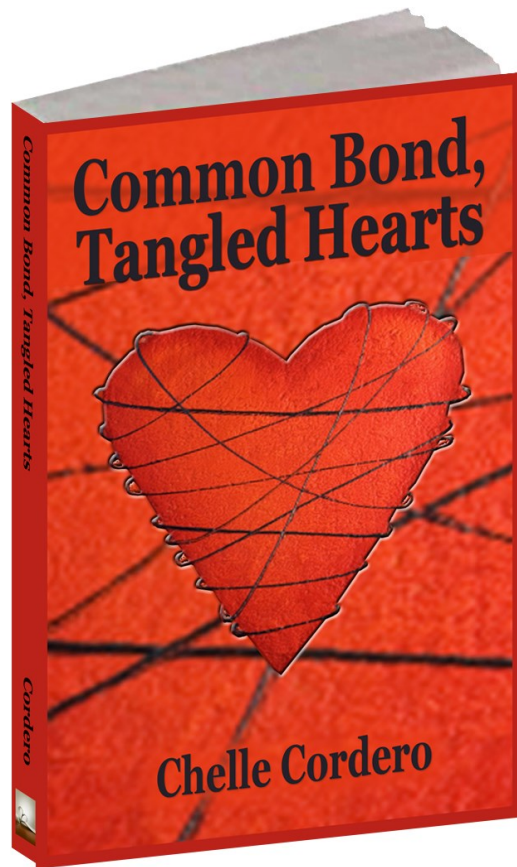


Common Bond, Tangled Hearts Book Club Extras

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By Chelle Cordero

Layne Gillette's world is turned upside down when a man she has never met shows up to lay claim as the father of her 6-year old son.

Justin, the victim of a fraternity prank, and Layne, the subject of a forced insemination, have produced a beautiful child that they are both willing to protect... *at all costs*.

The two parents realize they can love each other, but when Layne's abusive "ex-husband" shows up, they are torn apart by danger, kidnapping and lies. Justin won't give up until Layne is returned to him. Layne uses her newfound strength, courage and knowledge to defy Charlie's ugliest demands.

Book Club Discussion Guide

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- 1) Layne is a single mom to a 6-year old boy, she's hiding from his father, so there is no support from him. Single parents have to concern themselves with earning a salary, childcare, and maintaining a home – not much is left over for a personal social life. What other challenges do single parents face? Do you know of any resources in your area for single parents?
- 2) Layne was artificially inseminated. Artificial insemination is a means of attaining pregnancy not involving sexual intercourse. Pregnancy achieved through artificial insemination run the same as any other pregnancy. The woman is the biological mother; the sperm donor may or may not be the woman's partner. Do you know of any couples who have used artificial insemination to start, or add to their family?
- 3) Each state has laws regarding the minimum age for a woman or man in order to marry by their own consent. Several states also have individual laws whereby a parent or legal guardian can consent for an underage minor to be permitted to marry. What is the minimum age to marry in your state? Do you think there are inherent problems when one or both members of a couple are very young? What do you think is a healthy age for marriage? If you are married, how old were you when you said "I do"?
- 4) Justin's twin brother died in an accident as a teen ager. Justin feels that his twin was the "good son" and he feels pressured into assuming the role in the family business that his brother was going to take. Justin wonders if his parents regretted that his brother died while he survived. Psychologists say that all sibling deaths are difficult but the loss of a twin is "tantamount to losing a limb" since the bond was formed in utero. Parents mourn and must comfort the surviving child(ren). Discuss the bonds that twins have.
- 5) Because Justin felt compelled to enter the family business, he had to give up his personal dreams for a career. What is the obligation for a child to enter the family business if they are the only one available to do so and it might otherwise fold?

6) Layne and Justin are drawn to each other, is it only because they share a child? Do you believe that there is a natural bond between biological parents?

7) Layne had to leave school before she completed high school and she finally gets to go back for her GED. (General Educational Development). Passing the GED test gives those who did not complete high school the opportunity to earn their high school equivalency credential by certifying that they have the equivalent knowledge of a high school graduate. What are the reasons someone would go back to school?

