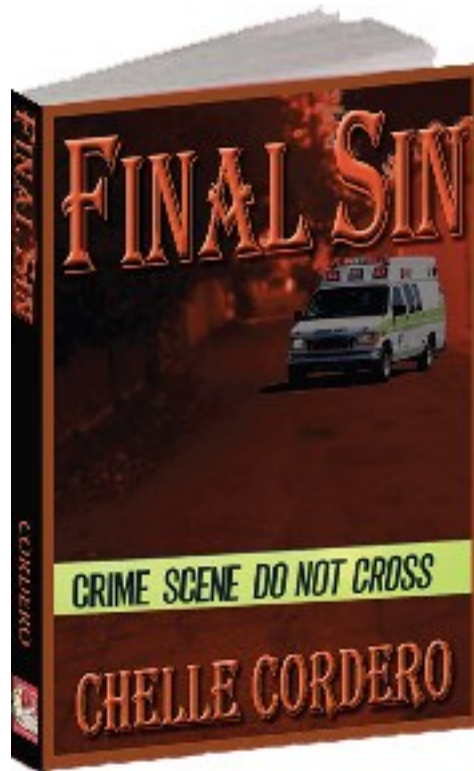


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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The introduction, discussion questions, suggestions for further reading, and author biography that follow are intended to enhance your group's discussion of *Final Sin*, written by Chelle Cordero. Ms. Cordero welcomes discussion and interaction with readers, and can be reached at via email at ChelleCordero@gmail.com. Learn more about Chelle at her website <http://ChelleCordero.com> or through Vanilla Heart Publishing, <http://www.vanillaheartbooksandauthors.com>.

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For Matt and Julie, their tour of duty had started out like many others. There had been a call to a minor motor vehicle accident, another for chest pains and one more for a cancer patient who needed to go to the hospital for treatment. Many of the upstate New York communities had contracted with Paramedic services to complement the existing ambulance corps and provide emergency medical response. Whether paid or unpaid, the certified corps always responded with Emergency Medical Technicians who were capable of handling most emergencies. When the Paramedics were dispatched as well, IV drugs and additional hands could often help make critical differences when necessary.

This call had gone out over the radio for a burn victim, so none of the responding police, fire fighters, volunteer ambulance crew nor paramedics were prepared for what they found when they reached this isolated tool shed. From the outside, the grayed wood had seemed serene enough, and the one small window had been caked over with dirt. She didn't think that she would have given the shed a second glance under normal circumstances. But this was far from normal. No one had anticipated the horror scene inside.

Book Club Discussion Starters

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- Certified First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics go through hours of training and must pass both practical and written tests before being allowed to treat patients. Both volunteers and paid emergency medical workers are required to take and pass the same certifications/licensing. Do you know any emergency medical responders? Emergency medical response is a 24-hour, 7-day a week profession. What do you think their personal lives must be like?
- In NYS, the average Paramedic takes approximately 1000-1200 hours of instruction including both classroom and clinical skills; a Paramedic student must first be a basic level EMT and have a proficiency in Anatomy and Physiology. Paramedics are the highest trained medical professional in the pre-hospital emergency setting. Discuss the types of things that can be done pre-hospital to help stabilize a patient and improve their chances of survival. Have you ever been treated in an ambulance?
- Many municipalities in the United States respond to emergency calls made to 9-1-1. What do you know about your local ambulance/emergency medical services? Do your local responders work paid or volunteer their time to respond to calls? Is your local ambulance service BLS (basic life support) or ALS (advanced life support)? Do you know the difference? If your local ambulance squad is volunteer, what could you do to help them respond in your community?
- Did you know that Enhanced-911 systems display both the phone number and the address of the caller if you are calling from a “landline” phone? Whether you are calling from a landline phone or a cell phone, it is still important to state the nature of the emergency as well as the address and to remain on the line until the dispatcher tells you otherwise. What number would you call in your community for an emergency? What types of things would you call for an emergency response?
- In the opening scene of *Final Sin*, emergency responders from EMS, the fire department and local law enforcement are all on scene. Different agencies often respond to emergencies and must cooperate with each other. Who do you think should be in charge at a multi-agency response? What factors would change your mind about who takes charge at a scene?

- Jake is a Deputy Sheriff. What is the difference between local police, state police and sheriff departments? Which one(s) serve your community? What steps would you take if you were a police officer and arrived at a crime scene?
- The autopsy suite described in Final Sin has a sign which says, “HIC LOCUS EST UBI MORS GAUDET SUCCURRERE VITAE” (This is the place where death rejoices to teach those who live). What does this mean to you? There are many television shows which deal with crime solving techniques such as C.S.I. What do you know about the use of forensics in criminal investigations?
- “A serial killer is typically defined as a person who murders three or more people[1][2] over a period of more than 30 days, with a "cooling off" period between each murder, and whose motivation for killing is largely based on psychological gratification.” (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Serial_killer) There have been several infamous serial killers in history – can you think of their names and their crimes?
- What precautions can you take to avoid becoming a victim of crime? Experts suggest that criminals look for people who are not aware of their surroundings and surprise them. Quickly, close your eyes and describe the setting around you? With your eyes still closed, can you describe the details including clothing of anyone in the room?

