

LINDA E RYAN PROFILE

I am Linda Ryan. I grew up in a small suburb of Atlanta, Georgia, graduated from high school and immediately went to work for the Atlanta Police Department as a police stenographer in the Homicide Squad. Five years later I left the department to pursue a new life with a husband and the hopes of a family. I have four children, two boys -- a police officer and career marine -- and two girls -- a teacher and an author, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren, all who live in distant points across the U.S. from Washington state to South Florida. My husband passed away twenty years ago.



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My career focused on work in human resources, primarily at the University of Tampa where I served as Vice President of Human Resources and later at Teacher Resource Center where I created curriculum based resources for K-12 classrooms. My connection to academia and law enforcement has been central to my entire career, as well as, to our family.

I am a debut author newly transplanted to Franklin, North Carolina. Over the past year, I downsized, sold my longtime home, retired, and relocated here—an exhausting transition. People often ask why I chose Franklin. Family history and childhood memories were my first reasons. The stunning beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, plentiful outdoor activities, and the calm mountain lifestyle made this an ideal location for imagining a future where I could finally pursue long-held plans and dreams.

When I decided to retire, I went back to college to study creative writing, building on my 40 years of composing business communications and legal briefs. My initial goal was to record stories for my children, but my first story kept expanding and eventually became a novel. At the urging of my best friend, I submitted the manuscript to several publishers, and Midnight Publishing accepted it. The novel has been well received, and I've been asked to write a sequel because readers are eager to learn what happens next. Writing is my passion, and what began as a way to share stories with my children unexpectedly evolved into a new career.

The Book: Brianna Morgan, a new police stenographer in Atlanta's Homicide Division, has the secret gift of second sight—she can see events before they happen and feels compelled to intervene. A gift unasked for, a burden misunderstood, and a haunting truth to learn – seeing danger doesn't mean you can stop it. Her gift is, and must remain, a secret because of the catastrophic consequences experienced by both her mother and grandmother when they revealed their gift, making them different and misunderstood. Brianna's assignment to two detective partners makes for chaos and confusion as her actions are unexplained but always relevant. With the mentoring of her father, she must decide to either accept her gift and use it to save lives or ignore it and let it destroy her. The tightrope between duty and danger is a thin one that Brianna must face every day. At seven Brianna's foreknowledge is terrifying; at seventeen, it is embarrassing; at twenty-one, it must become an indispensable partner essential to her survival.



Cover of Linda's Book

The book has earned notable recognition, with a sequel releasing by early November.

I have been recognized as a featured author in the Hidden Voices Project, the Southern Conference of Christian Writers, a radio interview, and been covered by newspapers and magazines. Links are provided below.

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Available on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/0dVGuLmx>

Tampa Bay Observer: <https://tampabayobserver.com/mystery-author-l-e-ryan-debuts-with-award-winning-novel-about-second-sight-and-police-work/>

International Business Journal <https://ibjournal.net/author-turns-personal-law-enforcement-experience-into-supernatural-mystery-debut/>

Hidden Voices: <https://hiddenvoices.ghost.io/>

WBHF Link: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/6WrHJA24R2qMpkBvS8ywwy?si=ke4FrNtMSFesPz-eA9clcg>