

# Julie Coulter Bellon Books

## Action-Packed Suspense . . . With A Touch Of Romance

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#### **Awards**

Whitney Award Finalist  
RONE Award for Best Suspense  
Honorable Mention RONE Award for Best  
Suspense RONE Award Finalist for Best  
Suspense/Thriller Voted Most Popular Author in  
Utah Valley Magazine

#### **Short Author Bio**

Julie is the author of nearly two dozen published books. She loves to travel and her favorite cities she's visited so far are probably Athens, Paris, Ottawa, and London. She would love to visit Australia, Ireland, and Scotland someday. She loves to read, write, teach, watch Hawaii Five-O, and eat Canadian chocolate. Not necessarily in that order.

#### **Long Author Bio**

Julie Coulter Bellon is the award-winning author of nearly two dozen romantic suspense novels. Her books almost always have characters that are in the military and law enforcement and she's made many great friends in that field who help make her characters as authentic as possible. One of her most treasured experiences was when she was put into contact with a Marine who was stationed in Iraq at the time. His unit would gather around the computer after they'd come in from their mission of disarming IEDs along the roadsides and they would patiently answer all her questions. One of the things they told her during those sessions was that they missed having candy from home, like Skittles. So Julie arranged a Skittles for Soldiers food drive at all her booksignings and was able to

collect 900 lbs of food and hygiene items for our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan—just to make sure our soldiers knew they weren't forgotten and were appreciated.

Julie has appeared on television and radio, and regularly teaches at writing conferences to help others improve their craft. She loves to travel and her favorite cities so far are Athens, Paris, Ottawa, and London. Her goals are to visit Hawaii, Australia, Ireland, and Scotland someday. She loves to read, write, teach, watch Hawaii Five-O, and eat Canadian chocolate. Not necessarily in that order.

Find out more about Julie at [www.juliebellon.com](http://www.juliebellon.com) or see her writing and publishing tips as well as her take on life on her blog [ldswritermom.blogspot.com](http://ldswritermom.blogspot.com)

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## **Book Titles**

### **Griffin Force Series**

**The Captive** (Griffin Force #1)

RONE Award Finalist for Best Suspense/Thriller

**The Captain** (Griffin Force #2)

RONE Award Finalist for Best Suspense/Thriller

**The Capture** (Griffin Force #3)

Whitney Award Finalist for Best Suspense

**Second Look** (Griffin Force #4)

Whitney Award Finalist for Best Suspense

### **Canadian Spies Series**

**Through Love's Trials**

**On the Edge**

**Time Will Tell**

### **Doctors and Danger Series**

**All's Fair**

**Dangerous Connections**

**Ribbon of Darkness**

### **Hostage Negotiation Series**

**All Fall Down** (Hostage Negotiation #1)

RONE Award winner for Best Suspense

**Falling Slowly** (Hostage Negotiation #1.5)

**Ashes Ashes** (Hostage Negotiation #2)

**From the Ashes** (Hostage Negotiation #2.5)

**Pocket Full of Posies** (Hostage Negotiation #3)

**Forget Me Not** (Hostage Negotiation #3.5)

**Ring Around the Rosie** (Hostage Negotiation #4)

### **Lincoln Love Stories**

**Love's Broken Road**

**Love's Journey Home**

### **Regency Romance**

**The Marquess Meets His Match**

**The Highlanders Hidden Heart**

**The Viscount's Vow**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How long have you been writing? What made you start?

I have always loved writing and creating stories and I knew I wanted to be a writer from a very young age. It feels like I've been writing my entire life. Even as a small example, I've kept a journal since I was twelve years old, and sometimes it's so fun to go back and look at all my girlish dreams and experiences, and see how far I've come as a person. I graduated with a degree in English (a program with a lot of writing) and began teaching a journalism class as well as working as a part-time reader and editor for a publishing company. It was tough, though, because the writer in me was dying to see my own books on a bookstore shelf, but instead I was helping a lot of other books get published. It was a long road,

but eventually I realized the dream of being a published author that I'd had for so long.

2. What is the biggest difference between a Canadian and an American?

For me, there are subtle differences between being Canadian and American. My critique group tells me all the time that my Canadian comes through in my writing because I'm too polite. Canadians are pretty laid-back, but that's probably because they have the best food in the world to eat. Canadian chocolate and cereal are to die-for. Thankfully my mom sends me care packages in the mail so I don't have to go too long without them. Our family also gets to have two Thanksgivings because I celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving with them in October and we also celebrate American Thanksgiving with my husband and his family. I'd say we're pretty lucky!

3. Describe your office or workspace in the point of view of a spy who has broken into your home to find an important document.