For additional information/research:

Look up your local State Bureau of EMS for information or visit <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm> for more information

Consider inviting a member of your local ambulance corps to your discussion group.

Find out where you can take courses in CPR and First Aid.

Additional Reading: **Choosing a Career in Law Enforcement** (World of Work)
by Claudine G. Wirths (Jun 2001)



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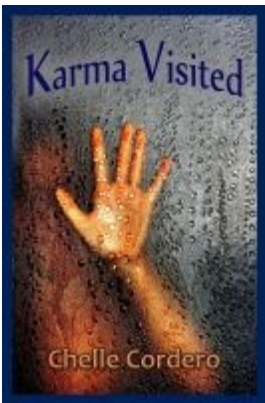


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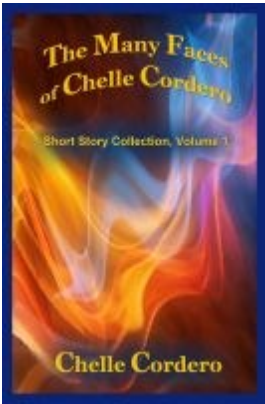
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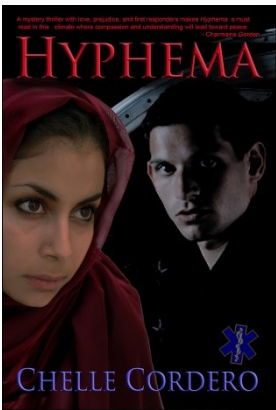
Do you believe in karma? Annie Furman has a gift that allows her, while she sleeps, to visit people in their time of need - but who will be there for her when she needs help? Undersheriff Dave Turner is investigating a series of home invasions and homicides. He has no idea that solving this case will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



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The Many Faces of Chelle Cordero

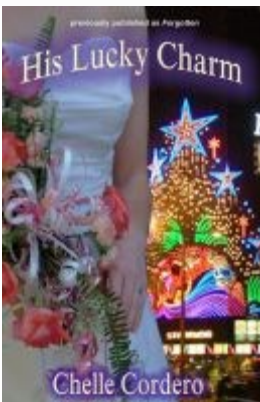
The Many Faces of Chelle Cordero is a single author collection of short stories featuring Introduction, Pussycat Tails, Holiday Happiness, Not Alone, I Swear That Raccoon Just Knocked on the Door, Stormy Weather, A Mother's Love, More Than a Friend, The Meeting, The Vacation and a special bonus section.



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Hyphema

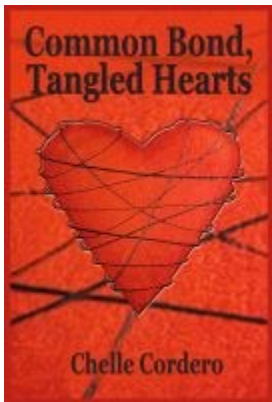
Hyphema: Bleeding in the eye caused by trauma... Matt Garratti, a paramedic from New York, moves his wife and son to North Carolina to work at his dream job as a flight medic. Pakistani born Sudah, his wife, receives frosty stares and insensitive comments from their new neighbors... Matt wonders if he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



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His Lucky Charm

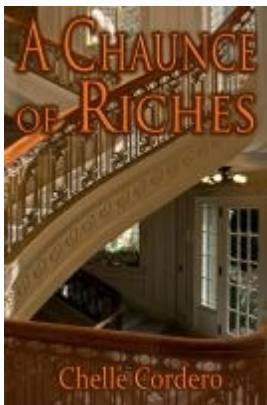
What happens in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas... this time it follows Brandon and Caitlyn across the country and into a world of espionage and danger. The one thing that Brandon knows for sure is that he can't afford to lose his lucky charm, Caitlyn.



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Common Bond, Tangled Hearts

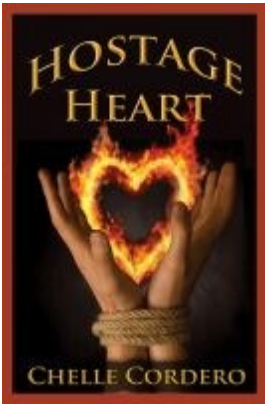
Layne Gillette's world is turned upside down when a man she has never met shows up to lay claim as the father of her 6-year old son. When Layne's abusive "ex-husband" shows up, they are torn apart by danger, kidnapping and lies.



