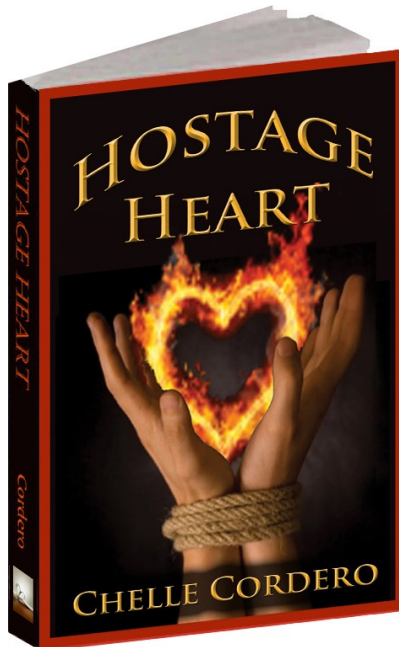


# HOSTAGE HEART



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## ***Hostage Heart Book Club Extras***



### ***Hostage Heart***

**By Chelle Cordero**

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## **Book Club Discussion Guide**

### ***Hostage Heart* by Chelle Cordcro**

- 1) After Hurricane Katrina and other disasters many people felt "helpless" and wanted to do something to help the people who were affected? What are some of the ways people were able to give aid even from a distance?
- 2) Have you personally experienced a true weather emergency such as a hurricane, tornado, or other disaster that threatened your ability to work or severely disrupted your way of life? How did you cope and hopefully eventually return back to normal?
- 3) What do you THINK (no one ever really knows for sure until faced with the situation) your reaction would be if you were ever in a dangerous situation like Deanna found herself in the bank?
- 4) Deanna was very proud of her Cajun heritage and managed to keep some of her Cajun "ways" alive even while living in New York. Do you cook, speak or observe any traditions from your heritage? Describe one of the ways you keep your heritage alive.
- 5) Deanna enjoyed a wonderful relationship with both of her parents and benefited by their support of her decisions. Do you think she would have been as strong emotionally without their support?
- 6) Deanna moved from Louisiana to New York in order to work and send money back home to her parents. What is the biggest move you've ever made in your life and why?
- 7) What do you think life would be like if your significant other worked for the FBI or some other agency where they had to work undercover?
- 8) Deanna believed in many superstitions such as seeing a spider in her home? What superstitions do you believe in?



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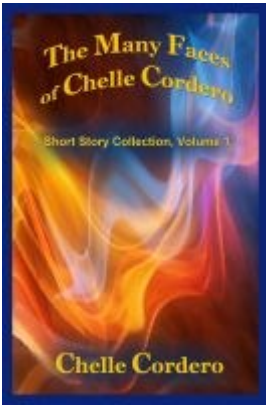
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### Karma Visited

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

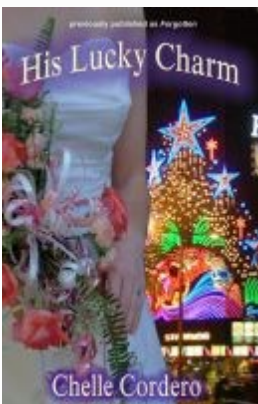
The Many Faces of Chelle Cordero is a single author collection of short stories featuring Introduction, Pussycat Tails, Holiday Happiness, Not Alone, I Swear That Raccoon Just Knocked on the Door, Stormy Weather, A Mother's Love, More Than a Friend, The Meeting, The Vacation and a special bonus section.



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## Hyphema

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.

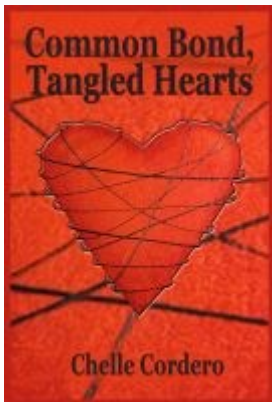


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## His Lucky Charm



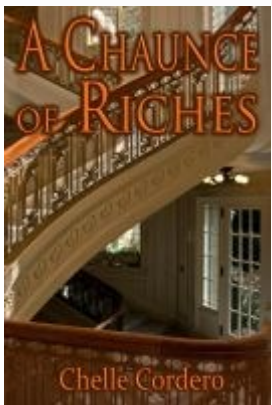
What happens in Vegas doesn't always stay in Vegas... this time it follows Brandon and Caitlyn across the country and into a world of espionage and danger. The one thing that Brandon knows for sure is that he can't afford to lose his lucky charm, Caitlyn.



