



Red Hearts Newsletter

Welcome!

The Red Hearts newsletter is a semi-monthly publication that will reach your inbox mid-month and end of the month.

If you'd like past issues, feel free to contact me at info@seralynnlewis.com and I'll be happy to send them to you.

There's a variety of topics, so you can pick and choose what interests you. If you have suggestions on what you'd like to see in future issues, I'll be happy to consider them!

Women of Worthy Series...

A series of novels about single, divorced, and widowed women living in the small town of Worthy, Ohio, located about 50 miles southeast of Columbus, Ohio. Each woman must battle life's curveballs at the expense of their families, friends, and the men who adore them to fulfill their greatest desires and destinies. Their faith is tested in ways they hadn't imagined.

This series has become a labor of love for me! What's happening with the series right now?



Book 2, Mia's Irishman, is in production and is scheduled to hit Amazon November 1. I'm really excited about this book because the story was submitted to the Serious Writer's 2020 Writer of the Year award and made finalist in over a hundred entries. It didn't win, but it was submitted prior to having been edited!

While book 2 is in the final stages of production, I'm currently working on book 3 which has yet to be named nor has the publication date set.

Cassie's Secrets Insider Information...

Cassie Verano is the lead character in Cassie's Secrets, book 1 of the Women of Worthy series. She had a tumultuous marriage before she moved to southern Ohio to be near



her brother and his family.

But what about her? What did I imagine she looked like in my mind? Here's the inspiration photo that launched writing the story and ten characterizations that didn't make it into the book...

For this book, I used the SHAPE method to learn about the character: (See My Writing Process below for more information on the SHAPE method.)

Character Profile

1. Her middle name is Elena.
2. Her name was chosen because of her mother's love of Homer's Iliad.
3. Her mother is of English descent and her grandmother emigrated to the U.S. after the war.
4. Cassie secretly began writing romance novels before her first baby was born.
5. She felt remorse over being dishonest about becoming a writer and earning monies that her husband didn't know about.
6. Her brother's wife, Becka, was instrumental in bringing Cassie to Faith and she regards her sister-in-law as a mentor.
7. She attends a Tuesday morning women's Bible study group when her children are at the gym.
8. She's reserved about her faith but if someone asks her a question, she answers it. She would like to share her faith easily but finds it difficult to do.
9. She loves her hair and it gives a boost in her confidence.
10. She has a phobia about spiders. She hates them.

There's so much more to Cassie's personality and background that doesn't come out in Cassie's Secrets or in Cassie's Lost Dreams, Cassie's prequel!

If you have read Cassie's Lost Dreams, you'll want to read [Cassie's Secrets](#).

My Writing Process...

SHAPE is one of many methods to humanize a fictional character. For me, this part of the process was (and is) a lot of fun because I can make characters into whatever I want them to be. The sky is the limit.

So what does SHAPE stand for?

S=Spiritual

H= Heart or goals

A=Attitude

P=Personality

E=Education

Since Cassie's Secrets was my first book, I debated on which process I'd use moving forward. Through book 2 and book 3, defining the characters in the stories has evolved into a more complex process. More on that later.

Website Excerpt



Adventure Series...

Rothenburg ob de Tauber

My husband and I lived in Germany for sixteen months some years ago. As a result, we decided as long as we were in the heart of Europe, we would take advantage of the circumstances and visit as many cities and countries as we could. One of the cities we visited was Rothenburg ob de Tauber. Below is an excerpt from that adventure and it appears on my website.



Guarding the people...

What impressed me the most were the city walls. I imagined guards walking on top of those walls and keeping watch for those who would attack. While it probably was a dangerous and often bloody time, there's something about armed guards standing as sentries to protect the weak.

[Read more about this adventure](#)

Reader Spotlight...

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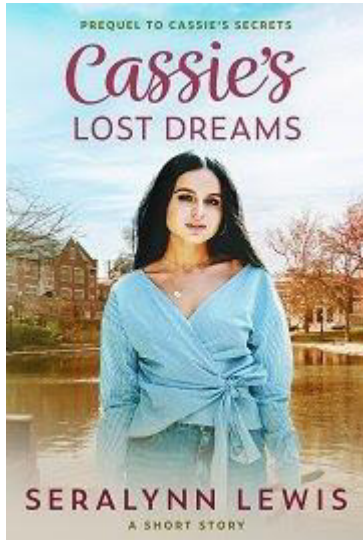
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About me...

5 things about me...one is false. Can you guess which one?

1. My favorite color is purple.
2. I am fluent in two foreign languages.
3. I've lived in four different U.S. states: Ohio, California, Virginia. and North Carolina...in that order.
4. I've never broken a bone.
5. I worked as an operations manager.



In the next issue...

- ***Steve Nardelli's inspiration picture and profile***
- ***A scene cut from Cassie's Secrets***
- ***A Women's Heart blog excerpt***
- ***Women of Worthy Book #2 cover reveal***



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