoveOnPurpose and to #LifeYourFaithBoldly!



Stacey Lynn Hafner

Stacey Lynn Hafner grew up in Minnesota, although after college lived in many places - Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles. She eventually settled in Chicago for several years before returning to Minneapolis.

She was a closeted romantic for years but came out with her debut novel Tattoo My Heart.

When she's not writing, reading, or traveling, you can find her consuming good wine and having great conversations.

Her third novel in her Vanished Tattoo series will be released in July 2023.



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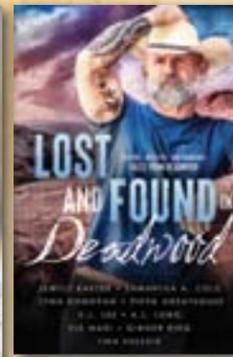
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Tina Susedik

Tina Susedik is an award-winning, Amazon best-selling, multi-published author with books in both fiction and non-fiction, including history, children's, military books, and romances. Her favorite is writing romantic suspense/mystery where her characters live happily-ever-after by overcoming their own set of problems. She lives in northwestern Wisconsin where winters are long, summers short, and spring and fall beautiful.

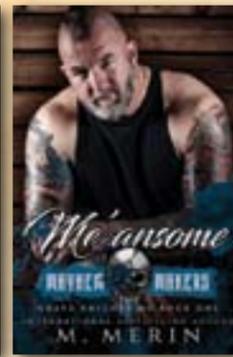
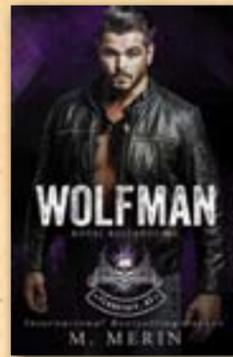


M Merin

I was born and raised in Chicago, with a serious case of wanderlust. I've moved around quite a bit. My husband and our dog, Gunnar, are two of my great loves.

I have had ideas bouncing around my head for most my life and finally just started typing in the early fall of 2017. My first series (and hopefully, not my last!), Northern Grizzlies, started with what became book 2. Then I decided I should start with the current president's story, and like many of you, I fell in love with the side characters. The first four books were mainly written concurrently.

Anyways, I hope you enjoy them as much as I've enjoyed this process!



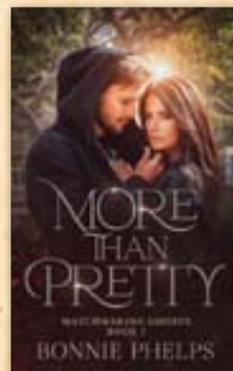
VJ Lee

VJ. Lee (Vicky Wahl) didn't know what to do when her perfect husband bought her not one but two Tibetan Mastiff puppies and said now you need to retire and be a stay-at-home furbaby mom. That's when she decided to write what the voices in her head whispered to her. She has no control over her spicy paranormal and contemporary romance characters, only reporting what they demand of her. She calls the Colorado mountains home and has her dream library.



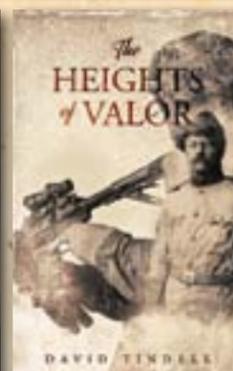
Bonnie Phelps

Bonnie is a self-published author who writes contemporary romance. Before retiring she used her writing skills as a communication executive for nonprofits. In the late 1980s, Bonnie authored a syndicated column in several newspapers where she shared the experiences and misadventures of life as a wife and mother. She craves anything sweet, revels in any chance to travel, and is addicted to tracing her family's roots. A native Californian, the author lives in Northern California with her husband.



David Tindell

David Tindell embarked on a career in broadcasting and Federal service before taking up the keyboard. Today he lives in northwest Wisconsin, in a log home on a lake with his wife Sue, a Yorkie and a Siamese. His study of the martial arts earned him black belts in taekwondo and Okinawan weaponry, and he somehow has time to write. With his globe-trotting wife, he travels the world, seeking out new adventures for his next novel.



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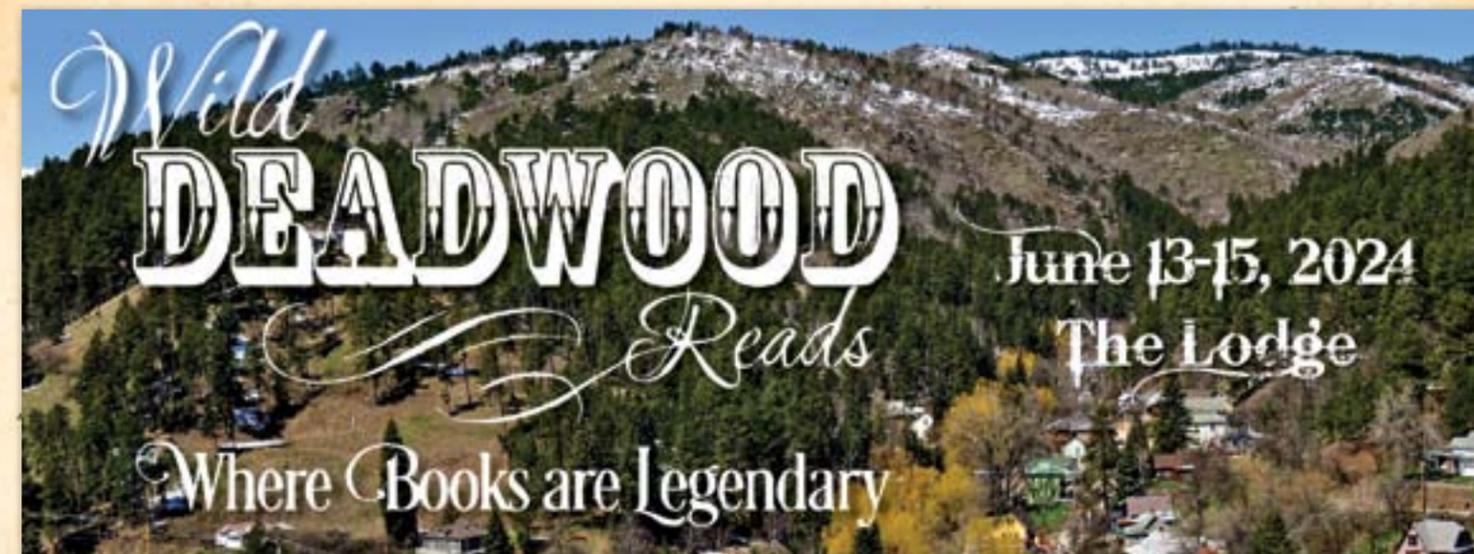


Katie is a Midwestern girl who loves the gym, animals, and hair. Modeling has been a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and push past her comfort level.

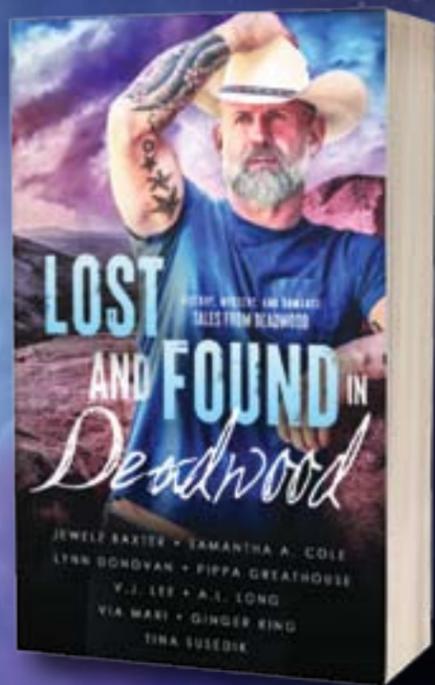
She is so excited to see everyone in Deadwood and have this experience!



