

Interview questions:

Is this your first novel?

Yes, this is my debut novel which came out Oct 31st, 2020.

Can you tell us a little bit about it?

You bet! It's a Romantic Suspense, inspirational. A thief and a detective cross paths when a mysterious death occurs, affecting both. His hands are tied. Hers are not. What a conundrum...

What got you started as a writer?

The bug bit me in 8th grade with the encouragement from a teacher. I followed creative writing, journalism, and filmmaking. However, life happened. Ultimately it was in 2012 when I became serious.

What inspired Romance Under Wraps and why a thief as the main character?

Not one person who lives in this world has an identity without Christ. We are children of God and ambassadors. Catherine Cade has no identity due to trauma. As a thief, she must make a choice.

What questions are you asked most by new writers?

- Plot or by the seat of your pants, just write, ten, one hundred, or a thousand.
- Read everything in your genre, also jump into another genre to increase your knowledge of the craft. As the saying goes, "If you're not reading, you're not writing."
- Don't skip learning the craft. Get into critique groups and learn how to critique.
- Don't to forget to develop your own rhino hide.

Do you write within the same genre?

No, and I read across genres, as well. Mystery, military/medical thrillers, cozy mysteries, romantic suspense.

Where do you get your ideas from?

It could be anything. Getting a cup of coffee one morning birthed the idea for a cozy mystery. Sometimes, real life, other times a conversation with others. Sometimes a movie.

Where can readers find you?

The easiest way is my website, claireosullivan1.com, which has every link to my social media sites,

Where is the novel set?

Rural Oregon, in a very small ranching and farming town. Not unlike my own. With the realities of crime and paltry police presence.

Do you have a favorite character in Romance Under Wraps?

Three... I love my main character because she has an unreliable view of life, and because of that, quirky, and always prepared to get outta Dodge. Also, Calhoun, her love interest, who shows her undeserved love. And the medical examiner, who is going to show up in a sequel.

Can you tell us a little bit about your upcoming book, "Rules of Engagement?"

Rules of Engagement is a medical/military thriller, thrusting opposites together to deal with a weaponized microbe. Not based on COVID.