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*New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling suspense author Mary Burton’s writing has been compared to that of James Patterson, \* Lisa Gardner\*\* and Lisa Jackson.\*\*\* Her latest book, [***The Hangman***](http://www.maryburton.com/Books/the-hangman/), is the third of her ***The Forgotten Files*** novels, which began with [***The Shark***](http://www.maryburton.com/the-shark-the-forgotten-files/) and [***The Dollmaker***](http://www.maryburton.com/Books/the-dollmaker/). Her recent bestsellers, [***Vulnerable***](http://www.maryburton.com/vulnerable/),  [***I’ll Never Let You Go***](http://www.maryburton.com/ill-never-let-you-go/), [***Be Afraid***](http://www.maryburton.com/be-afraid/) and [***Cover Your Eyes***](http://www.maryburton.com/cover-your-eyes/) feature the Morgans, Nashville’s preeminent law enforcement family.

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