Katie Marie - Cover Model



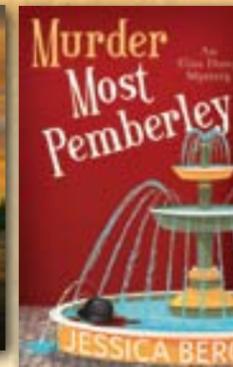
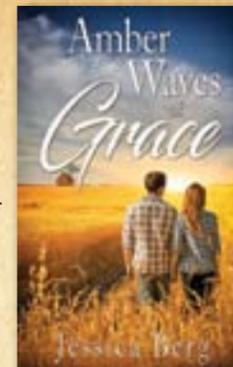
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Jessica Berg

Jessica Berg, a child of the Dakotas and the prairie, grew up amongst hard-working men and women and learned at an early age to “put some effort into it.” Following that wise adage, she has put effort into teaching high school English for over a decade, being a mother to four children (she finds herself surprised at this number, too), basking in the love of her husband of more than fifteen years and losing herself in the imaginary worlds she creates.

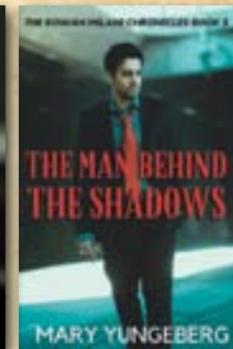
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Mary Yungeberg

Mary writes the Rowan Milani Chronicles, a thriller series including Consummate Betrayal, Unholy Retribution, A Different Man, Terminal Redemption and The Man Behind The Shadows.

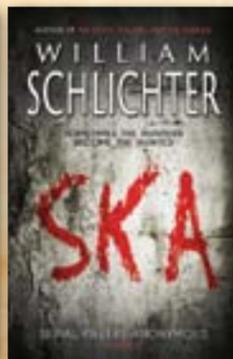
She lives in eastern South Dakota with her husband Ernie and Lucy, an intemperate Rat Terrier who runs their household. When she’s not working on the next installment in the series, you may see her tearing up the pavement in her Mustang convertible, enjoying a glass of wine with friends, or busy with her family.



William Schlichter

William Schlichter, award-winning screenwriter and author of science fiction and horror, who enjoys exploring the phantasmagorical world of the undead. Fan favorites include his popular No Room in Hell zombie series, SKA: Serial Killers Anonymous about a serial killer support group, and his fantasy noir, Sirgrus Blackmane.

His full-length feature script, Incinta, is a 2014 New Orleans Horror Film Festival finalist, while his TV spec script episode of The Walking Dead placed third in the 2013 Broadcast Education Association National Festival of Media Arts.



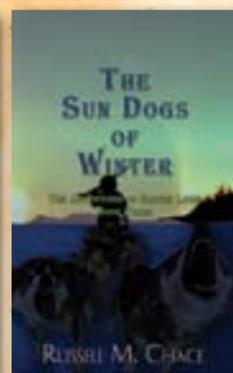
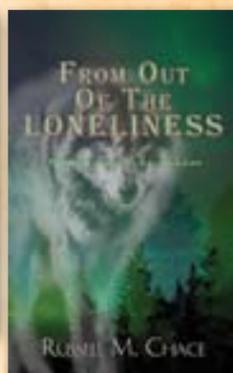
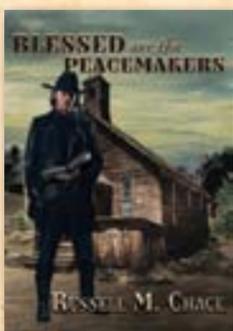
Lynda J. Cox

Lynda J. Cox is an award-winning hybrid. No, she’s not a plant. She’s published both traditionally and as an indie. She writes western historical romance. Some of her books keep the bedroom door tightly closed, while others are very steamy. (We won’t talk about the scene on the glider swing on the front porch of one of her characters.) When she’s not writing, she can often be found traveling to dog shows with her champion collies. Check her out at: <https://www.facebook.com/LyndaJCox>



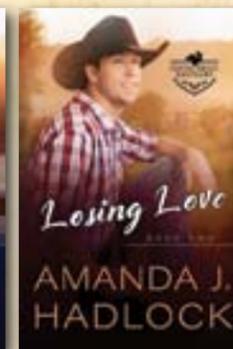
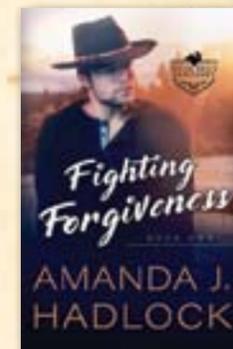
Russell M. Chace

As a second-generation Alaskan, Russell M. Chace was steeped in the tradition and lore of the ‘Last Frontier’. Raised in a mixture of Athabaskan, Inuit, and white cultures, he grew to appreciate and admire their cultures and knowledge. Like his ancestors, he spent most of his young adult life wondering the ridges and valleys of interior Alaska—many of which appear in his books.



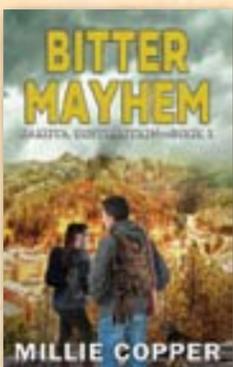
Amanda J. Hadlock

Amanda J. Hadlock grew up in the beautiful but cold North East of Pennsylvania and escaped the snow as soon as possible. Now, she shares a tiny house in the Cowboy Capital of the world, Stephenville, TX with her wonderful husband and three dogs. When she’s not writing you can find her (and her characters) in the saddle.



Millie Copper

Millie Copper, writer of Cozy Apocalyptic Fiction and preparedness mentor, lives in the wilds of Wyoming with her husband and teenage son, tending chickens and attempting a food forest on their small homestead. In their free time, they escape to the mountains for a hike or laze along the river to catch their dinner. Millie’s Christian Post-Apocalyptic series—Havoc in Wyoming, Montana Mayhem, and Dakota Destruction—use her homesteading and preparedness lifestyle as a guide.



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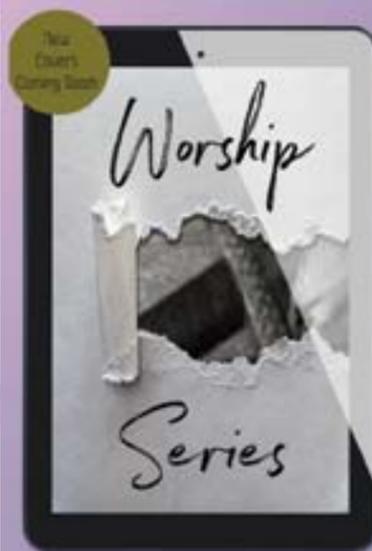
USA Today Best Selling Author, International Best Selling, Multi-Award Winning, Amazon Best Selling

*Catch Marie on
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Marie Hall is a romantic with an imagination and she uses those skills to both entertain and inform.

Because of her love for the written word, she spends her days (and a lot of nights too) creating characters in setting and situations the reader will hopefully love and believe in.

Writing erotica, historical and contemporary, Marie focuses on the complex dynamics of a dominate/submissive relationship and those who consent to live within this structure. Love and respect are always the main theme. The characters she writes grow and develop with each other and because of each other.



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As a teen, Marci Bolden skipped over young adult books and jumped right into reading women's fiction and romance novels.

Marci lives in the Midwest with her husband, two teenage kiddos, and numerous rescue pets. If she had an ounce of willpower, Marci would embrace healthy living but until cupcakes and wine are no longer available at the local grocery store, she'll put that ambition on hold and appease her guilt by reading self-help books and promising to join a gym "soon."



Samantha Cole

USA Today Bestselling Author and Award-Winning Author Samantha Cole is a retired policewoman and former paramedic. Using her life experiences and training, she strives to find the perfect mix of suspense and romance for her readers to enjoy.

Samantha has over thirty-five books published throughout several different series as well as a few standalone novels. A full list can be found on her website: <http://www.samanthacoleauthor.com>.



Megan Kinney

As a retired foster mom and police wife, Megan Kinney combines her experiences and love of writing in her novels. When she's not behind a book or computer, she's enjoying the Black Hills of South Dakota with her husband and four daughters. Go to megankinney.net to sign up for her newsletter and get two free ebooks.

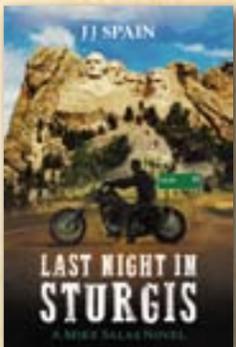


JJ Spain

2022 marks JJ Spain's 28th consecutive year at the world-famous Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. JJ shares the rally experience with rides thru the Blackhills of South Dakota and bar crawls in downtown Sturgis. Many of the scenes, stories, locations and memories are shared in Last Night in Sturgis.