Well, my workspace is in between my family room and kitchen, so if they were looking for a document, they could expect to find it fairly easily (well, they'd have to go through my pile of permission slips, emergency contact forms, and disclosure documents from the schools that I got this week). Since I have so many kids it would probably have a food stain of some sort or be wrinkly from a drink spilled on it, though. (Okay, okay, it's not all the kids' fault, I do like to eat at my desk. So, the spy would probably be able to see some clues as to what I ate for lunch.)

4. When did you sell your first book?

My first book, *Through Love's Trials*, came out in June 2004. There's really no feeling like when you get that first contract. I think I will remember that moment for the rest of my life. A close second was the first time I held my book in my hands or whenever I saw it on a store shelf. It was amazing for me.

5. What type of writer are you? Do you plan ahead/plot or do you simply fly by the seat of your pants?

I generally have an idea and a direction in mind, but let the story flow. Several of my stories have taken on a direction that I wasn't planning at all.

6. How do you choose your characters' names?

Mostly I name the characters all the names I wanted to name my children, but couldn't because my husband didn't like those for kid names. And I have used names from the phone book, and sometimes even the names from spam emails I've gotten. You never know when a character name is going to jump out at you!

7. What is your daily schedule like?

As a mother of eight children my daily schedule is fairly hectic. I get a ton of interruptions: "Mom can I . . ." "Mom, where is my . . ." and such, but I love it. I am always busy running children here and there, helping them read, playing with them, and working with them, that's for sure. When I do sit down to write, my computer desk is right in the middle of all the action and I wouldn't have it any other way. In order to handle all the interruptions and limited computer time, I generally work out scenes for my books in my head while I'm doing chores or carpool or whatever. Then, when I have a moment to sit down at the computer, I quickly write it all down. I also have a little notebook I jot ideas down in because my memory seems to be crammed full of family details these days and I'm afraid I'll forget my story or scene ideas if I don't write them down right away. Of course, when I'm on a deadline, my husband is such a great support and makes sure I get as much quality time on the computer as I need. I couldn't do it without him, that's for sure.

8. What one thing do you like most about writing?

One of the best things about writing is the people I've been able to meet. Most of my books involve law enforcement and I have been lucky to meet several military people and law enforcement people that have helped me make my books as authentic as possible. In order to give back in a small way, I partnered with Operation Care and Comfort and did a Skittles for Soldiers food drive at my book signings. I collected over 900 lbs of food and hygiene items to send to our troops overseas to let them know that they are never forgotten and always appreciated.

9. What is your advice for other writers?

Don't give up. I got my first rejections and felt like maybe I wasn't cut out for

writing after all. I put the manuscript under my bed for a year! It was only after the prodding of a friend of mine that I finally dusted the manuscript off, made some changes, and submitted again. Of course, it was then that I received an offer. I think now that if I had had a thicker skin and a little more perseverance, perhaps I would have received that first contract sooner.

10. Tell us something about the real you that we'll never forget.

When I was twelve years old I got to meet Princess Diana while she was visiting Canada. I was so amazed by her and I thought, at that time, she seemed so fragile and sweet. I told myself I'd never wash the hand that shook hers, but of course I did.

## **Review**

"Make this author a favorite on your shelves and search for the rest of the series."---**InD'Tale Magazine**

"Bellon keeps readers guessing and turning pages..." ---**Deseret News**

"Those who enjoy international intrigue and high action novels won't want to miss this one!" ---**Meridian Magazine**

"Ms. Bellon is a master builder of international suspense with just a smidgeon of romance to whet the readers' appetites. *All Fall Down* is an energetic read that guarantees satisfaction for the romantic as well as the adventurous reader."  
---**Erin Murdock, InD'Tale Magazine**

"Kidnappings, terrorist threats, confusion over who to trust, explosions, and the added element of personal and family dynamics keep the plot of Julie Bellon's latest novel rolling at breakneck speed." ---**Meridian Magazine**

"With superb characters and a plot that is a real page-turner, readers will not be able to put this modern day narco-cartel thriller down." --- **Victoria Z. Burg**

"This story opens with a suspenseful, captivating edge that lasts throughout the whole book, leaving the reader eagerly turning page after page . . ." —  
**InD'Tale Magazine, The Captive**

## Author Photo



## Fact Sheet

**Books Published to Date:** 18 novels, 2 non-fiction books, 6 novellas, 9 audio books

**Current Releases:** The Marquess Meets His Match

**First Novel Published:** Through Love's Trials (2004)

**Awards and Honors:** RONE Award Best Suspense/Thriller, Honorable Mention RONE Award Best Suspense/Thriller, RONE Award Finalist for Best Suspense/Thriller, Whitney Award Finalist Best Suspense, Awarded Crowned Heart for Excellence, Most Popular Author Utah Valley Magazine

**Former Career:** Journalism Teacher **Education:** Bachelor's Degree in English Secondary Education