

2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



... with **Dana Wayne**, author of *Chasing Hope* ...

Where is your favorite place to read?

My comfy recliner on the sun porch is my 'reading place'. If hubby sees me going there, he leaves me alone because he knows I'll be there till I hit 'the end'.

What is your favorite book to give an adult or a child?

For guys, Zane Grey's *Riders of The Purple Sage*. For the ladies, Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

What books do you return to most often, whether passages or whole?

I have several but I guess the ones I have re-read the most is Linda Howard's *Mr. Perfect*, and Sandra Brown's *Fat Tuesday*. Both are romantic suspense and I have re-read them several times.

What is the last book that had you reading past your bedtime?

Deathscape by Dana Marton. Love her work!

Who made reading important to you?

My Dad. He had this stack of paperback westerns by his chair and read every night. I can remember sitting in his lap as he read passages to me. I was fascinated at how someone could paint a picture with words so vivid, I could see it in my mind. That's when I knew I would one day be a writer.

BONUS QUESTION: What is your favorite book set in the southwest?

I have two favorites for different reasons. *Riders of The Purple Sage* because it was my Dad's favorite and the one he read to me the most. And *Last of The Breed* by Louis L'Amour. It's not set in the southwest but the main character, Maj. Joe Mack, is a Native American pilot shot down in Serbia who escapes a soviet prison camp, and relying on his Native American roots, literally walks back to the US across The Bering Strait. Excellent character study!

Author Bio

Multi-award winning author Dana Wayne is a sixth generation Texan and resides in the Piney Woods with her husband, a Calico cat, three children, and four grandchildren. She routinely speaks at book clubs, writers groups and other organizations and is frequent guest on numerous writing blogs.

A die-hard romantic, her stories are filled with strong women, second chances, and happily ever after. "I've always wanted to write. I retired in late 2013 and published my first book, a contemporary romance, the summer of 2016. I was over the moon when it was awarded first place in a contest through Texas Association of Authors, and I never looked back. All of my books have been nominated for and/or received various awards. To have my work validated in such a manner is very gratifying and humbling. I'm all about the romance, so my tales are heartwarming,

have a splash of suspense and humor. While they are a little steamy, I believe romance is more about emotion than sex, and the journey is more important than the destination."

Affiliations include Romance Writers of America, Texas Association of Authors, Writers League of Texas, East Texas Writers Guild, Northeast Texas Writers Organization, and East Texas Writers Association.

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