**Meet *Vulnerable* Author Mary Burton**

Mary Burton enjoys hunting serial killers. A *New York Time*s and *USA Today* bestselling novelist, she’s tracked them down in her hometown of Richmond, Alexandria, Austin and Nashville in books that have brought her acclaim and a loyal, ever growing readership.

Mary’s been intrigued by investigative work and the people who do it since Virginia was stung by a string of serial killings spanning more than twenty years. So, it’s not surprising that many of her novels, for which she’s been compared to James Patterson\*, Lisa Gardner\*\*, Lisa Jackson\*\*\* and Stieg Larson, \*\*\*\* are propelled by the acts of multiple killers and those who pursue them. Her latest, [**Vulnerable**](http://www.maryburton.com/vulnerable/), follows suit and is the fourth and final of her stories set in Nashville featuring the Morgans, Music City’s preeminent law enforcement family. [**Cover Your Eyes**](http://www.maryburton.com/cover-your-eyes/) was the first in the quartet, followed by [**Be Afraid**](http://www.maryburton.com/be-afraid/) and [**I’ll Never Let You Go**](http://www.maryburton.com/ill-never-let-you-go/).

Mary’s admiration for real life police and investigative work and the skills, insights and tools they require, is evidenced in her books and by her commitment to researching procedures and forensic details. Annually, she attends the nationally recognized Writers Police Academy, where the curriculum has included undercover work, autopsies, and theories of why people commit murder. She is also a graduate of the Richmond FBI Citizen’s Academy and the Henrico County Citizens Police Academy. She has attended Sisters in Crime’s Forensic University program.

Despite her emphasis on hard facts in the crimes she portrays, Mary’s approach to each new novel is psychological. To begin her story she needs answers to three questions about her killers—why do they kill? What demons drive them? And how do they choose their victims? The answers are critical to her plot, she says, as they are to detectives solving a murder.

A Richmond native with family roots as deep as the nation’s, Mary has made her home there for most of her life. She is a graduate of Virginia’s Hollins University and worked in marketing before committing to write full time. Her first book was published in 2000.

Mary is the author of twenty-nine published novels and five novellas. In addition to her books featuring the Morgan family, Mary’s other “connected” stories include [**The Seventh Victim**](http://www.maryburton.com/the-seventh-victim/), [**No Escape**](http://www.maryburton.com/no-escape/) and [**You’re Not Safe**](http://www.maryburton.com/youre-not-safe/), featuring investigators from the Texas Rangers. [**Senseless**](http://www.maryburton.com/senseless/), [**Merciless**](http://www.maryburton.com/merciless/)and [**Before She Dies**](http://www.maryburton.com/before-she-dies/), all set in Alexandria. Her new short story, *The Keepsake*, is featured along with those by Jeffrey Deaver, Anne Perry and others in the anthology [**Killer Nashville Noir: Cold Blooded**](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B014RY2W00?keywords=killer%20nashville%20noir&qid=1444068381&ref_=sr_1_1&s=books&sr=1-1).

She is a member of International Thriller Writers, Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, Novelists Inc. and Romance Writers of America. She travels frequently for signings, book club visits, and speaking engagements at conferences, book festivals, bookstores and libraries. She is also known for her highly regarded “Unraveling Romantic Suspense” workshop and her day-long program “Writing Your Book . . . The First Step.”

When not committing murder, Mary, completed her Baking & Pastry Arts Certificate at the University of Richmond’s Culinary Arts Program. She is now pursuing her Culinary Arts Certificate. Mary, whose daughter and grandmother were both adopted, is also involved in issues facing adoptees and their families, and has made appearances on behalf of Coordinators2inc, a lifetime adoption resource organization. She and her husband spend time alternately enjoying and lamenting their newly empty nest and spoiling their miniature dachshunds Buddy, Bella and Tiki. She is also writes contemporary women’s fiction as Mary Ellen Taylor.

Mary is currently anticipating the May 24, 2016 debut of her new suspense novel, [**The Shark**](http://www.amazon.com/The-Shark-Forgotten-Files-Book-ebook/dp/B017IKQW6U), the first of her *Forgotten Files* titles.

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