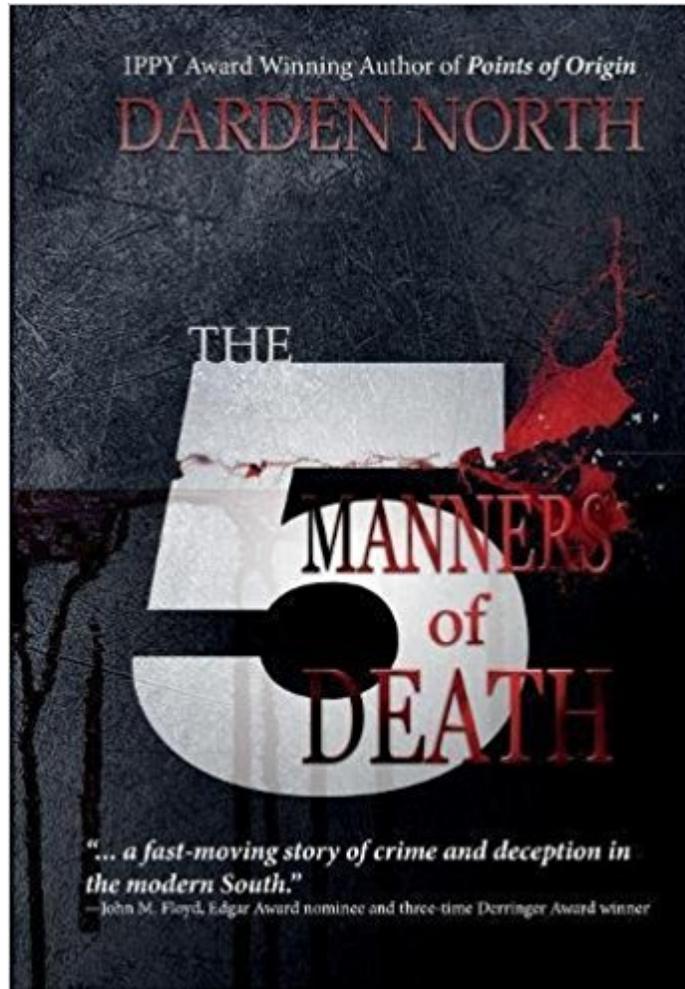


Press Release for *The 5 Manners of Death* by Darden North



**NASHVILLE, TN** – *The Five Manners of Death*, the latest thriller by acclaimed novelist and Mississippi physician Darden North, will be released nationwide on June 15, 2017. WordCrafts Press will publish *The Five Manners of Death* in hardcover (ISBN: 978-0998395999, 282 pages, \$32.90), trade paper (SPECS) and eBook (\$6.99) editions.

*The Five Manners of Death* is a taut, tense, and gripping tale about a long-buried secret, unleashed to begin the countdown of the five ways to die. For the novel's protagonist, Mississippi surgeon Diana Bratton, torn pages from a 1960s college yearbook reveal that murder is a family affair...

About *The Five Manners of Death*: When a construction worker unearths a decades-old human skull on the campus of the University of Mississippi, he sets in motion an eerie chain of events that leaves one woman desperate to rewrite history and another woman desperate to find the truth.

After the discovery of her Aunt Phoebe's 50-year-old note detailing the five manners of death, surgeon Diana Bratton is surrounded by bodies. Suicide, accident, natural cause, and one death classified undetermined are soon crossed off this grisly list—leaving Diana to believe that only homicide remains. But the police prove her wrong. Phoebe is linked to murder not only with the discovery of the skeletal fragments on the University campus but to the recent deaths of two local men. Diana is torn: should she try to prove her aunt's innocence or accept police theory that her beautiful, beloved aunt is a woman who harbors dark and deadly secrets.

Stealing precious time from her young daughter, her surgical practice, and her hopes for a renewed romance, Diana launches a pulse-quickenning quest to clear Phoebe's name. However, as she searches for evidence, Diana finds that her desire to reach the truth may be eclipsed by Aunt Phoebe's need to rebury the past. When reality finally emerges, Diana faces the cold fact that murder is a family affair. After all, things aren't always what they seem. And some things *never* die...

With the precision of a surgeon, Darden North has crafted a confident and chilling tale about lies, secrets, deception and the conflict that erupts when the past and present collide. Meticulous plotting, richly-drawn, engaging characters and a shocking storyline combine to create an extraordinary thriller resplendent with twists, turns, and the unexpected. A unique but realistic story teeming with the right mix of medical authenticity, *The Five Manners of Death* pushes readers deep into the minds of the characters as each learns that there is no one to trust and everyone has their own agenda. With this sensational, skillful and highly suspenseful tale, Darden North claims a solid spot among today's finest thriller writers.

Darden North has earned high early praise for *The Five Manners of Death*. According to Edgar Award nominee John M. Floyd, "If you like plot twists and surprises, you'll love Darden North's fifth novel, a fast-moving story of crime and deception in the modern South." *Jackpot Bay* author Martin Hegwood calls *The Five Manners of Death* "a fast-paced ride ... so filled with twists and turns that it leaves us breathless."

A board-certified physician in obstetrics and gynecology, Darden North writes murder mysteries and medical thrillers. His novels have received national awards, most notably an IPPY in Southern Fiction for *Points of Origin*. A native of the Mississippi Delta, Darden lives with his wife Sally in Jackson, Mississippi, where he practices medicine. Visit him online at: [www.dardennorth.com](http://www.dardennorth.com)

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