



Local Author Meet & Greet

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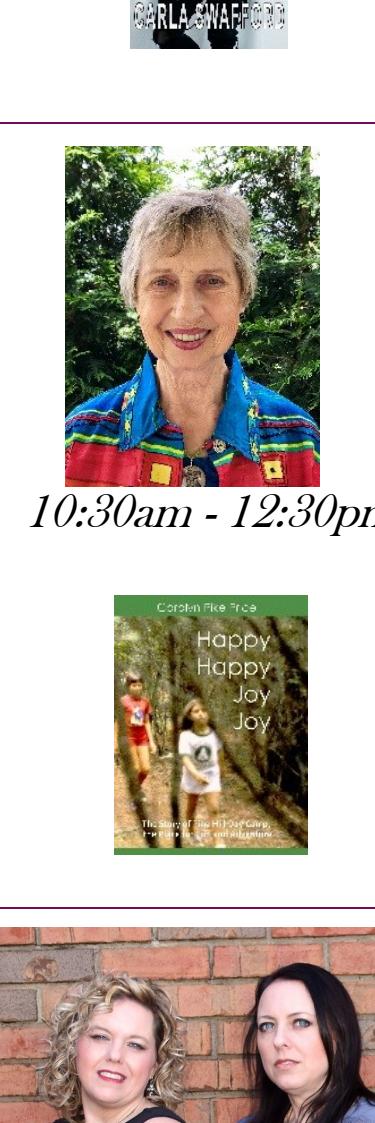
Linda Howard

I'm never certain what to say in a biography. Should it be a list of accomplishments? If so, what should those accomplishments be? My educational credentials? I was a salutatorian of my high school graduation class, but I dropped out of college in my freshman year because other things, such as eating, were more important. I still think that's a good decision. I worked at a trucking company for seventeen years, where I learned a lot about human behavior. Working there was a good decision, too. I wrote for myself because I enjoyed it, then one day I decided to see if I was good enough to be published. I was; that too was a good decision. Since then I've written around sixty books that have been published. I don't know the exact number, because that isn't important.

I've been married (to the same man!) for forty-two years. I love my family and friends, my dogs, and college football, which unfortunately has what seems like the shortest season of all sports. We live in beautiful northeast Alabama, with mountains and rivers and (also unfortunately) cows. I'm not a fan of cows. They're mean, devious, and psychic. They know when I'm here alone, and that's when they escape. We also have some llamas; they're neither mean, devious, nor psychic, but they know a good thing when they see it and they always escape when the cows do. They're faster than the cows, which isn't a good thing.

I've been to Canada and Europe, I've been zip-lining, I've been on cruises, and I've stood on the lip of an active volcano. I've held newborn babies. Life is good.

That's pretty much it about me, I guess. Oh - I also cook. I'm more adventurous than good, but I do make a great southern biscuit.



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Linda Winstead Jones

Linda's first book, the historical romance *Guardian Angel*, was released in 1994. In the years since she's written in several romance sub-genres under several names. She's a six time finalist for the RITA Award and a winner, for *Shades of Midnight*, in the paranormal category. Most recently she's been involved in joint projects with Linda Howard, and has been re-releasing some of her backlist in ebook format.

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authors listed alphabetically:



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Bambi Lynn

Bambi Lynn graduated from the University of Maryland European Division with a bachelor's degree in English and History. She writes Historical and Contemporary Paranormal Romances set in Scotland, England and Ancient Rome. When not plugging away at her keyboard, she teaches World History and English Literature. She loves to ride her big, black Tennessee Walker, Jamaica. She and her husband have a Harley to go with their collection of classic cars and hot rods.

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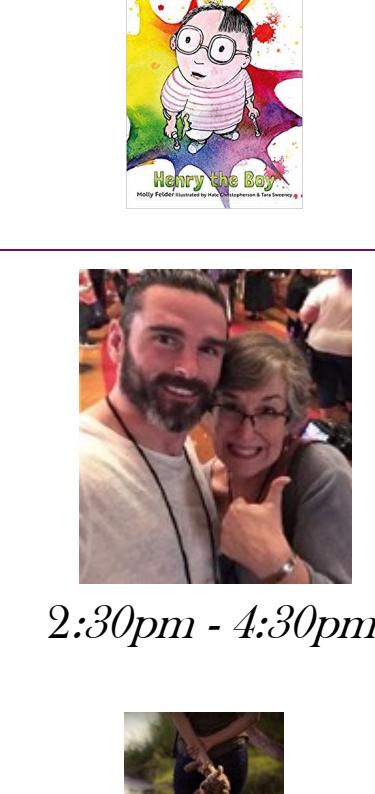


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Betty Bolté

Award-winning author Betty Bolté is known for authentic and accurately researched historical fiction with heart and supernatural romance novels. A lifetime reader and writer, she's worked as a secretary, freelance word processor, technical writer/editor, and author. She's been published in essays, newspaper articles/columns, magazine articles, and nonfiction books but now enjoys crafting entertaining and informative fiction, especially stories that bring American history to life. She earned a Master's Degree in English in 2008, emphasizing the study of literature and storytelling, and has judged numerous writing contests for both fiction and nonfiction. She lives in northern Alabama with her loving husband of more than 30 years. Her cat, Calliope, serves as her muse and writing partner, and her dogs, Zola and Sierra, make sure she goes outside frequently. She is a member of the Romance Writers of America, Historical Novel Society, Women's Fiction Writers Association, Alabama Writers Conclave, and Authors Guild.

