

Jan Burke - 250 word bio - last updated 02/06/09

Jan Burke's newest novel, *The Messenger*, is a supernatural thriller set in Los Angeles. It received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*. Her eleven novels of crime fiction include *Flight*, *Bloodlines*, and *Bones*, which won the Edgar® for Best Novel. They have appeared on the *USA Today* and *NY Times* bestseller lists, have been published internationally, and optioned for film and television. Many of her novels feature series protagonist Irene Kelly, a newspaper reporter in Southern California.

Her books are published by Simon & Schuster and have received outstanding reviews in *Publisher's Weekly*, *People Magazine*, *Library Journal*, *USA Today*, *Booklist*, *the Los Angeles Times*, *the South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, *the Chicago Tribune* and other publications.

Her short stories have received the Agatha, the Macavity, and other awards. *Eighteen* is collection of her stories.

The founder of the Crime Lab Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of public forensic science, she has been a speaker for the National Institute of Justice, the American Society of Crime Lab Directors, the California Association of Criminalists, and other organizations. She is a member of the honorary board of the California Forensic Science Institute, which is connected to the Los Angeles Regional Crime Lab, the forensic lab for the LAPD and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

She has taught writing for the UCLA Extension and at numerous conferences. She was the associate editor (with Sue Grafton) for MWA's *Writing Mysteries*.

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