8) There are many forms of abuse, unfortunately many “victims” do not know where they can go to for help or what their rights are. What resources can you think of in your area for runaway teens? Women? Children? Etc. Are there things you can think of to do to help someone get away from an abusive situation?

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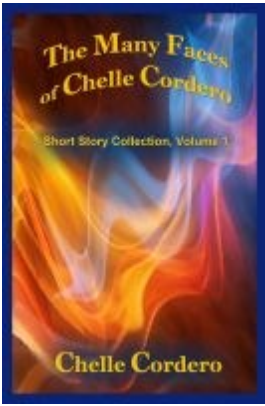
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Karma Visited

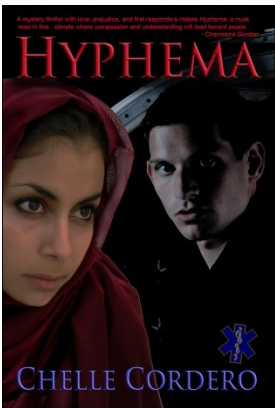
Do you believe in karma? Annie Furman has a gift that allows her, while she sleeps, to visit people in their time of need - but who will be there for her when she needs help? Undersheriff Dave Turner is investigating a series of home invasions and homicides. He has no idea that solving this case will lead him to the woman of his dreams.



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The Many Faces of Chelle Cordero

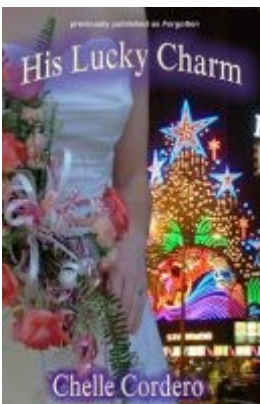
The Many Faces of Chelle Cordero is a single author collection of short stories featuring Introduction, Pussycat Tails, Holiday Happiness, Not Alone, I Swear That Raccoon Just Knocked on the Door, Stormy Weather, A Mother's Love, More Than a Friend, The Meeting, The Vacation and a special bonus section.



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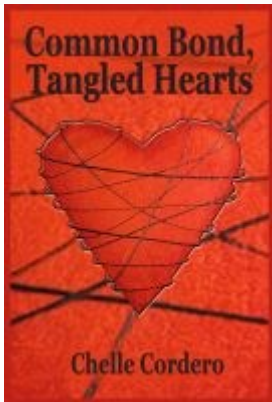
Hyphema: Bleeding in the eye caused by trauma... Matt Garratti, a paramedic from New York, moves his wife and son to North Carolina to work at his dream job as a flight medic. Pakistani born Sudah, his wife, receives frosty stares and insensitive comments from their new neighbors... Matt wonders if he is pursuing his dream or bringing his family into a nightmare from which they may never wake.



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His Lucky Charm

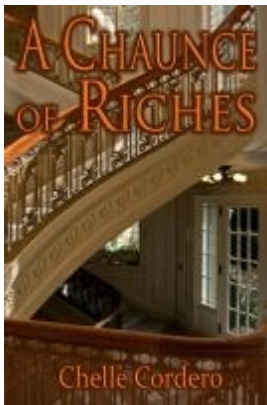
What happens in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas... this time it follows Brandon and Caitlyn across the country and into a world of espionage and danger. The one thing that Brandon knows for sure is that he can't afford to lose his lucky charm, Caitlyn.



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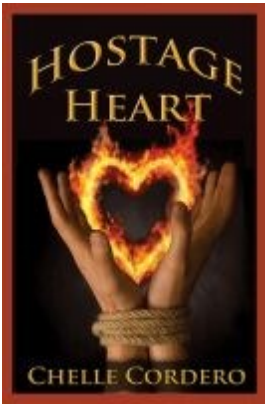
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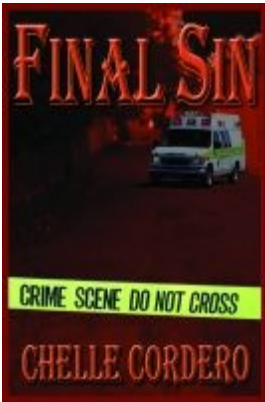
Ben Johnson was hired as a bodyguard for a rich widow and her kid, but he never expected to be working for the woman who had abandoned him just when he had needed her the most. Damn it all, he still wanted her. Samantha Chaunce never thought she would have to explain why she married the rich man instead of Ben. Or that her husband had been murdered...and Ben was the prime suspect.



