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[Books In Sync Mystery Author Susan Whitfield's Books Include The Logan Hunter Mystery Series; Genesis Beach, Just North of Luck, Hell Swamp, And Sin Creek.](#)



[Susan Whitfield](#) is a native of North Carolina, where she sets her Logan Hunter Mysteries. Genesis Beach is set along the Crystal Coast, Just North of Luck, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Hell Swamp along Black River in Pender County. She is currently working on Sin Creek, set in Wilmington. Whitfield has three degrees from East Carolina University: B.S. in English, MAEd in Education, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership. She is married with two sons and has a very spoiled Yellow Lab who keeps her sane.

Member:

- North Carolina Writers Network
- Authors 'Round The South
- Carolina Conspiracy
- The Authors Society
- Sisters in Crime
- Mystery Writers of America

Q: Tell us what makes you proud to be a writer from Dudley, NC?

A: I have lived in North Carolina my entire life, visiting it from stem to stern, loving both the mountains and the sea. I'm proud to be the only mystery writer in my county. I enjoy being involved with Carolina Conspiracy and the North Carolina Writers' Network, and other organizations around the country.

Q: What or who inspired you to become a writer?

A: I guess it just came naturally when I was a child. Once I was a freshman in college and my English professor told me what a good writer I was, I began to believe that some day I could write and publish.

Q: When did you begin writing with the intention of becoming published?

A: Only after I retired from my high school principalship.

Q: Did your environment or upbringing play a major role in your writing and why? A: It certainly contributed as far as setting my novels somewhere in the state. We have so many wonderful dialects, such beautiful scenery, and I have so many fond memories of going to the mountains once a year and to the beach much more often. We lived near a river, so that became a focus for a book as well.

Q: Do you come up with your title (s) before or after you write the manuscript (s)? A: So far I have decided on the setting before I begin. Two of my titles, Just North of Luck and Hell Swamp, have settings straight off a state map! I already had a story in mind for Hell Swamp, and when I found that name, I new I'd found my title. The publisher loved it.

Q: Tell us why you write the genre (s) that you write?

A: They say write what you read and I love a good mystery.

Q: Tell us your most rewarding experience while in the writing process?

A: That surreal feeling as words flow down my arms through my fingers and onto the screen. When I'm in that state of mind, nothing else matters but getting it down. Also, holding each "baby" in my arms for the first time is quite rewarding.

Q: Tell us your most negative experience while in the writing process?

A: Interruptions of any kind!

Q: Tell us your most rewarding experience in your publishing journey?

A: I queried L&L Dreamspell with Hell Swamp and fifteen days later they offered me a contract. They have since picked up Just North of Luck.

Q: Tell us your most negative experience in your publishing journey?

A: Tons of rejections especially with the first book.

Q: What one positive piece of advice would you give to other authors?

A: Persevere! And make certain that you hire a professional editor to get top quality work out there. Don't settle for less than your best!

Q: Who Is Your Favorite Author?

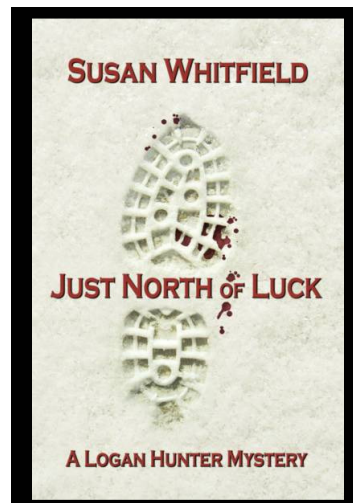
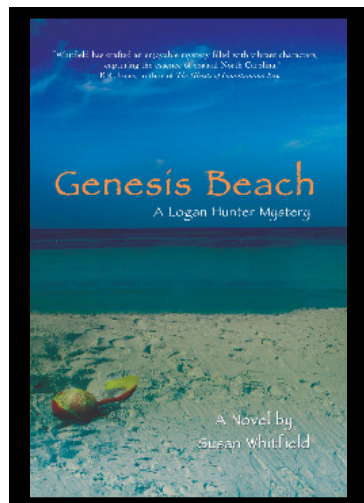
A: James Patterson rocks with the Cross Series. I also love Gerritsen, Scottoline, Sandford, Connally, and North Carolina's Hart and Maron.

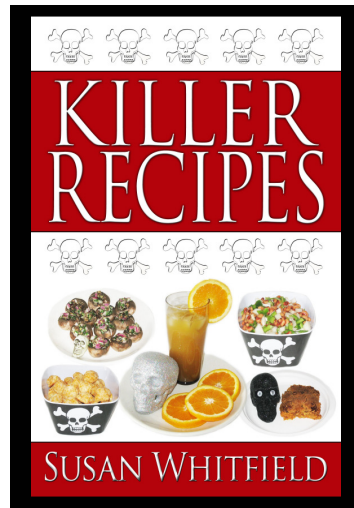
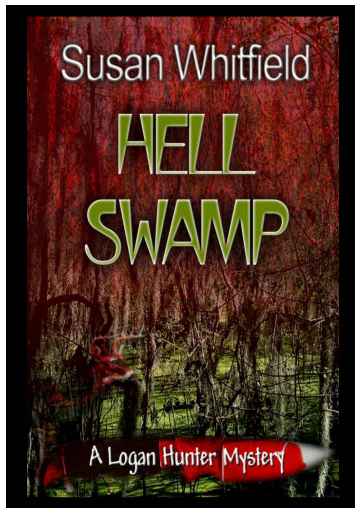
Q: What Format (s) are your books in: Print Only.....E-Book Only....or Both?

A: Both

Current Books:

Mystery Novels: Genesis Beach, Just North of Luck, and Hell Swamp. Sin Creek - The fourth novel in the Logan Hunter Mystery series...Coming Soon! Also please check out Killer Recipes as all the proceeds go to The American Cancer Society.





Q: Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?

A: I have establishing an editorial service. Thanks for the opportunity to be at Books In Sync. You do an awesome service for writers.

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