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McKayla Jade is the hottest new voice in Historical Paranormal Romance. Her Elite Warriors Series will take you on heart pounding adventures with twists you won't see coming. A writer of many works, she continues to hone her craft. Her Elite Warriors aren't the only ones who like to have a little fun. Her new cowboy series on Kindle Vella is rapidly climbing the charts. Pick a sexy hero and tag along for the ride.



Tam DeRudder Jackson

Tam DeRudder Jackson's love of Celtic mythology led her to write the Talisman Series. These steamy, fated mates, paranormal romances happen in the mountains of Tam's native Montana and the Highlands of Scotland. Rogue was named a best romance of 2022 by the Independent Book Review.

An avid fan of rock music, Tam loves attending live shows. Her love of rock music inspired her sexy-fun rock star Balefire Series. Readers consistently give this series five-star reviews. Find her at <https://www.tamderudderjackson.com>.



Emily G. Watson

Emily G Watson is an author of young adult fantasy, urban fantasy, and historical fiction. Since there are no new continents to discover, and buried treasure is pretty scarce these days, she seeks new adventures as a park ranger in the Great Outdoors and as an author, creating her own worlds to explore.



Marie Hall

Marie Hall is a historian with romantic proclivities and a naught imagination. Erotic Romance allows her to convey great history while distracting with hot, steamy, knee buckling romance focusing on the complex dynamics of a dominant/submissive relationship, Marie ensures love and respect are the main theme. The characters she writes grow and develop with each other, because of each other.

Abuse is NEVER deserved or allowed. If you believe someone is in an abusive relationship contact the National Abuse Hotline.

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Wild Deadwood Reads Welcomes Special Guest

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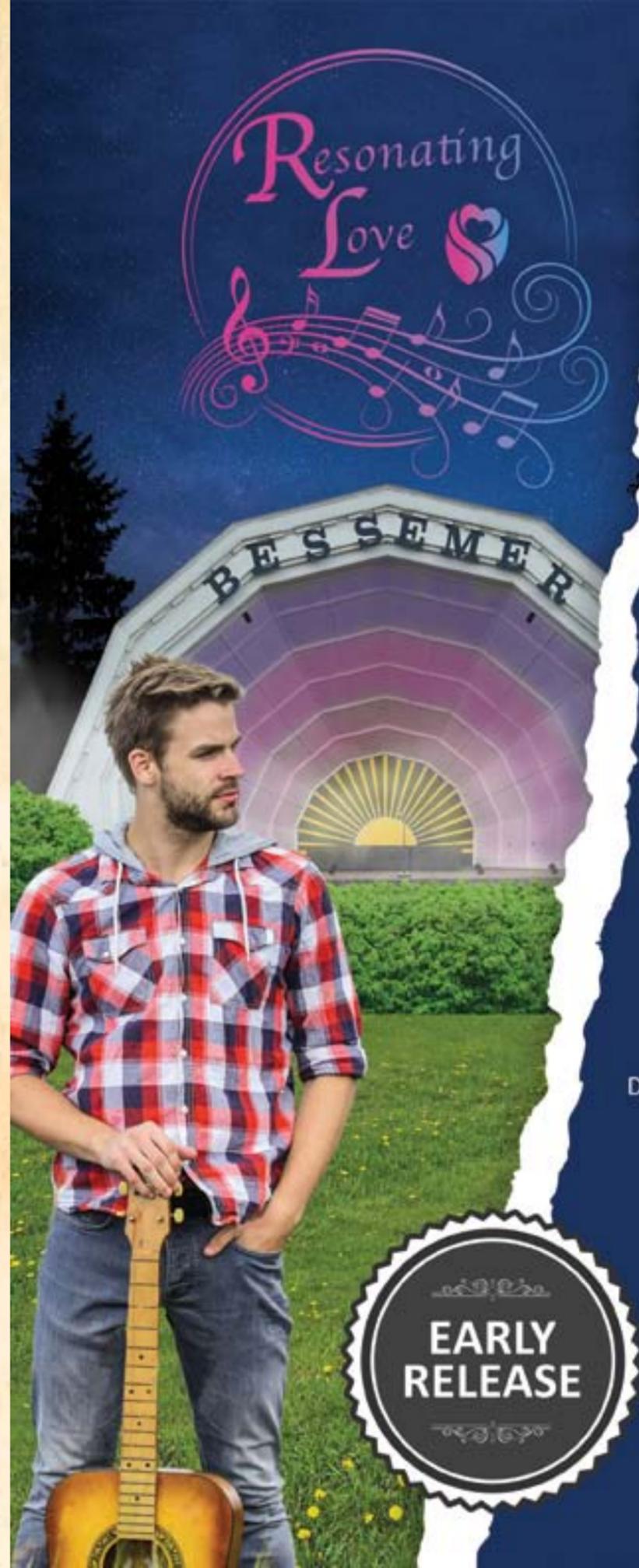
Jean Maureen Woodfin is a Portraiture, Commercial/ Editorial, Events and internationally published photographer based in Washington.

A photographer for 25 years, Jean is passionate about collaborating with models, authors and publishers to create images that grace the covers of books and magazines.

When Jean is not behind her camera or computer she is enjoying the company of her husband of 40 years, 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren. Walking the trails along the river near her house, swinging in the hammock on the front porch and day dreaming.

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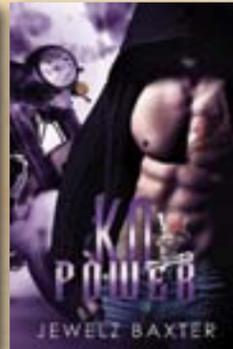
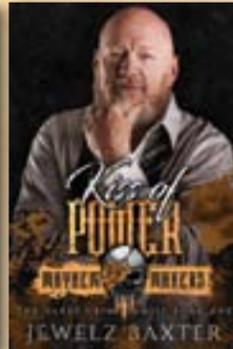
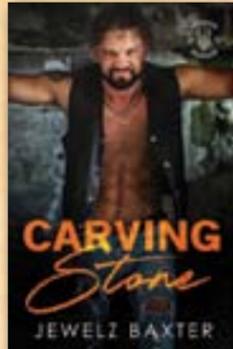
My name is Juanita D. Houston, and I write Romance with a side of Murder. I find my inspiration in everyday life, a song, or a commercial then twist it into stories to draw you in. I lean toward small-town romances, second chances and strong characters with a healthy dose of snark. Favorite things about writing is research, day trips and plotting new stories. When I'm not writing I enjoy painting, exploring and geocaching. A recent move to Central Texas means more new adventures and stories so stay tuned.



Jewelz Baxter

Jewelz Baxter is a Louisiana Indie author of Motorcycle Club romance. Only don't expect to find your normal MC read here. With books ranging from sweet to steamy, you'll discover romance with an MC twist. After an emotional ride through the pages, she hopes you'll close the book with a sigh.

Jewelz loves spending time on the Harley with her husband of thirty-six years and admits this is where she meets her characters and hears their stories.

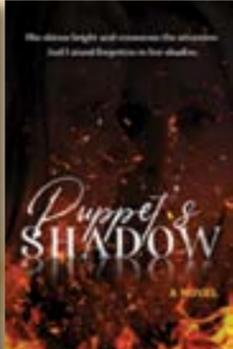
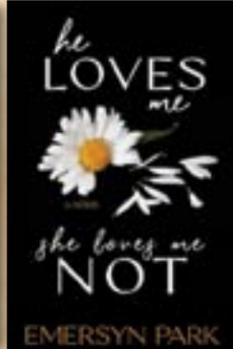
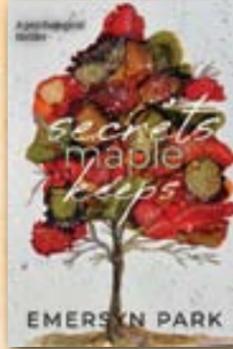


Emersyn Park

Emersyn Park was born, raised, and still lives in South Dakota with her husband and two sons.

All of her books are set in the Midwest: Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota. "He Loves Me, She Loves Me Not" was her debut novel in August 2021 with "Puppet's Shadow" following in July 2022. "Secrets Maple Keeps" will be available at the end of May 2023.

Emersyn received her Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota. Currently, Emersyn collects a paycheck from the Sioux Falls public school system but spends much of her free time reading and writing.