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Hostage Heart

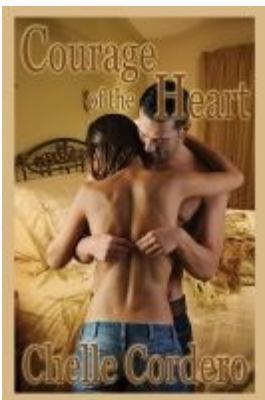
Life was hard after the hurricanes swept through, destroying her parents' home and livelihood... An errand for her boss - a chance encounter with a crew of bank robbers - a kind man who tried to help her ... a man who isn't all he seems...no, he is so much more



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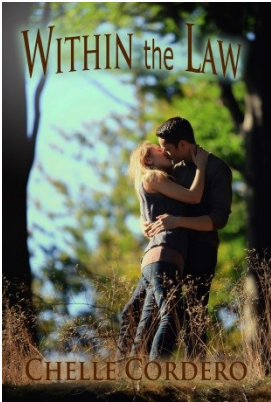
Deputy Sheriff Commander Jake Carson has his hands full... investigation of a brutal multiple homicide, a troubled son and a vindictive ex-wife. He meets young, free-spirited paramedic Julie Jennings. When Julie becomes the subject of an obsession, it puts both of them in danger...



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Courage of the Heart

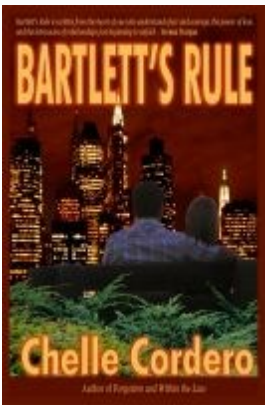
Sometimes love is the only cure for the very deepest of emotional wounds. The story of the two lovers takes a series of unexpected and fast paced turns where lives, sanity and love are put in jeopardy. Their commitment to one another results in a spirit that binds them together and helps them to overcome physical and emotional dangers.



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Within the Law

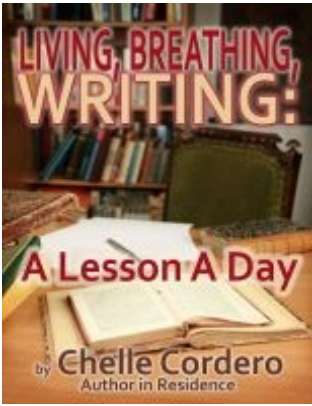
Tom gave up on ever falling in love again the day that he buried his high school sweetheart and fiancé. He started a career in law enforcement just so that he could find her murderer and rapist. Just when he is about to see justice done, he meets Alli Davis-the defense attorney for the murdering rapist who took his love from him.



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Bartlett's Rule

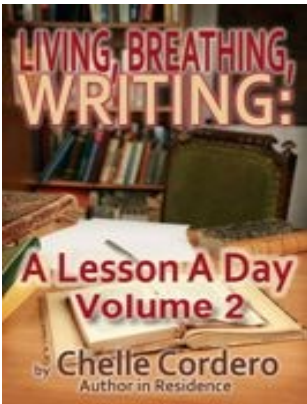
Bartlett's Rule shares the story of Lon and Paige's love affair; a romance filled with hardship, emotion, danger and triumph. Falling in love was never the challenge; being there for each other, knowing just what to say and making it work is the real test. Paige and Lon are real; they are human, they cry and they laugh. Paige has to learn to trust. Lon has to learn to be patient.



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