

# DEBORAH J LEDFORD MEDIA KIT



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## AUTHOR BIO - Short

**DEBORAH J LEDFORD** is the Award-Winning author of *Redemption* and *Havoc*, the New Mexico Book Award Finalist for Best Crime Fiction and Multicultural categories, from the Eva “Lightning Dance” Duran suspense thriller series, and the Smoky Mountain Inquest suspense thriller series, including the Hillerman Sky Award Finalist *Snare* and Anthony Award Nominees *Causing Chaos* and *Crescendo* for Best Audiobook. Her upcoming thriller, *SHADOW CAST*, will be published by Mysterious Press, Winter 2027. Part Eastern Band Cherokee, she lives in Phoenix with her husband and an awesome Ausky. [DeborahJLedford.com](http://DeborahJLedford.com)

#### AUTHOR BIO - Long

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Her Smoky Mountain Inquest suspense thriller series, set in North Carolina, includes: *STACCATO*, *CRESCENDO*, *CAUSING CHAOS*, and *SNARE*, the Hillerman Sky Award Finalist and the New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards Finalist.

She is president of IOF Productions Ltd and producer of *CAUSING CHAOS* and *CRESCENDO*—both titles are Anthony Award Nominees for Best Audiobook. As well, Deborah is an Agatha Award Winner, and three-time nominee for the Pushcart Prize in the short story category, which are featured in her collection of short stories: *AT THE THRESHOLD*.

Her upcoming thriller, SHADOW CAST, Book 1 from the Native Shadow thriller series, will be published by Mysterious Press, Winter 2027 and distributed by Simon & Schuster.

Part Eastern Band Cherokee, Deborah spent her summers growing up in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, where her Smoky Mountain Inquest novels are set. She lives in Arizona with her husband and an awesome Ausky.

Full Details are at Deborah’s Website: <https://deborahjledford.com/>

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#### UPCOMING NOVEL

**SERIES TITLE: NATIVE SHADOW Mystery/Thriller Series**

***Shadow Cast*** ~ Book 1 [Release Date: March 9, 2027]

**Publisher: Mysterious Press - Distributor: Simon & Schuster**

Logline: A clandestine winery, stolen water rights, greed and murder serve up a deadly concoction for a small Oregon reservation and its people.

A mixed-heritage cop with conflicting loyalties gets tangled up in a web of deceit involving a clandestine winery, stolen water rights, greed, and murder, creating a deadly concoction for a small Oregon reservation and its people. One woman knows all of the tribe’s secrets. Now she’s dead. Her cop daughter risks her own life to find the truth—even if it means discovering her mother is found culpable of unspeakable crimes.

~ **Movie/TV Comp:** “Dark Winds meets Chinatown”

~ **Book Series Comp:** Robert Dugoni’s “Tracy Crosswhite” series set in the Pacific Northwest

~ **Book Title Comp:** *Eight Hundred Grapes* (2016) by Laura Dave

~ **Native Author Comp:** Amanda Peters, International Bestselling author of *The Berry Pickers*

~ **Keywords:** Thriller, Mystery, Oregon Coast, Wineries, Wine, Pinot Noir, Native American Culture, Indigenous Fiction, Intrigue, Puzzle Mystery, Mother/Daughter Dynamics, Native American Author, BIPOC

#### PRAISE FOR SHADOW CAST

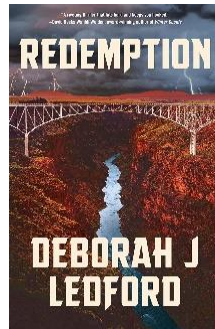
“*Shadow Cast* is a vividly told mystery with a story that taps rich veins of family, friendship, and tradition. I want more Baylee Leclair ASAP.” ~ Meg Gardiner, award-winning, bestselling author of the *UNSUB* thriller series and *Heat 2*

“Ledford writes with a scalpel—sharp, precise, and designed to cut to the bone. *Shadow Cast* is equal parts gripping, tense, and heart-wrenching.” ~ Noelle West Ihli, bestselling author of *Ask for Andrea* and *Such Quiet Girls*

“As clever and compelling as it is heartfully written, *Shadow Cast* is a timely reminder of ongoing injustices across Indian country that stuns with big twists and even bigger moments of redemption.” ~ Nick Medina, Author of *The Whistler* and *Sisters of the Lost Nation*

## PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED NOVELS

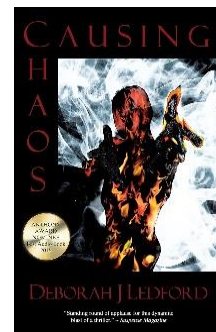
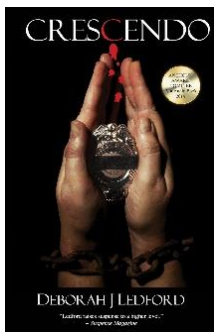
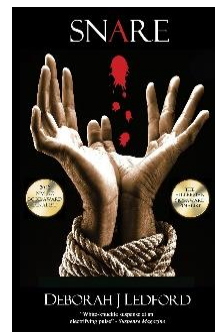
**SERIES TITLE: EVA “LIGHTNING DANCE” DURAN Thriller Series**  
**Publisher: Thomas & Mercer (Amazon Publishing) - Distributor: Brilliance Publishing**



~ *Redemption* ~ Book 1 (2023) Trade Paperback / Large Print Hardback / eBook / Audiobook

~ *Havoc* ~ Book 2 (2024) Trade Paperback / Large Print Hardback / eBook / Audiobook

**SERIES TITLE: SMOKY MOUNTAIN INQUEST Thriller Series**  
**Publisher: IOF Productions Ltd**

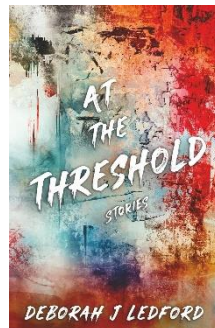


~ *Staccato* ~ Book 1 (2009) Trade Paperback / eBook / Audiobook (forthcoming)

~ *Snare* ~ Book 2 (2010) Trade Paperback / eBook / Audiobook

~ *Crescendo* ~ Book 3 (2014) Trade Paperback / eBook / Audiobook (Audible & Blackstone)

~ *Causing Chaos* ~ Book 4 (2015) Trade Paperback / eBook / Audiobook (Audible)



*At the Threshold* (2025) ~ Short Story Collection – Trade Paperback / eBook

#### AWARDS:

- ~ **Havoc**: New Mexico Book Awards Finalist – Best Multi-Cultural Category
- ~ **Havoc**: New Mexico Book Awards Finalist – Best Crime Fiction Category
- ~ **Havoc**: 2024 Irish Times News Best Crime Fiction List
- ~ **Crescendo** ~ Anthony Award Nominee for Best Audiobook
- ~ **Causing Chaos** ~ Anthony Award Nominee for Best Audiobook
- ~ **Snare**: Hillerman Sky Award Finalist ~ New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards Finalist Best Mystery/Suspense Category
- ~ **Agatha Award Winner**: National Sisters in Crime “The Writing Life Series” *Writes of Passage: Adventures on the Writer’s Journey*”
- ~**3-Time Pushcart Prize Nominee** in the Short Story Category

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

International Thriller Writers Association, Sisters in Crime National (SinC), Mystery Writers of America, Crime Writers of Color, Authors Guild, SinC Desert Sleuths Arizona Chapter (Past-President 2012-2013)