Wild Deadwood Reads Welcomes Special Guest Cover Model Terenze White



Terenze White - Cover Model

Terenze, a smiling confident individual growing into the best version of myself. I love traveling, I have visited thirteen different countries and plan on adding more to the list. I love working out, I'm addicted to cookies, chocolate chip to be exact. The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday. Keep in mind, never let anyone dim your light.

Terenze will be signing at Christine Clinton's table.

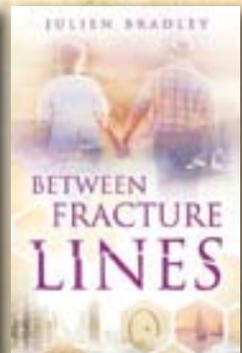
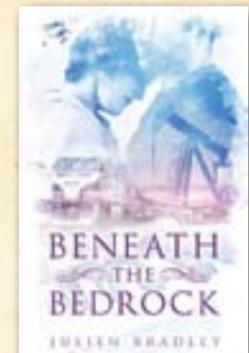


Julien Bradley

Julien Bradley never aspired to become an indie author, but she does love telling a good story. She used time between jobs to hone her documentation skill and do some free writing—the exercise resulted in 1,100 pages! Encouraged by her daughter Kimberlee, she pitched the story idea to Wise Ink Creative Publishing; the "draft," after professional editing, became the first installment in the Bakken series.

With over thirty-five years in the health care industry, Julien writes stories that reflect a culmination of real human experiences to create organic women's fiction/chick-lit. Her books give an honest look into the lives of ordinary people, elevates the under-represented voice of woman over fifty, and breathe new life into the unexpected depth of the "normal" day-to-day.

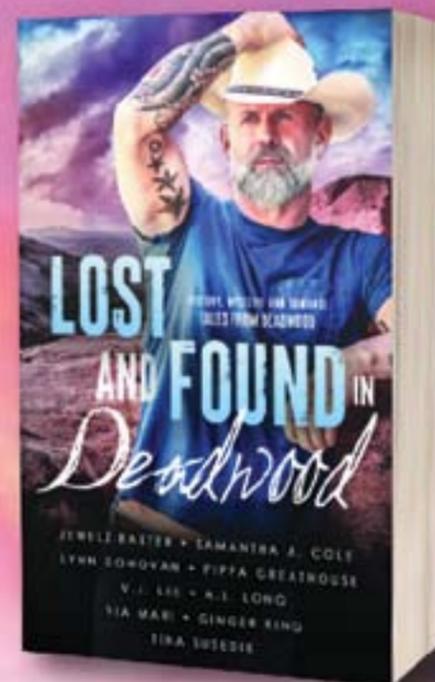
Born and raised in Minnesota, Julien lives with her husband atop the bluffs overlooking the beautiful Hiawatha River valley. She is a member of Midwest Fiction Writers and Romance Writers of America. Between Fracture Lines is the second in the Bakken series.



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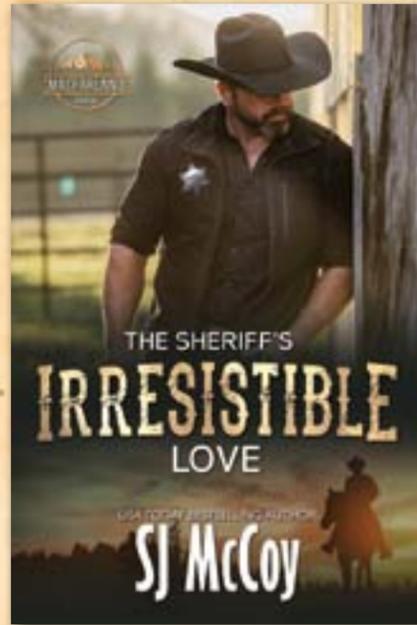
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Brady Cyphert - Cover Model

I've been a cover model for just over a year, thanks to Julie Mick-Schalm. Julie found me in a pretty low point of my life. Thanks to Julie and Jean Woodfin for bringing me to a world that has changed my outlook on life and my confidence. I've been so lucky to meet so many great people in such a short time. Thank you to everyone I have met and will meet in the future. I really look forward to continuing on this adventure and seeing what it brings.

Brady will be signing at SJ McCoy's table.



Christine Clinton

Originally from Arizona, I reside in northern Oklahoma on our homestead with my husband. Whom I have been married to for 31 years. We have raised our four children into fine adults. Now we find ourselves in a new season of life. Which I kind of like.

I love coffee all day long. I love cold and rainy days, with a blanket and a good book. I love watching foreign dramas with subtitles. I love old vintage photos. I love my chickens- which we called my girls.

My hobbies are outside of writing and spending time with my family and grandbabies. I like to junk journal. I like to research history in search of new characters. I like the outdoors. I like to go to museums.

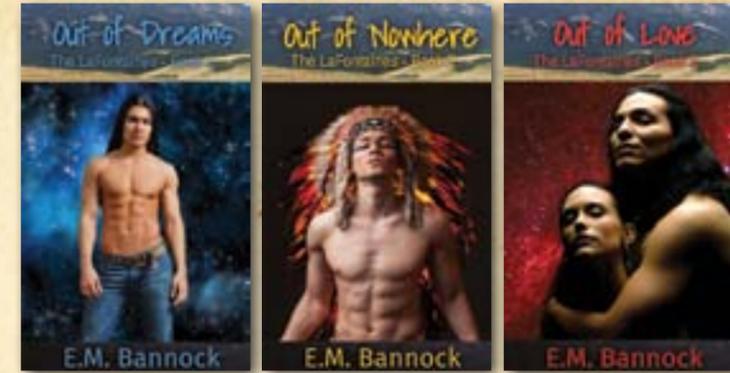


EM Bannock

Although E.M. Bannock grew up in the Detroit suburbs, her heart was always in the west. Today, she enjoys living in rural Wyoming with her family.

She writes adult romance for the love of it. Most of what she writes touches her personally. The vivid and detailed location descriptions are drawn from her own experiences.

She loves her horses, and so do her characters. Her western-themed books are sexy, romantic, and always full of adventure and unexpected twists and turns.



Nikki Leigh

Nikki Leigh is a contemporary romance author, who loves everything about it. From swoony country boys to die hard alpha heroes with no filters, she promises to make you laugh, scream, and even cry but in the end, she'll stitch you back together.

She loves to hear from her readers, so be her guest and stalk her!

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Ryan Hoffman

Ryan Hoffman has an interest in criminal justice and writing. He's always loved mystery novels since childhood, and a creative mind from his autism. He writes and pens mystery novels set in his home state of South Dakota. He's a member of the local group South Dakota Writes and national organization Sisters in Crime. He lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with his cat and parents.



Renee Jean

I am a cycle riding, travel loving, hockey obsessed, casino dealer from Las Vegas who loves to share my adventures, real and fiction with the world around me.



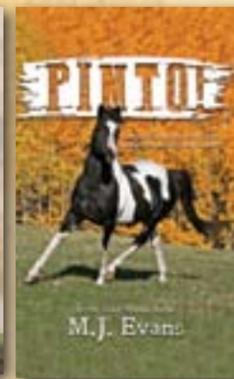
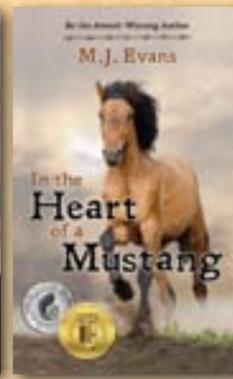
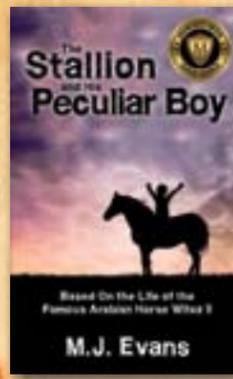
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MJ Evans

M.J. Evans is the award-winning author of twenty-one books, most of which are about horses! As a life-long equestrian, she loves combining her two passions of writing and riding. So, if she is not at her computer composing her next masterpiece, you'll find her in the saddle practicing dressage or exploring the Colorado Mountains. As a former teacher of Middle-school and High School students, she especially loves writing so teens will love to read. M.J. is the mother of five and the grandmother of twelve. She and her high school sweetheart celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last summer.



