

## **ABOUT MARY BURTON (Full Bio/299 words)**

Mary Burton loves writing suspense, researching law enforcement and forensic procedure, baking, books, and tiny dachshunds. Not necessarily in that order.

She also enjoys hunting down serial killers, which she does in her *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling romance and suspense novels. She's tracked them down in stories set in her hometown of Richmond, Alexandria, Austin and Nashville that have been praised by readers and reviewers. Her work has been compared to that of James Patterson\*, Lisa Gardner\*\* and Lisa Jackson\*\*\*

Research is a favorite part of Mary's work day. She never tires of learning more about police work, evidence collection and analysis, and doesn't hesitate to take a hands-on approach, whether it means interviews with those working in the field, forensic seminars or lessons at the firing range.

A Richmond native, Mary has lived there for most of her life. She is a graduate of Virginia's Hollins University and worked in marketing before she began writing full time. Her first book was published in 2000 and today she's the author of thirty-two novels, including her contemporary fiction written as Mary Ellen Taylor, and five novellas. Her latest book, [\*The Hangman\*](#), is the third of her *The Forgotten Files* novels.

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When not traveling for research or visiting with readers at bookstores, book festivals and conferences, Mary is very much a homebody. She and her husband spend time alternately enjoying and lamenting their newly empty nest and spoiling their four legged babies Buddy, Bella and Tiki.

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Mary is the author of thirty-two novels and five novellas. In addition to her *Morgan Family* novels, her other connected stories include [\*The Seventh Victim\*](#), [\*No Escape\*](#) and [\*You're Not Safe\*](#), featuring investigators from the Texas Rangers, and [\*Senseless\*](#), [\*Merciless\*](#) and [\*Before She Dies\*](#), all set in Alexandria, Virginia. *The Keepsake*, her short story featuring Morgan family sister Georgia, is featured along with contributions from Jeffrey Deaver, Anne Perry and others in the anthology [\*Killer Nashville Noir: Cold Blooded\*](#). She has also written five novels as Mary Ellen Taylor.

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The author of thirty-two published novels and five novellas, Mary is a member of International Thriller Writers, Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, Novelists, Inc., and Romance Writers of America.

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