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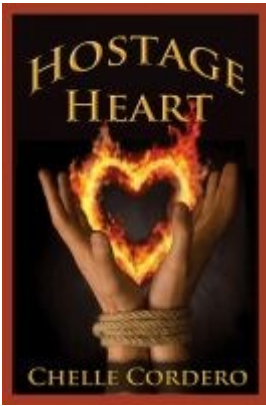
Layne Gillette's world is turned upside down when a man she has never met shows up to lay claim as the father of her 6-year old son. When Layne's abusive "ex-husband" shows up, they are torn apart by danger, kidnapping and lies.



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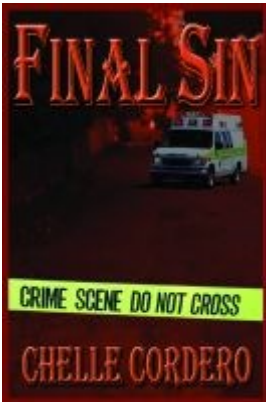
Ben Johnson was hired as a bodyguard for a rich widow and her kid, but he never expected to be working for the woman who had abandoned him just when he had needed her the most. Damn it all, he still wanted her. Samantha Chaunce never thought she would have to explain why she married the rich man instead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



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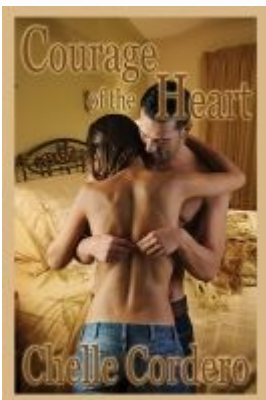
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## Final Sin

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



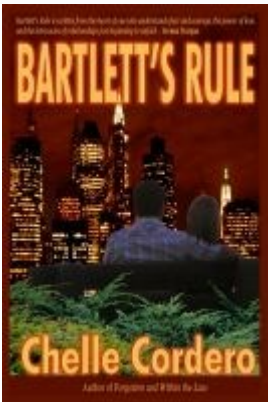
Sometimes love is the only cure for the very deepest of emotional wounds. The story of the two lovers takes a series of unexpected and fast paced turns where lives, sanity and love are put in jeopardy. Their commitment to one another results in a spirit that binds them together and helps them to overcome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



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## Within the Law

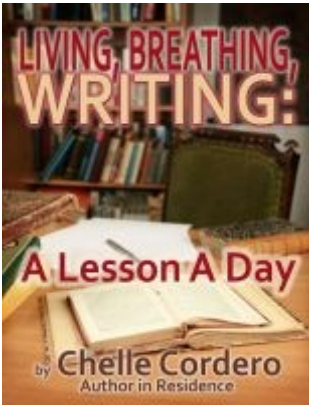
Tom gave up on ever falling in love again the day that he buried his high school sweetheart and fiancé. He started a career in law enforcement just so that he could find her murderer and rapist. Just when he is about to see justice done, he meets Alli Davis-the defense attorney for the murdering rapist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



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## Bartlett's Rule

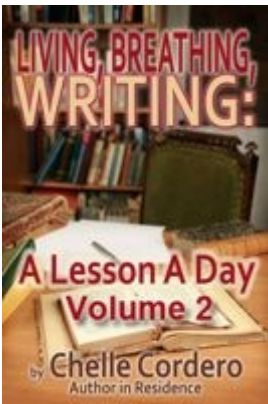
Bartlett's Rule shares the story of Lon and Paige's love affair; a romance filled with hardship, emotion, danger and triumph. Falling in love was never the challenge; being there for each other, knowing just what to say and making it work is the real test. Paige and Lon are real; they are human, they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



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## Chelle Cordero

Chelle Cordero writes stories of Passion and Suspense. Vanilla Heart Publishing has published ten Cordero novels, including *Karma Visited*, *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*; and *Hyphema*. 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.

Chelle Cordero maintains an author's blog at <http://chellecordero.blogspot.com/>, a promotional blog at <http://cceptourri.wordpress.com/>, and offers a weekly writing workshop for Kindle Blog subscribers at <http://bit.ly/pILcG>. Her website <http://ChelleCordero.com> offers information on all of her books and her appearances. Bloggers and the media are welcome to visit Chelle's media room at <http://chellecordero.com/media/> with downloadable photos and other information.

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