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A Chaunce of Riches

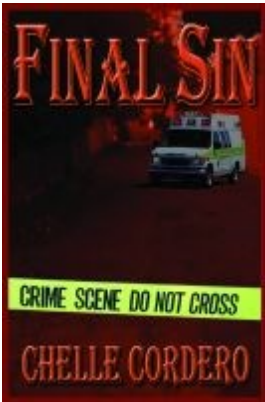
Ben Johnson was hired as a bodyguard for a rich widow and her kid, but he never expected to be working for the woman who had abandoned him just when he had needed her the most. Damn it all, he still wanted her. Samantha Chaunce never thought she would have to explain why she married the rich man instead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



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Hostage Heart

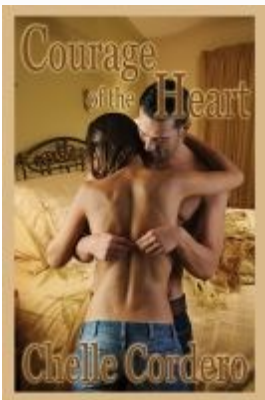
Life was hard after the hurricanes swept through, destroying her parents' home and livelihood... An errand for her boss - a chance encounter with a crew of bank robbers - a kind man who tried to help her ... a man who isn't all he seems...no, he is so much more



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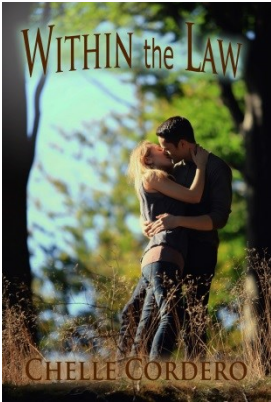
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Courage of the Heart

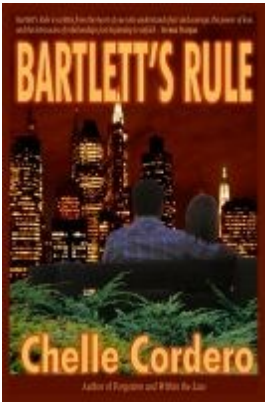
Sometimes love is the only cure for the very deepest of emotional wounds. The story of the two lovers takes a series of unexpected and fast paced turns where lives, sanity and love are put in jeopardy. Their commitment to one another results in a spirit that binds them together and helps them to overcome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



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Within the Law

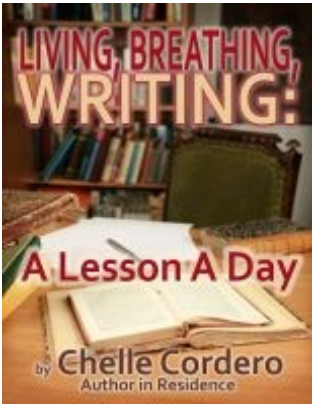
Tom gave up on ever falling in love again the day that he buried his high school sweetheart and fiancé. He started a career in law enforcement just so that he could find her murderer and rapist. Just when he is about to see justice done, he meets Alli Davis-the defense attorney for the murdering rapist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



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Bartlett's Rule

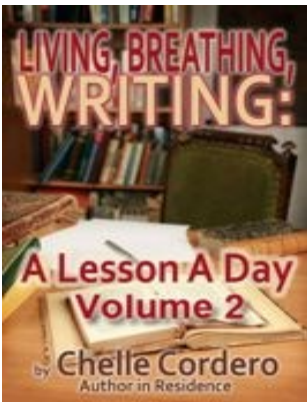
Bartlett's Rule shares the story of Lon and Paige's love affair; a romance filled with hardship, emotion, danger and triumph. Falling in love was never the challenge; being there for each other, knowing just what to say and making it work is the real test. Paige and Lon are real; they are human, they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



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Chelle Cordero writes stories of Passion and Suspense. Vanilla Heart Publishing has published ten Cordero novels: Bartlett's Rule; His Lucky Charm; Within the Law; Courage of the Heart; Final Sin; Hostage Heart; A Chaunce of Riches; Common Bond, Tangled Hearts; Hyphema; and Karma Visited. She is currently working on her next novel and promises another action packed adventure and heartwarming love story. Chelle has been writing both fiction and non-fiction for the bulk of her adult life and has been with Vanilla Heart Publishing since early 2008.

Her books have earned many plaudits which includes: Bartlett's Rule was named one of Carolyn Howard-Johnson's Top Ten Reads for 2009; Final Sin was an Honorable Mention in the Fiction Category of the 2010 NY Book Festival and a 2009 Pushcart Prize nominee.; Hyphema won the Dec 9, 2011 Friday Book Cover Vote on the Shades of Love website; A Chaunce of Riches was Winner of D. Renee Bagby's readers' choice for The Best Overall First Chapter, April 2010; and Hostage Heart, Final Sin and A Chaunce of Riches had top ten finishes in the 2009 Preditors' and Readers' poll. Chelle was also featured in "50 Great Writers You Should Be Reading" published by The Author's Show in 2010.

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