

Susan Bacon Dynerman

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Susan's career as a writer spans more than 30 years and includes experience as a journalist, speechwriter, copywriter, ghost writer and author. She writes fiction under the name Susan Bacon.

Her debut novel, *The History Teacher*, won an Independent Publisher Book Award (IPPY Award) in the Best Regional Fiction category in 2020. It is a mystery/thriller set in Delaware during the 1970s and the post-war era. Author and journalist Bruce Weber called *The History Teacher* "a pleasure to read, written, sentence by sentence, with the eye of a shrewd observer and the ear of a writer who knows language is music." *The Midwest Book Review* called it "riveting."

A Delaware native, Susan graduated from Barnard College in 1974 with a degree in history. She began her career as an editor of *Memphis* magazine and a stringer for *Time* and *Fortune*. She also worked as a corporate speechwriter and ad copywriter in Memphis before moving to Washington DC.

In the early '90s, Susan wrote two books on the politics of parenting, including *Are Our Kids All Right?*, a Parents' Choice selection. An advocate for enlightened family leave and childcare policies, she was featured in major media, including NBC's Today Show and *USA Today*. During that time, she also contributed feature stories to the *Washington Post*.

In 1996, Susan joined the staff of a DC-based graphic design firm as a senior writer, working with top companies in a variety of fields. Six years later, she returned to Memphis and started her own business doing special projects for corporate and agency clients and helping other authors with their books. She also pulled a handful of short stories out of a drawer and began writing fiction in earnest, and in 2009, she studied with Richard Bausch in his Moss Workshop in Fiction.

Susan's ghostwriting clients have included authors under contract to major publishers (Penguin, Da Capo Press, Hay House), and her ghostwriting credits include an international bestseller. In addition to IPPY and Parent's Choice awards for her own books, Susan has won numerous awards for copywriting including three ADDY Awards (AAF, Washington, DC).

Susan lives in Memphis, Tennessee. Today, although she still works with a few select clients, she concentrates primarily on her own writing.