***MARY IN BRIEF***

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*New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling suspense author Mary Burton’s writing has been compared to that of James Patterson, \* Lisa Gardner\*\* and Lisa Jackson.\*\*\* Her latest book, [***The Hangman***](http://www.maryburton.com/Books/the-hangman/), is the third of her ***The Forgotten Files*** novels.

Her recent bestsellers include her highly praised ***The Forgotten Files*** books, [***The Shark***](http://www.maryburton.com/the-shark-the-forgotten-files/) and [***The Dollmaker***](http://maryburton.com/Books/the-dollmaker/), and her popular ***Morgan Family*** novels [***Vulnerable***](http://www.maryburton.com/vulnerable/),  [***I’ll Never Let You Go***](http://www.maryburton.com/ill-never-let-you-go/), [***Be Afraid****,*](http://www.maryburton.com/be-afraid/)and [***Cover Your Eyes***](http://www.maryburton.com/cover-your-eyes/), featuring Nashville's preeminent law enforcement family.

Mary is the author of thirty-two novels and five novellas. In addition to her ***Morgan Family*** novels, her other connected stories include [**The Seventh Victim**](http://www.maryburton.com/the-seventh-victim/), [**No Escape**](http://www.maryburton.com/no-escape/)  and [**You’re Not Safe**](http://www.maryburton.com/youre-not-safe/), featuring investigators from the Texas Rangers, and [**Senseless**](http://www.maryburton.com/senseless/), [**Merciless**](http://www.maryburton.com/merciless/)and [**Before She Dies**](http://www.maryburton.com/before-she-dies/), all set in Alexandria, Virginia. *The Keepsake*, her short story featuring Morgan family sister Georgia, is featured along with contributions from Jeffrey Deaver, Anne Perry and others in the anthology [**Killer Nashville Noir: Cold Blooded**](http://www.maryburton.com/Books/killer-nashville-noir-cold-blooded/). She has also written five novels as Mary Ellen Taylor.

A Richmond native with family roots as deep as the nation’s, Mary has made her home there for most of her life.

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