Emorie Cole

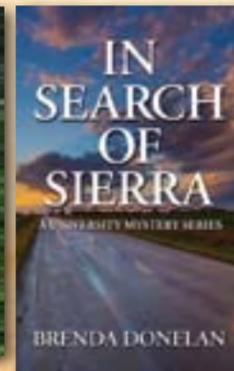
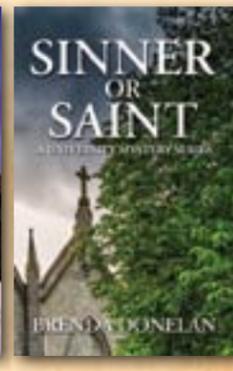
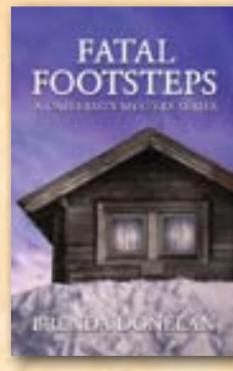
Emorie Cole is a small town girl who loves to show her creative side through her writing. She loves creating sweet romance stories that are filled with passion and steam so readers can be swept into a world where they feel emotional bonds being formed and can find happily ever afters.

She loves to curl up with a good book, spend time with her family, play with her Shiba, and enjoy the seasons in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



Brenda Donelan

Brenda Donelan writes mysteries set in South Dakota, capturing the eccentricities and novelties of the state and its people. She incorporates her past employment as a social worker, probation officer, investigator, and college professor into all her books. When she's not writing, Brenda likes to read, watch movies, and travel. A fair amount of her time is spent wrangling her beloved Himalayan cats, Yeti and Wolfie. She makes her home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



Sharla Wylde

Award winning author Sharla Wylde lives in Texas with her family and two dogs. Reading, watching movies, gardening, and playing ball with the puppies are high priorities. A reading marathon with sexy hunks is THE BEST EVER ideal downtime.

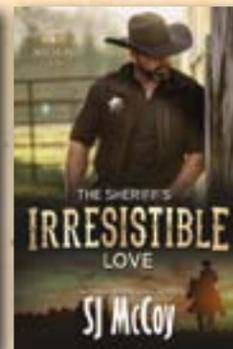
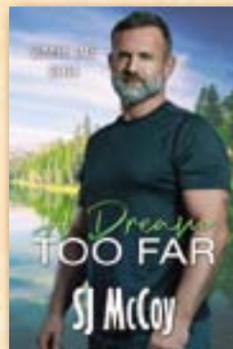
Sharla writes erotic, dark urban fantasy, reverse harem (why choose), and romantic suspense—some a little bit wild (steamy) and others a whole lot wild (erotic). Sign up for Sharla's newsletter at <https://sharlawylde.com/freebies/> for updates and free stories.



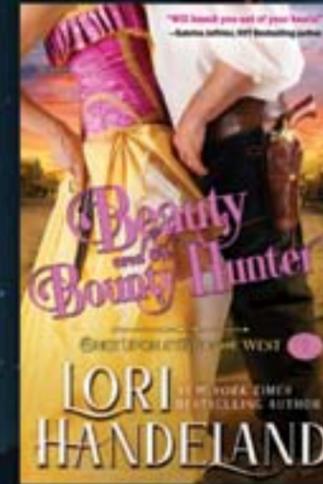
SJ McCoy

SJ McCoy is a USA Today Bestselling Author of contemporary smalltown and western romance. Her 'sweet n steamy' stories focus on family, friendships, fun, and happily ever afters. She writes feelgood escapes where readers can hang out with characters they'd love to know in places they'd love to visit.

SJ grew up in England and has lived in the US for the last twenty years. These days she makes her home under the Big Sky in Montana.



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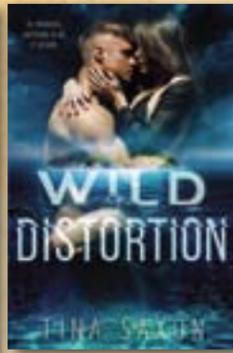
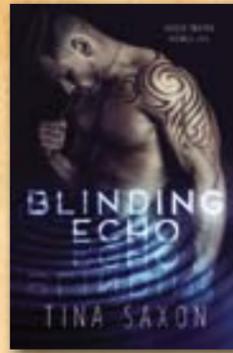
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Tina Saxon

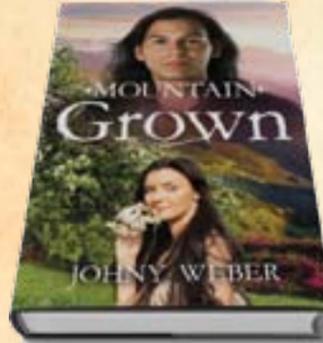
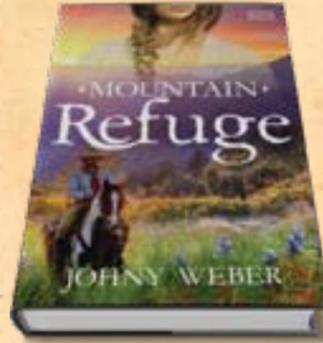
Tina Saxon lives in Dallas, Texas, with her husband and two kids. She's not afraid to try new things because it's outside the box of a typical housewife. CEO of her home is by far the most rewarding job she has ever had. Her jobs include, but are not limited to, seamstress, carpenter, craft extraordinaire, PTA President, chauffeur, dance mom, mediator—of mentioned kids—and author. Once upon a time she was a Financial Analyst but traded budgets and forecasts for diapers and bottles. The former was definitely easier but the latter more fulfilling.

Tina's love for reading surged into her passion for writing. Wanting to bring the reader an intriguing story that's hard to put down with steamy love scenes that heat you up, she's always thinking of the perfect way to take you down that path.



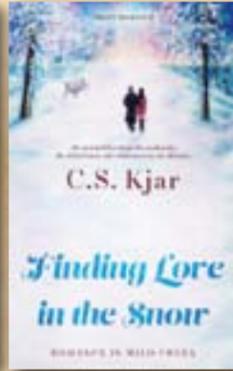
Johnny Weber

Johnny Weber's life has revolved around her horses. Meeting her husband while rodeoing, they married and settled on the prairies of north-central South Dakota where they raised two children. An educator for 31 years, writing began as an escape from life's pressures. Her first novel sat for 30 years on a shelf until retirement. Now she has two historical fiction novels, the first in a series published with a third soon to be ready. Her historical fiction stories, set in the mid to late 1800's, follow the Welles family and span from the waning years of the mountain men to the cattle industry of frontier America.



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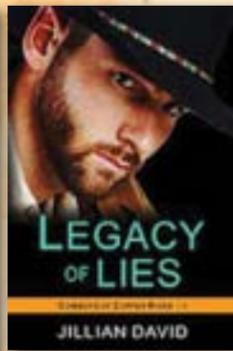
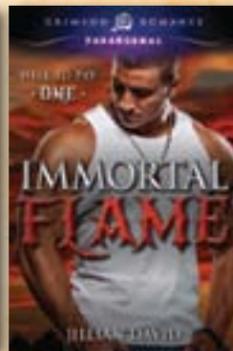
Carol (C.S.) Kjar is an award-winning author who writes wholesome books about small-town people searching for something they lost or think they need. A retired technical writer, Carol found she loved writing and reading fiction more. Her last name is pronounced "care" and hopes that's what everyone will do. Care about each other.



Jillian David

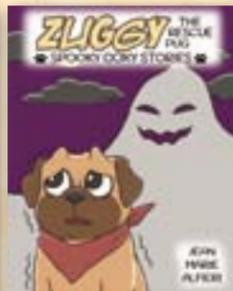
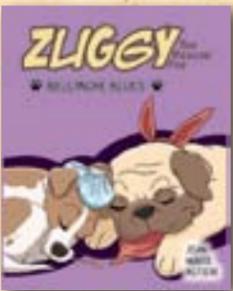
Award-winning and bestselling author Jillian David quickly writes then slowly edits paranormal, suspense, and adventure romances with medical characters and scenarios. She loves to use medical situations to drive drama in her books. Her favorite cell is the platelet and her least-favorite organ is the pancreas. She fully believes that curse words, when appropriately deployed during surgery, are hemostatic. Which also explains why no book of hers will ever bleed out...

