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<strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">1. What does your writing process look like?</strong><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Ha!&nbsp; My first reaction to this question would be, “It does not look pretty!”&nbsp; (Of course, that’s a more literal answer&nbsp; . . .)&nbsp; I can’t even tell you how many late night hours I’ve spent sitting at the computer in my pajamas, with bags under my eyes and hair sticking out like Medusa . . . In fact, I had gum surgery during the time when I was writing&nbsp;</span><em style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; position: relative; text-align: justify;">The Case of the Crafty Christmas Crooks</em><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">.&nbsp; The surgery left bruises on my cheeks and made my face swell up like a chipmunk for two weeks, but I still had to keep typing away to meet my deadline.&nbsp; Years ago, someone told me they thought writing was such a glamorous profession.&nbsp; Let me tell you, I have yet to see all that glamour . . . J&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">In any case, to answer what you’re&nbsp;</span><em style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; position: relative; text-align: justify;">really</em><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;asking here, my writing process depends on starting small, sometimes with just a concept, and then I constantly build on that.&nbsp; I might pump out a few “starter chapters,” just to let me build some more on my theme and develop the characters better.&nbsp; Then I toss those chapters, return to my original concept, develop it some more, and go back to building again until I’ve got what feels right to me.&nbsp; I especially love plotting, and I can spend hours figuring out how I want a plotline to go, so that it comes full circle.&nbsp; I also believe a lot of my process depends on Divine Intervention, because many times, it seems like ideas pop into my head from out of nowhere, and I feel blessed beyond measure.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">2. How long does it typically take you to write a novel?</strong><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">This varies greatly, and it really depends on what else I have going on in my life at the time.&nbsp; For instance, when I ran a full-time business, I was somewhat limited on writing time.&nbsp; But typically it takes me about six months to write a Buckley and Bogey book or a middle-grade novel.&nbsp; Grown-up novels are a different ballgame, and can take up to a year to write.&nbsp; I love those times when I can fully immerse myself in a novel and write without interruption.&nbsp; That’s when I can really burn rubber on the keyboard.&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">3. What is your current WIP (work in progress)?&nbsp; What can you tell us about this project?</strong><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Actually, I have a couple different projects going right now.&nbsp; I just finished up with the first book in a new mystery series for grown-ups, the Tracy Truworth, Apprentice P.I., 1940s Homefront Mysteries, due out this fall.&nbsp; The first title in the series is called&nbsp;</span><em style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; position: relative; text-align: justify;">Bad Day for a Bombshell,</em><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;and it’s a historical cozy mystery novel, with equal emphasis on both history and mystery.&nbsp; (And a smidgeon of romance added in.)&nbsp; Yet even though it’s set in WWII, (which is a serious subject), this book is written with a bit of levity in spots, to keep it true to the cozy mystery genre.&nbsp; I’ll start working on book number two in the series soon.&nbsp; Right now I’m in the process of developing the plotline.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Then, I also have another Buckley and Bogey book outlined.&nbsp; This one is using our newest family member, a calico kitten named Amelia, as the inspiration.&nbsp; And believe me, every day she gives me more and more material to write about!&nbsp; I always have so much fun writing the boys’ books!</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">4. Where is your favorite place to write?&nbsp; Do you have a specific place or can you write anywhere?</strong><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">I do most of my writing in my home office, which I painted a gorgeous shade of green.&nbsp; Then I hung drapes with a black background and large, bright quirky flowers.&nbsp; I write on a desk from the late 1930s, and I also have several other pieces of antique furniture in my room.&nbsp; Across from me, on the other side of the room, sits a&nbsp;</span><em style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; position: relative; text-align: justify;">Murder, She Wrote</em><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;style typewriter and my copy of the Maltese Falcon.&nbsp; (The statuette, not the book.)&nbsp; And of course, I always like to have my cats nearby.&nbsp; They tend to occupy the chair and settee in my office, and one usually hangs out on a perch and another sleeps on my lap.&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">When I’m not writing in my office, I take my laptop out to my back deck, which is at the far end of my yard and located in the middle of a cluster of trees.&nbsp; Several of them are ancient pines, with some huge oak, elm, and cottonwoods in the mix.&nbsp; The branches create a canopy over the deck, and it’s an absolutely heavenly place to write.&nbsp; But only when it’s not 100º out, a typical summer day here in Houston.&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">5. 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color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; position: relative; text-align: justify;">How to Murder the Man of Your Dreams</em><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">, by Dorothy Cannell.&nbsp;&nbsp; So, so funny . . .</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Favorite dessert:</strong><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp; Chocolate Molten Lava Cake.&nbsp; ‘Nuff said.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; 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But I guess I’d have to say Summer, which is sort of crazy, since I live in Houston and our climate is pretty much like that of Calcutta.&nbsp; Even so, I absolutely love floating around my pool, and I love the laid-back, lazy attitude of Summer.&nbsp; I always consider it the perfect time of year.&nbsp; I write in the morning, then take a little swim, and write in the afternoon.&nbsp; Then we might barbeque something for dinner, and finally, I might go swimming before bedtime, with the moon and the stars out.&nbsp; Perfect.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Favorite movie:&nbsp;</strong><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; 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color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp; Pappas Seafood, near me.&nbsp; I’ve never had a bad meal there.&nbsp; Yum.&nbsp; I get hungry just thinking about the place!!</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Favorite author:&nbsp;</strong><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;Dorothy Cannell</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Favorite holiday:&nbsp;</strong><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Christmas, which in my household begins with decorating in October and lasts until late January.&nbsp; I put up three different Christmas trees.&nbsp; But here in August, if you were to look close enough, you’d see my Swarovski ornaments are still hanging around . . . And I have a few “minor” trees up all year long.</span></div>

