

## 2019 Fort Worth BookFest Author Interview Series



with **Misty Hayes**, author of **The Blood Dagger Series**

### Where is your favorite place to read?

As long as I have a great book in hand, I can be reading on the dark side of the moon and I wouldn't be able to tell the difference. Truthfully, though, in answer to your question, I love any place tropical and sandy. It usually means I'm on a rare vacation with nothing on my agenda other than getting lost in a novel.

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

Does my book count? HAHA. No, seriously ... other than my books, I would have to say Terry Goodkind's *Sword of Truth* series and/or Jim Butcher's *Dresden Files*.

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

I feel like this might be an overused, boring answer, but Rowling's *Harry Potter* is always a must. Dean Koontz's *Odd Thomas* and *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. Oh! I almost forgot, I've been on a Cassandra Clare kick. Her *Mortal Instruments* series is outstanding! I think I've reread her entire series multiple times now.

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

It's rare when I find a book that can be that gripping. I think the last one was Alexandra Bracken's the *Darkest Minds* series.

### Who made reading important to you?

This one is easy to answer. My mom—Annie Hayes. She used to take us to the library almost every single day as soon as summertime hit. The librarians built my sister's and me a book fort so we could stay overnight one time (just kidding, sort of).

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

I'm going to have to say *Dumplin'* by Julie Murphy. Such a cute, inspiring story and the author is from North Texas. The book is set in a small Texas town: about a young woman trying to learn how to be comfortable in her own skin. Because I write about a body conscious teen from North Texas myself, this book hits home for me.

**Author Bio** Misty Hayes has always had a thing for escaping headfirst into fantastical books. This is what led her to start writing her own adventures. As someone who has spent a long career in law enforcement, Misty has a love for strong female protagonists. She also directs short films and claims to have been bitten by the traveling bug (not to be mistaken for a radioactive spider).

When Misty isn't filming or roaming the planet, or diving into another novel, she's spending time at home in Texas with her myriad of nieces and nephews in tow.

The Blood Dagger Series is a multiple award-winning, high-octane Young Adult Paranormal trilogy. The Outcasts has received recognition for a Literary Titan award, IndieBRAG Medallion,

2018 solo medalist winner of the New Apple Literary Awards for YA Fantasy, and 2019 2nd place winner of the North Texas Book Festival in YA Fantasy.

**Follow Misty** for more information on her series.

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