Check out all of Jillian's links at: <https://linktr.ee/JillianDavid>



Jean Alfieri

Jean Alfieri is a writer, speaker, and dog fan. When her eyes locked with those of a smoochy-faced little dog who sat inside a kennel at the Humane Society, it was love. He captured her heart, and she captured their many adventures in short stories starring Zuggy the Rescue Pug. Jean enjoys meeting dog lovers of all ages and visiting schools, whether in person or virtually. Find out more @ JeanAlfieri or @ZuggythePug. Follow on FB, YouTube and Insta.

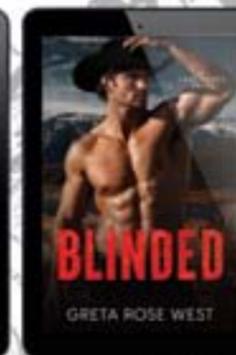
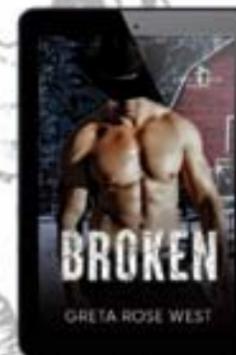


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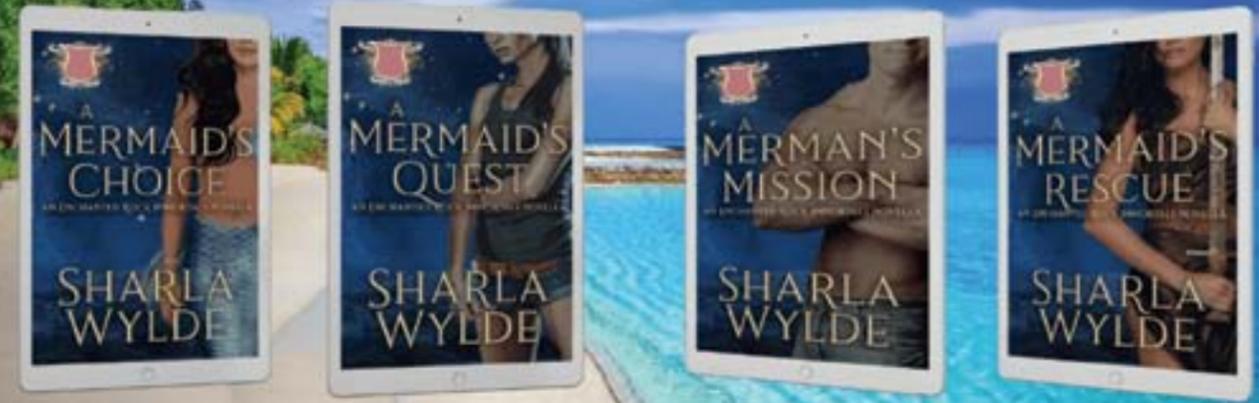
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Jane Ashley Converse is from a small town in South Dakota. She spends her days dreaming up new characters and adventures for them to go on. When she's not outdoors enjoying what nature offers, she's curled up on the couch writing or reading. She is a bighearted, crazy-eyed, sarcastic-talking book lover. A daydreamer, night writer, adventure seeking Midwest woman. Publishing is a dream come true, and she can't wait to share her next story with you.



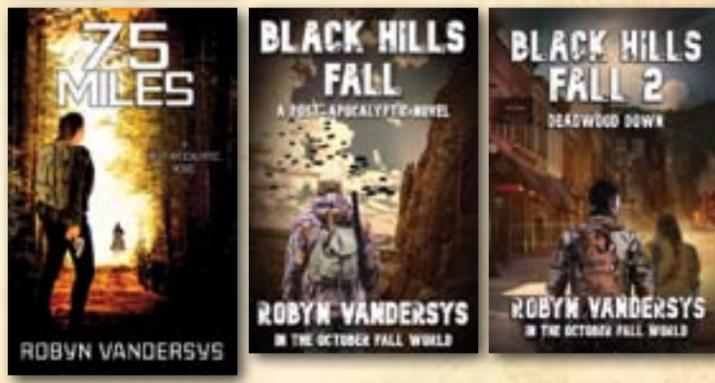
Greta Rose West

Greta Rose West was a floundering artsy flake until cowboy Jack Cade showed up, knocking on the door of her brain, and then pounding on it, and then he just plain kicked it down. She lives in NW Indiana with her husband and her two precocious kitties, Geoff Trouble and Sally Mae Midnight. When she's not writing, she's reading and devouring music. She enjoys indie films no one else likes, and her favorite food is Aver's Veggie Revival pizza.



Robyn VanDerSys

Robyn VanDerSys was born and raised in Washington State, which is where her love for the great outdoors was born. She was brought up camping, fishing, and hiking and remembers learning to shoot, as well as firearms safety, at a very young age. She has spent her fifty years bouncing from one adventure to the next, and has spent the last nine years in the Black Hills of South Dakota, exploring the many hiking and off-road trails there. She has used her outdoor experiences from her childhood, as well as adulthood, to write four action-packed books based in the Black Hills, one that reached #2 in Disaster Fiction on Amazon.



Robin Merrill

Robin Merrill lives on a small homestead in rural Maine with her husband, two teenagers, and an assortment of critters, including her (maybe excessively) beloved goats and a rooster named Reba. She has authored more than fifty books including Christian romance, women's fiction, and cozy mysteries—many of which are set in South Dakota. When she's not reading or writing, she's obsessed with gardening, which she's not very good at. She'd be delighted if you would visit her at robinmerrill.com.



Sam JD Hunt

Sam JD Hunt writes spicy rom-coms with plenty of thrilling twists and turns. Unable to stick to one genre, you'll find something for everyone in her catalogue of books. Sam is also a full-time real estate agent in Las Vegas, Nevada. Hunt enjoys travel, community involvement, spending time with friends and family, and hiking. She spends her days writing and trying to answer the age-old question: is it too late for coffee or too early for wine?



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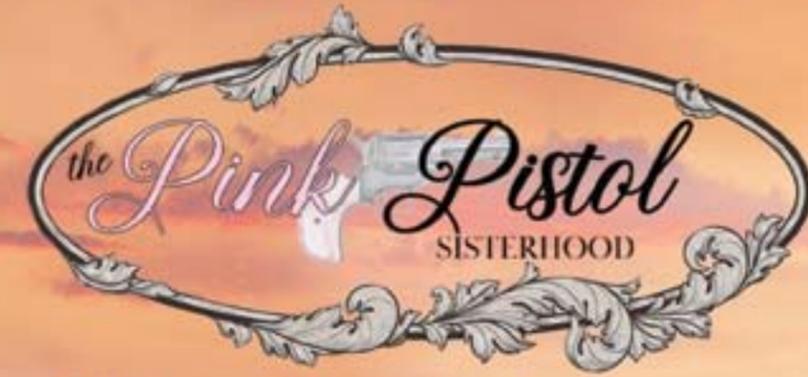
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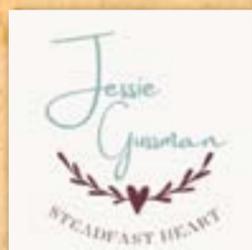


Pam Crooks

Pam grew up in the ranch country of western Nebraska, and it was inevitable she'd eventually write lots of books about cowboys. Pam still lives in Nebraska with her husband (who is not a cowboy), four married daughters and a whole slew of perfect grandchildren.

She is the founder of www.petticoatsandpistols.com, a popular blogsite for western romances. She loves to cook, hang out at her lake cabin, and decorate birthday cakes for anyone who will let her.

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Jessie Gussman

USA Today best-selling author Jessie Gussman writes sweet and inspirational romance from her farm in central Virginia. Having attended, but never graduating from the school of hard knocks, Jessie uses real life on the farm to inspire her cowboy, rural and blue-collar fiction.

When she's not chasing kids, cows and the occasional roll-away haybale, Jessie enjoys wading in Naked Creek and not cleaning her house. Most of the time her main goal is to keep from catching herself on fire...again.

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Shanna Hatfield

USA Today bestselling author Shanna Hatfield grew up on a farm where her childhood brimmed with sunshine, hay fever, and an ongoing supply of learning experiences.

Today, Shanna draws on her rural roots to create sweet romances filled with hope, humor, quirky small-town characters, realistic heroes, and women of strength.

