

CJ Lyons Biography

Award winning medical suspense author **CJ Lyons** has lived most of her life on the edge.

Trained in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, she has assisted police and prosecutors with cases involving child abuse, rape, homicide and Munchausen by Proxy. She has worked in numerous trauma centers, on the Navajo reservation, as a crisis counselor, victim advocate, as well as a flight physician for Life Flight and Stat Medevac.

These skills have proved useful during CJ's adventures both in the US and abroad. She participated in an archeological expedition in the Outback of Australia sponsored by the Kuku Djungan tribe and was one of few people allowed access to explore the Hell's Gate Wilderness Preserve in Kenya on foot during an environmental impact survey of the Lake Navisha region. She has also traveled extensively in the US, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and the Caribbean. She holds an orange belt in Kempo and enjoys hiking, white water rafting, and outdoor photography when she is not writing or practicing medicine.

CJ has been a story-teller all her life, always creating stories about people discovering the courage to make a difference. This drove her into writing thrillers with strong relationships and led her to coin the term: Thrillers with Heart. A member of Romance Writers of America, International Thriller Writers, Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime and Kiss of Death, CJ's work has appeared in CrimeSpree Magazine, Romantic Times Book Review, Spinetinger, and Mystery Scene. She has presented workshops to the MWA, RWA, Romantic Times, Colorado Fiction Writers, and Oklahoma Writers' Federation among others, and was the conference chairperson for ITW's highly successful inaugural ThrillerFest.

A finalist for RWA's prestigious Golden Heart and winner of the Golden Gateway award, CJ has received numerous accolades for her writing. Her medical suspense novel, **LIFELINES**, debuted from Berkley March, 2008 and became a national bestseller. Publishers Weekly called **LIFELINES** a "spot-on debut...a breathtakingly fast-paced medical thriller" and Romantic Times gave it 4 1/2 stars and made it a Top Pick. **LIFELINES** received rave reviews from national press including Newsday, the Baltimore Sun, and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as well as winning the Love is Murder's Readers' Choice Award for Best First Novel and becoming a finalist for the Bookbuyer's Choice Award, the National Readers' Choice Award, and the Daphne du Maurier Award.

The second in the Angels of Mercy series, **WARNING SIGNS**, was released January, 2009 and the third book, **URGENT CARE** will be out October 27, 2009.

To learn more about CJ and her writing, go to www.cjlyons.net