



## Mignon Ballard

Mignon Ballard is a native of Calhoun, Georgia. She grew up telling ghost stories with her sister and friends. She has written an award-winning mystery for young readers entitled, *AUNT MATILDA'S GHOST*.

Ballard is the author of such adult mystery novels as: *CRY AT DUSK*, *THE WIDOW'S WOODS*, *DEADLY PROMISE*, *MINERVA CRIES MURDER*, and *THE FINAL CURTAIN*. She has also written a novel of suspense, *RAVEN ROCK*. Her books in The Angel Series include: *ANGEL AT TROUBLESOME CREEK*, *SHADOW OF AN ANGEL*, *ANGEL WHISPERED DANGER*, and *ANGEL TO DIE FOR*.

Mignon lives with her husband, Gene, in Fort Mills North Carolina where she is very active in her church and community theatre.



## Evelyn Coleman

Evelyn Coleman has written several books for young readers including: *TO BE A DRUM*, *WHITE SOCKS ONLY*, *THE FOOT WARMER AND THE CROW*, *THE RICHES OF OSEOLA MCCARTY*, and *THE GLASS BOTTLE TREE*. She has penned two books in The American Girl History Mystery series: *MYSTERY OF THE DARK TOWER* and *CIRCLE OF FIRE*. *WHAT A WOMAN'S GOTTA DO* is her first novel.

Evelyn is a member of The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrator, Sisters-in-Crime and a number of other organizations that support writers. She has served as past president of The Southeast Mystery Writers of America. Coleman is a resident of Atlanta, Georgia.



*Phillip DePoy*

Phillip DePoy has published short fiction, poetry and criticism. He has written five novels in the Flap Tucker series, *EASY, TOO EASY, EASY AS ONE, TWO, THREE; DANCING MADE EASY*, and *DEAD EASY*. His novel *THE DEVIL'S HEARTH* was published in January 2003. His second Fever Devlin story, *THE WITCH'S GRAVE*, will appear in February 2004.

Phillip lives in Atlanta, Georgia and is a visiting professor of theater at Georgia State University.



*David Fulmer*

David Fulmer has been a writer and producer for the past twenty years. His first published novel, *CHASING THE DEVIL'S TAIL*, won a Shamus Award in 2002 and was nominated for a Los Angeles Time Book Prize as well as a Barry Award.

Fulmer has a long list of newspaper and magazine credits featuring articles on blues and jazz for *The Atlanta Journal & Constitution*, *Atlanta Magazine*, *Southline*, *Blues Access*, and National Public Radio. David served as a photographer with the U. S. Army Intelligence Center in Heidelberg, Germany.

A native of Norththumberland, Pennsylvania, David now lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his daughter Italia.



Gwen Hunter

When Gwen Hunter's tenth grade writing teacher read her first attempts at writing poetry and short stories and told her that she had talent, that very day she decided to become a writer.

Gwen has written many novels including those in the Dr. Rhea Lynch series, *DELAYED DIAGNOSIS*, *PRESCRIBED DANGER*, and *DEADLY REMEDY*. Her fourth Dr. Lynch mystery, *GRAVE CONCERNS*, was released January 1, 2004.

Hunter lives with her husband in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She is currently the president of The Southeast Mystery Writers Association.



Walter Sorrells

Walter Sorrells is the Edgar Award-winning author of the legal thrillers *CRY FOR JUSTICE*, *WILL TO MURDER*, and *POWER OF ATTORNEY* (nominated for the Edgar Award for best original paperback in 1995). His novel, *PROOF OF INTENT* was co-written with best-selling author William J. Coughlin and was released November 2003.

Writing under the pen name "Ruth Birmingham", Sorrells introduced Sunny Childs, a female private investigator in *ATLANTA GRAVES*, *FULTON COUNTY BLUES* (nominated for the Shamus Award), *continued the series*. His fifth Sunny Childs novel, *COLD TRAIL*, appeared in book stores late last year.

Walter is currently the president of the Atlanta Chapter of Sisters-in-Crime. At present he is working on a legal thriller tentatively entitled *THE CELL*.



## Patricia Sprinkle

Patricia Sprinkle decided to become a writer when she was ninth grade. So after high school she attended Vassar College, which had a wonderful creative writing program.

Among her many novels Sprinkle has written the MacLauren Yarbrough series, *BUT WHY SHOOT THE MAGISTRATE?* *WHEN DID WE LOOSE HARRIET?* *WHO INVITED THE DEAD MAN?* and *WHO LEFT THAT BODY IN THE RAIN?* Her fifth Yarbrough mystery, *WHO LET THAT KILLER IN THE HOUSE?* appeared in October 2003.

Patricia lives in Smyrna, Georgia and is a very active member of The Friends of the Smyrna Public Library.



## Kathryn Wall

Kathryn Wall penned her first story at age six and she has been writing every since. She grew up in northeastern Ohio and attended college in Ohio and Pennsylvania. For twenty-five years she practiced her profession as an accountant.

Wall has written three "Bay Tanner" mysteries: *IN FOR A PENNY, AND NOT A PENNY MORE*, and *PERDITION HOUSE*. This series features a father-daughter team of private investigators.

Kathryn lives in Hilton Head, South Carolina with Norman, her husband of thirty years. Kathryn mentors at a local middle school and is a founding member of the Island Writers Network.



*Fred Willard*

Fred Willard is a former news photographer. His first novel, *DOWN ON PONCE*, takes place in the steamy red light district of Atlanta, was published in 1997 to rave reviews. His second novel *PRINCESS NAUGHTY AND THE VOODOO CADILLAC* was published in 2000.

Fred lives in Atlanta, Georgia.



*Jim Wooten*

(Moderator)

Jim Wooten is the associate editor of the editorial page of The Atlanta-Journal Constitution. A native of McRae, Georgia, graduate of the University of Georgia, Jim was past president of the Georgia Press Association. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Smyrna Library. He writes often about politics and government.