When this award-winning author isn't writing or testing out new recipes, Shanna hangs out at home in the Pacific Northwest with her beloved husband, better known as Captain Cavedweller.



Julie Benson

Julie Benson worked as a caseworker until having her first of three sons. Then, to challenge her mind and preserve her sanity, she pursued a writing career. After a couple wrong turns, she found her voice writing a light-hearted contemporary western romance filled with friendship and humor set in small-town America. Now that her three sons have left the nest, when not writing, Julie spends her time doing home improvement projects, fostering dogs, and visiting Texas wineries with her husband.



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Kari Trumbo

Kari is a USA Today bestselling author who writes swoony heroes with a western kick. Her favorite place is the place her heart lives, (even if she doesn't) South Dakota. She loves reading, listening to music, singing when no one's listening, and writing of course. She lives in Minnesota with her husband, two daughters, two sons, assorted cats, and one rambunctious bunny who's the star in one of her books.



Winnie Griggs

Winnie Griggs has written over 30 works of historical and Amish romance. Her writing awards include an RT Reviewers' Choice Award and she's hit the PW Bestseller List for Religious Fiction.

Growing up in south Louisiana, Winnie and her siblings cut jungle trails, built forts and looked for pirate ships on the nearby bayou. Eventually she found her own Prince Charming, a rancher who rides a tractor instead of a steed.

Winnie loves to hear from readers. Her email is winnie@winniegriggs.com.



Mary Connealy

Mary Connealy writes romantic comedy with cowboys always with a strong suspense thread. She is a two-time Carol Award winner, and a Rita, Christy and Inspirational Reader's Choice finalist. She is the bestselling author of 75 books and novellas. Her most recent book series is *Wyoming Sunrise*.

Other series: *The Brides of Hope Mountain*, *Garrison's Law*, *High Sierra Sweethearts*, *Cimarron Legacy*, *Wild at Heart*, *Trouble in Texas*, and *Kincaid Bride* for Bethany House Publishing. She's also written four other series for Barbour Publishing and many novellas.

Mary has nearly a million and a half books in print. www.maryconnealy.com



Karen Witemeyer

Voted #1 Readers' Favorite Christian Romance Author of 2019 by Family Fiction Magazine, bestselling author Karen Witemeyer offers warmhearted historical romance with a flair for humor, feisty heroines, and swoon-worthy Texas heroes. Karen's books have won numerous awards, including the prestigious Christy Award, Carol Award, and National Reader's Choice Award. Karen is an avid cross-stitcher, and makes her home in Abilene, Texas with her husband. Learn more about Karen and her books at www.karenwitemeyer.com.




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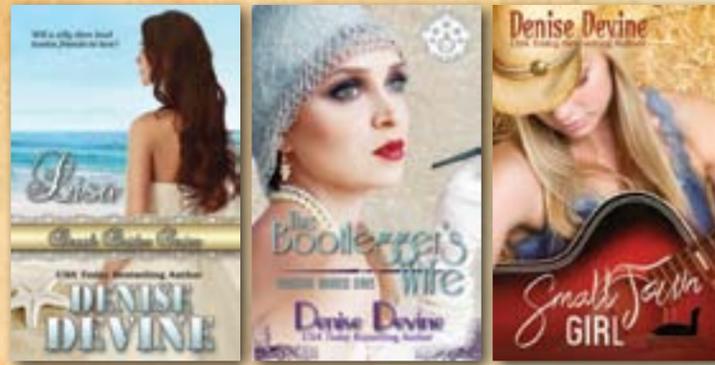


Denise Devine

Denise Devine is a USA Today bestselling author who has had a passion for books since the second grade when she discovered Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder. She wrote her first book, a mystery, at age thirteen and has been writing ever since. She loves all animals, especially dogs, cats and horses, and they often find their way into her books.

She has written twenty books, including books in the Beach Brides Series, West Loon Bay Series and the Moonshine Madness Series. Besides the USA Today list, her books have hit the Top 100 Bestseller list on Amazon and she has been listed on Amazon's Top 100 Authors.

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LoRee Peery

Christian author LoRee Peery is a Nebraska country girl who attempts to see God's presence every day. The call of a cardinal draws her to look for the distinctive crimson flash. A meadowlark's melody always transports her to the farm where she grew up. Her stories focus on romance, and include novels and novellas for women and men in the Contemporary, Time Travel, and Mystery/Suspense categories. Poetic devotions will release soon. Her e-books are available online. www.loreepeery.com.



Jan Drexler

Jan Drexler lives in the Black Hills of South Dakota with her husband, where she enjoys hiking and spending time with her expanding family. She is the author of several historical romance novels, including the award-winning *Mattie's Pledge*. The *Sweetbrier Inn Mysteries* series begins with *The Sign of the Calico Quartz* and continues in *The Case of the Artist's Mistake*. You can find out more about Jan on her website: www.janDrexler.com.



Amy Gregg

Amy Gregg is the Minnesota Book Award-nominated author of *Relic Chosen: Magic and Madness* from North Star Press. She is also the author of *Through the Woods* and *Next Weekend*, from Lulu Publishing. Currently, she publishes with Fox Pointe Publishing, LLP.

She began her writing journey at a young age with what would eventually be known as "fan fiction", quickly growing into her own narrative voice, and never once thought to stop. Save for those four years while attending Concordia University, St. Paul to get her B.A. in Psychology. And that handful of years to start a family. Then going back to school for medical admin. Somewhere in there, she sleeps.

When not writing she enjoys watching movies, reading, spending time with family, and spirited discussions of all things Marvel. A native Minnesotan who grew up in the suburbs of Minneapolis, this "city girl" lives with her daughter and 2 cats west of the Twin Cities.

Amy is currently working on book two in her *Accidental Farmer Mystery* series, *Fowl Play*. Book one, *Farmed & Dangerous*, is out now.



Sharee Stover

Award-winning, Publisher's Weekly Best-Selling author, Sharee Stover transplanted from Colorado to the Midwest, living her happily-ever-after with her real-life-hero husband, their three children, and spoiled German Shepherd. She loves the power of the written word to ignite, transform, and restore. Her stories combine heart-racing, nail-biting suspense with the delight of falling in love. She is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers, Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, and Faith, Hope and Love Christian Writers. Visit her at www.shareestover.com.



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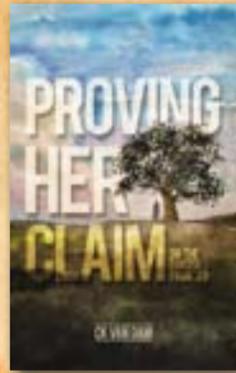




CK Van Dam

When most little girls wanted to be nurses or teachers, I wanted to be a writer. I read voraciously, starting with Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House series and moving on to more worldly authors such as Leon Uris, James Michener and others. I've come full circle, enjoying works by midwestern authors including William Kent Krueger and John Sandford.

But enough name dropping. Back to CK Van Dam. With degrees in Journalism and History, I've always been interested in the people who built our country, particularly the women.

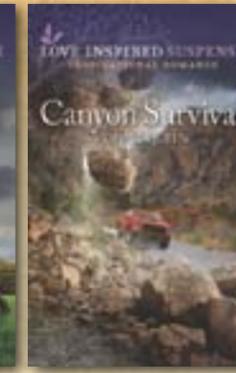
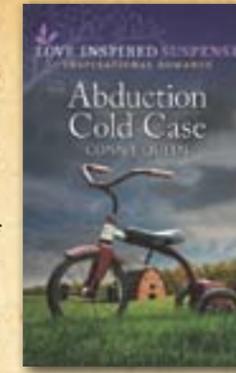


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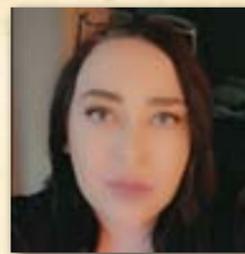
Connie Queen

Connie Queen, a Publishers Weekly bestselling author, spent her life in Texas where she married her high-school sweetheart. Together they've raised eight children and are enjoying their grandchildren. As a child, Connie remembers her mom and sisters reading but she preferred to be outside. It wasn't until later, she found the joy of being whisked away into another world. Today she resides in Texas with her husband, and Murphy, her Great Dane, where she's working on her next suspense novel.



