

MGS Featured Writers and Their Works

Steve Brown

Steve Brown has a degree in history and political science and served as a combat platoon leader with the 25th Infantry division in south Vietnam. He is a member of Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, and the International Crime Writers. Steve is the author of the Myrtle Beach mysteries, featuring lifeguard and runaway finder Susan Chase. He lives in South Carolina.

His works include: *Color Her Dead, Stripped to Kill, Hurricane Party, Sanctuary of Evil, When Dead Is Not Enough, and Dead Kids Tell No Tales*

Beverly Connor

Beverly Connor loves archaeology and has worked in Georgia and South Carolina as an archaeologist. She states that she also loves mysteries and combines these two loves in her work, Lindsay Chamberlain Archaeology Mystery series and Diane Fallon Forensic investigation series. She lives in the wood of Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

Her works include: *Dead Guilty, One Grave Too Many, Airtight Case, Questionable Remains, and Dressed To Kill*

Carolyn Haines

Carolyn Haines grew up in the small town of Lucedale, Mississippi, she had big dreams. The Southern Delta has never been more exhilarating, evocative, and wickedly funny than the mysteries of Carolyn Haines.

Her works include: *Splintered Bones, Touched, Hallowed Bones, Rumor of Bones, Skeleton Crew, Them Bones, Summer of Fears, Buried Bones, Summer of the Redeemers, and Crossed Bones* .

Sarah Booth Delaney is an unconventional southern belle and creator of the hottest detective in Zinnia, Mississippi.

Brandon Massey

Brandon Massey was born in Waukegan, Illinois and grew up in Zion, a suburb north of Chicago. He originally self-published his first novel *Thunderland* in 1999. His second book, *Dark Corner*, a vampire novel that takes place in rural Mississippi, hit stores in January 2004.

Cathy Pickens

Cathy Pickens says the most profound influences on her life have been her family, her faith, Nancy Drew and Perry Mason. *Southern Fried*, winner of the 2003 St. Martin's Malice Domestic Award for Best New Traditional Mystery, features Avery Andrews.

Cheryl Ritzel

Cheryl Ritzel is mystery writer and middle school teacher. She has been a middle school teacher for more than 10 years, teaching mainly Social Studies. She takes short courses on Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation and is pursuing a Private Investigator's license. Her first novel is *Beginner's Luck: A Paul Grey Murder Mystery*.

Cheryl lives in the north metro Atlanta area, where she leads a writer's critique group for aspiring authors.

E. Joan Sims

E. Joan Sims is the author of the Paisley Sterling mysteries. She has lived in Barcelona, Spain and Caracas, Venezuela but uses the small town in Kentucky where she was born for her fictitious "Rowan Springs". She is a member of the Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers Association and the Romance Writer's Association are just a few of her credentials.

Her works include: *The Plague Doctor, The Paper Detective, and Cemetery Silk*

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