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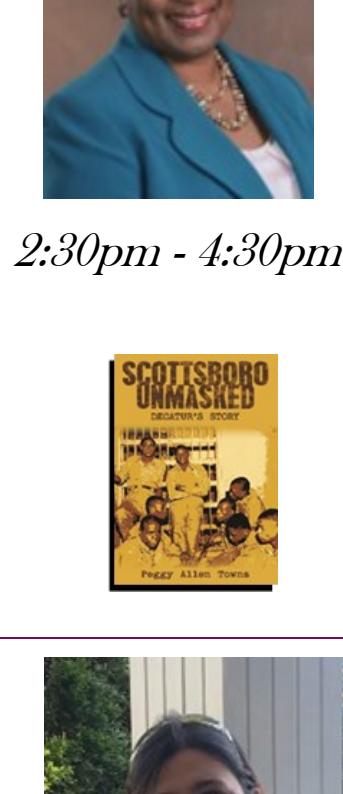


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Bonnie Gardner

Bonnie Gardner is a former army brat and air force wife. She is a Master Gardener and loves growing her own mostly-organic vegetables. She lives in northern Alabama where she can visit with her grandchildren as much as possible. She is the author of more than 20 books.

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Carla Swafford

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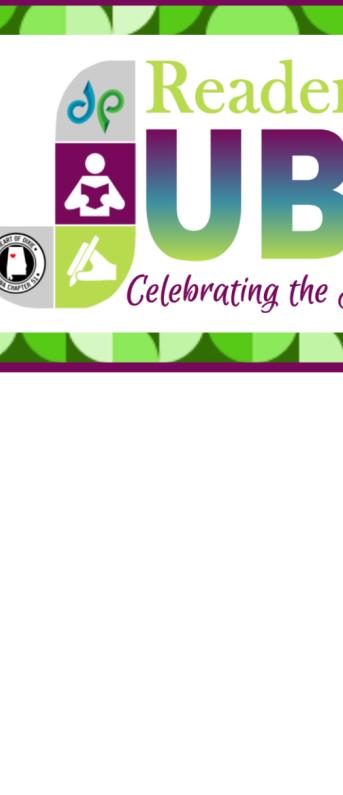


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Gayle Young

Gayle Young worked as a legal administrative assistant and raised four children while writing short stories, a couple of novels, and dozens of journals. Some of her short stories have been published in magazines—one nostalgic piece in *The Birmingham News* and one in the anthology, *From Eulogy to Joy*. She lives in Birmingham, Alabama with her husband and two dogs.

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Greg Richter is a newspaper and online journalist with over 30 years' worldwide experience. He has covered everything from national politics to the worldwide impact of the song "Sweet Home Alabama." In addition to co-authoring *Legendary Locals of Cullman County* with Kay Cagle, he has self-published *The Easy Budget* under the pen name Owen Tew, and the *The Bee Attitudes (And Other Spiritual Lessons from Everyday Life)*. (Both are available on Amazon.com)

Kay Cagle spearheaded and co-authored *Legendary Locals of Cullman County*, published October 2014 by Arcadia Publishing. (Available on Amazon.com) She has worked as a newspaper journalist for fourteen years, receiving APA awards for Best Feature story, Best Investigative reporting, Best News story, honorable mention Best Column, and the newspaper received the Community Service Award for an investigative series she reported. She is also, published in *Cat Fancy* and *Open Road* magazines. Currently, she's working as an advertising specialist creating commercials for TV for the Baker Agency.

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John Davis

John William Davis is a retired US Army counterintelligence officer, civil servant, and linguist. He was commissioned from Washington University in St. Louis as an artillery officer in the 101st Air Assault Division. Thereafter, he went into counterintelligence and served some 37 years. A linguist, Mr. Davis learned foreign languages in each country he served. After the Cold War and its bitter aftermath he wrote *Rainy Street Stories*, *Reflections on Secret Wars, Terrorism, and Espionage*. He wanted to write about not only true events themselves, but also the moral and ethical aspects of the secret world. With the publication of *Around the Corner* expands his reflections on conflicted human nature to our present day traumas of fear, and causes for hope.

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Laura Hunter

Laura Hunter was raised in Alabama hill country and now lives near Tuscaloosa. She has published sixteen award-winning fiction pieces and nine poems, in addition to the numerous articles published through different media outlets. She has written a collection of fictional short stories focused on the local and national levels has combined to give her a great love of the romance genre as well as developing friendships that span the globe.

In addition to reading and writing, Laura enjoys watching TV crime dramas, cooking for one and gardening in a few pots on her patio. Her motto is "Have passport, will travel," and she is always ready to add another location to the list of 32 states and 21 foreign countries she has visited.

A native of North Carolina, Marilyn arrived in Huntsville, Alabama by way

of Frankfurt, Germany. She has lived in Alabama longer than anywhere else and calls it home. She raised two great sons and now loves to dote on her two terrific granddaughters, a task made easier by her retirement from the day job.

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