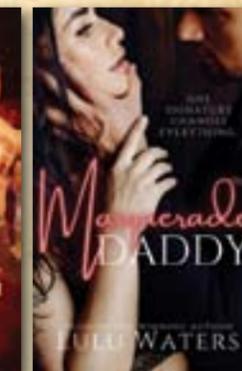
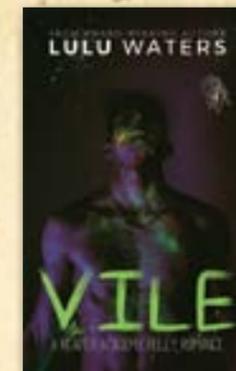
Kristin Lee

My goal is to bring you heartbreaking, heart-melting romance with a shot of humor—Love stories that make you feel, want and dream. In my novels, you will find sexy, swoon-worthy book boyfriends from millionaire athletes to rock stars to mechanics. My heroines run the gambit from sassy to shy, curvy to thin, financial analysts to horse trainers. Every book promises a Happily Ever After and friendships that stand the test of time.



Lulu Waters

Lulu Waters is the name. I enjoy creating spicy romance novels that bring my fantasies—and oftentimes, yours—to life. Want to read something that isn't always steamy? I've got that for you, too! Besides spicy romance, I enjoy dabbling in paranormal worlds that make the hair on the back of your neck stand on end. Books are my world, but I'm also a word-loving dog mom who enjoys spending time outdoors with my husband and furbabies in Northern Minnesota.



Angie Cottingham

Angie is a small-town girl with a big imagination. She lives with her husband, two kids and many furbabies. She writes both Paranormal/Fantasy romance as well as New Adult/Contemporary. She started publishing just a few short years ago, though she's been writing since she was a child. When she isn't busy writing, she can be found spending time with the kids, cooking or with her nose in a book. While she writes romance, she will read just about anything. Her favorite genres to read are romance and horror.



April Holthaus

Writing historical romances across the ages...

From the Scottish Highlands to the dirt roads of the Old West, April Holthaus's stories are noted to be well written, rich in historical details, and full of tension, suspense, and slow-burning romance.

April is an Award-Winning Author for her Scottish Historical Romances, but she also writes regency and western era romances as well. For more than a decade, she has worked full time in the direct marketing and printing business, but developed a passion of historical romances through her love of reading, history and genealogy. When she is not working or writing, April loves to spend time with her family, traveling, and being a sports mom.



Margaret Kay

Margaret Kay is a wife, a mother of two adult children, and a grandmother who has been fortunate enough to turn the passion of daydreaming about characters and storylines into books that people read. She is humbled that my books have been read in forty-five countries and have ranked on Amazon's Best Sellers Lists in their genres.

Early in her marriage, her husband proudly served eight years in the United States Navy. She was a veteran of more than a few deployments. That was in the 80s before cell phones and the internet. They say being a military wife is the toughest job in the Armed Forces even though there is no MOS for the position. Margaret Kay agrees. And so, some part of every book she writes has something to do with the military.



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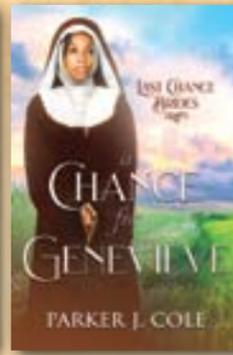
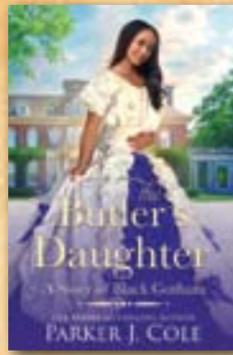
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Parker J. Cole is an USA Today Bestselling author of historical romance, a speaker, podcaster, and CEO of the podcast network PJC Media. Parker enjoys exploring history through the vehicle of romance. Her speaking topics focus on inspiration for aspiring authors. For nearly a decade, she has interviewed authors from all over the world. Consumed with a plethora of interests that keep her life busy, she lives in Detroit, Michigan.

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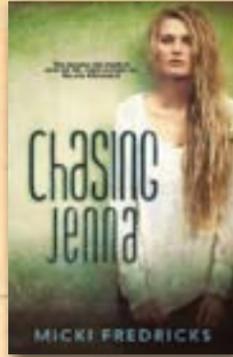


Micki Fredricks

Micki is a small-town Iowa girl with a flair for the dramatics. Her favorite thing to do is people watch and make up romantic scenarios in her head. She loves her family, coffee and tacos.

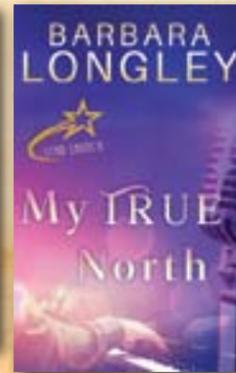
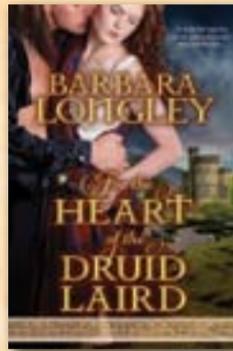
When not reading, writing or watching Korean zombie movies, you can usually find her supporting one of her five kids on a stage somewhere. While her kids were born with stars in their eyes, the idea of being the center of attention makes Micki want to pass out.

Micki writes small-town rom-coms with spice that make you blush.



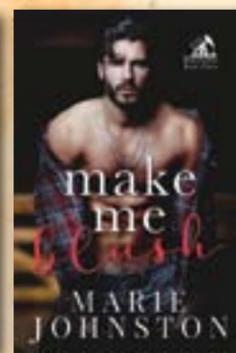
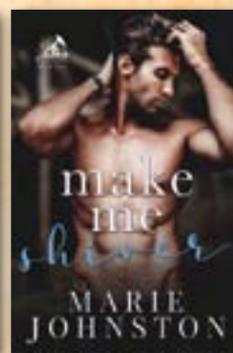
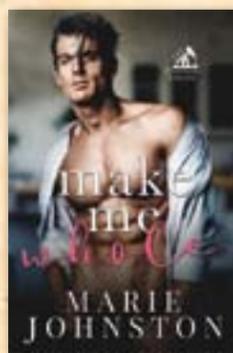
Barbara Longley

Barbara Longley is listed on RWA's Honor Roll of Bestselling Authors, and her books have garnered many awards, including a Maggie, the Holt Medallion, a National Readers' Choice, two Heart of Excellence awards, a Bookseller's Best award, and the Diamond Award for reaching more than a million readers. Ms. Longley creates memorable heroes and heroines who grow into their strengths and go on to save the day.



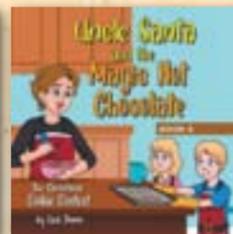
Marie Johnston

Marie Johnston writes paranormal and contemporary romance. Before she was a writer, she was a microbiologist. Depending on the situation, she can be oddly unconcerned about germs or weirdly phobic. She's also a licensed medical technician and has worked as a public health microbiologist and as a lab tech in hospital and clinic labs. Marie's been a volunteer EMT, a college instructor, a security guard, a phlebotomist, a hotel clerk, and a coffee pourer in a bingo hall. She has four kids, cats, and a Corgie.



Lisa Dunn

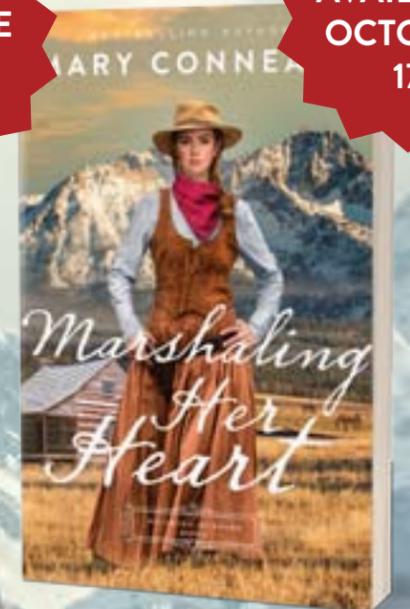
I was born and raised in the northeast corner of Montana. I am married to the real "Uncle Santa", and we have been doing daycare for over 20 years. I began writing the "Uncle Santa And The Magic Hot Chocolate" children's book series in 2018. My inspiration for the stories are the daycare kids and Uncle Santa himself. Our goal is to spread Christmas cheer all year long!



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