

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTIONS FOR J.A. JANCE

Possible Introduction #1

J.A. Jance is the top 10 New York Times bestselling author of the J.P. Beaumont series, the Joanna Brady series, the Ali Reynolds series, four inter-related thrillers featuring the Walker family, and a book of poetry. Her books have more than 23 million copies in print.

Jance is an avid crusader for many causes including the American Cancer Society, Gilda's Club, the Humane Society, the YWCA and the Girl Scouts. A lover of animals, J.A. Jance and her husband, Bill, have a rescued Dachshund, named Bella.

Born in South Dakota and raised in Bisbee, Arizona, Jance and her husband now split their time between Seattle, Washington and Tucson, Arizona.

Possible Introduction #2

Perennially on the NY Times bestseller list and with millions of books in print, J.A. Jance was born in South Dakota and grew up in Bisbee, Arizona. She was a voracious reader who knew she wanted to be a writer from the moment she read her first Wizard of Oz book in second grade. Always drawn to mysteries, from Nancy Drew right through John D. McDonald's Travis Magee, it was only natural that when she tried her hand at writing her first book, it would be a mystery as well.

Ms. Jance graduated from the University of Arizona with a BA in English and Secondary education and an M.Ed in Library Science. In 2000, she was awarded an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters.

After teaching in high school English in Tucson for two years and working as a K-12 librarian on an Indian reservation for five, she went on to spend the next ten years in the life insurance industry before finally turning her hand to writing full time in the early 1980s.

Her latest book, "Remains of Innocence," is her 52nd published mystery. Her 53rd book will be an Ali Reynolds, and is in the worksp.

She and her husband split their times between homes in Washington State and Arizona.