

Bios for Connie Shelton

2-line bio:

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Medium Bio:

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Long Bio:

Connie Shelton grew up in New Mexico and uses her home state as the featured locale in her two mystery series. Prior to finding a career in fiction she gained writing experience in business, producing advertising copy, catalog descriptions and many, many newsletters. She taught writing courses for six years with Long Ridge Writers Group, then went on to create her own novel writing course called Novel In A Weekend. She served multiple terms as president of the Moreno Valley Writers Guild and is a lifetime member of Sisters in Crime. She was a contributor to *Chicken Soup for the Writer's Soul*.

She has presented writing and self-publishing workshops since the early 1990s, and was the founder of Intrigue Press in 1994 where she became editor and publisher to a number of successful mystery writers.

While in school Connie was more likely to be caught reading a mystery novel behind her science book than actually studying for any test (her hero was Nancy Drew). As future—unknown to her at the time—research for her Samantha Sweet mystery series she chose cake decorating as the theme for her senior-year project in high school, completely astounded when the teacher allowed that subject when all

others were writing laborious papers on Shakespeare and other weighty topics. She spent much of the year trolling bakeries and watching decorators at work, which has been unbelievably handy when writing a protagonist who owns a pastry shop.

As a teen her interests revolved around the Beatles, playing guitar and piano, and having lots of pets; later years included flying hot air balloons, competing in cowboy lever-action rifle matches, and traveling to a bunch of the world—favorite place to stay: the Angel Hotel in Bury St. Edmunds, England, which boasts a room once occupied by Charles Dickens. Her more oddball occupations have included selling cutlery, owning a bookstore, booking helicopter flights on the phone, and landing a job as an Arthur Murray dance instructor (alas, due to terminal klutziness, this lasted only two days).

These days Connie Shelton concentrates on writing full-time, having learned that there are others in the world who are probably reading a captivating mystery behind cover of their science books too. Her Charlie Parker mysteries and Samantha Sweet series have received excellent reader reviews and have regularly reached bestseller lists at Amazon and Kobo. She leans toward a light hand with sex and violence in her stories, but is much more lavish with food and chocolate.

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Speaker Introduction:

For an audience of mystery fans:

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For an audience of writers/publishers:

Connie Shelton is the author of two mystery series and three non-fiction books on the topics of writing and publishing. Her mystery novels have regularly reached bestseller status on Amazon and Kobo. She has presented writing and self-publishing workshops since the early 1990s, and was the founder of Intrigue Press in 1994 where she became editor and publisher to a number of successful mystery writers.

She taught both fiction and non-fiction classes for six years with Long Ridge Writers Group, leaving in 2008 to develop her own novel writing program. Her Novel In A Weekend writing course has been lauded as the 'proven quick-start way to write your book'. Today, she will be sharing ____ (depending on topic of panel/conference) with us.

5 Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Me:

1. I have never really gotten my nose stuck in a book, although I've been accused of it many times.
2. My husband and I have given nearly 300 haircuts to Cocker Spaniels. Ask a groomer—this is not easy or especially fun.
3. In high school I earned spending money by baking and decorating cakes for friends. Later, I made and decorated my best friend's wedding cake.
4. Least favorite household tasks—window washing and yard work.
5. I actually enjoy preparing tax returns.