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We learned long ago, that, if we wanted to have a decorated Christmas tree and cats, it was a very good idea to leave ornaments “just for them” on the lower branches of the tree.&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">3.&nbsp;</strong><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Early in the story, there’s s a scene where the Princess runs straight up the Christmas tree and knocks it over.&nbsp; This actually happened in real life . . . in fact, it happened many, many times the first Christmas after we adopted the real Princess Alexandra (Lexie).&nbsp; She would run as fast as she could and leap onto the tree with enough momentum that it would fall right over, and the branches would go flying.&nbsp; I probably should have been upset, but honestly, it was so hilarious that I’d laugh till I had tears rolling down my cheeks.&nbsp; Especially when I saw the wild-eyed, quizzical expression on her face each time.&nbsp; Finally, my husband invented a “Lexie proof” Christmas tree stand, and the tree stayed upright from then on.&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; 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But oddly enough, I found it was even harder to lose a couple of feline friends who’d been part of my life for a couple of decades.&nbsp; I went through a very rough grieving process.&nbsp; And even though they are gone, they will forever be in my heart.&nbsp; And I decided to write them into the fourth book and all subsequent books anyway.&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><strong style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">5.</strong><span style="background-color: white; 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color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; position: relative; text-align: justify;">felt</em><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;it the whole time I was typing away.&nbsp; And since Christmas is my favorite time of the year, this book has a special place in my heart.&nbsp; As the story talks about the joy of giving rather than receiving, I feel like this book is my Christmas present to my readers.&nbsp;</span></div>

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Of course, since we’re both cat detectives, we were ready to jump into action at a moment's notice.&nbsp; And believe me, judging from what we saw below, we figured we'd have to spring into action at any second!&nbsp; So we sat in a crouched position, and our keen cat eyes took in every movement.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">Though to tell you the truth, I guess I was really the only one in a crouched position.&nbsp; And well, I was probably the only one whose eyes were watching every movement.&nbsp; Actually, Bogey was kind of lolling on his side with his eyes closed.&nbsp; He opened them just enough to help himself to a cat treat from a foil pouch.&nbsp; He passed one to me and then closed his eyes again.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">But I, Buckley Bergdorf, was almost too nervous to eat the fish-flavored treat.&nbsp; My heart was racing, and I'm sure my long, black fur was standing on end.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">I couldn't believe that Bogey wasn't even the least bit worried.&nbsp; Then again, he was a professional when it came to being a cat detective.&nbsp; He'd been in the business for years, ever since he'd been adopted from the cat shelter.&nbsp; As for me, I was barely more than a rookie.&nbsp; In fact, I'd really only solved a few cases so far.&nbsp; Thankfully, I had Bogey to lean on to help me learn the job.&nbsp; He'd been teaching me everything he knew about the cat detective business.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">And believe me, there was a lot to learn!&nbsp; But I was happy to have the job and happy to help out my family.&nbsp; Especially since I didn't even have a family for a while.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">I still remember the day when my human Mom adopted me and brought me home from the cat shelter.&nbsp; Bogey took me under his paw right away, and I’ve been grateful for it ever since.&nbsp; After all, I’d once been out on the mean streets with nothing to eat.&nbsp; Now I have a home with plenty of food, and people and cats who love me.&nbsp; Plus I have the best big brother in the world.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">I jumped when a loud&nbsp;</span><em style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; position: relative; text-align: justify;">whump</em><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">&nbsp;suddenly echoed up to us.&nbsp; I noticed yet another box had appeared in the hallway below.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">I gulped.&nbsp; "Aren't you scared?" I asked Bogey.</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><span style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;">He grabbed another cat treat.&nbsp; "Nope, kid.&nbsp; I've seen this kind of thing before.&nbsp; It happens every year."</span><br style="background-color: white; color: #6d6d6d; font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 21px; text-align: justify;" /><div style="text-align: left;">

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