

MICHELLE CORBIER



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Author Biography

Michelle Corbier is a Black female physician as are the protagonists in her mysteries and thrillers.

Born in Illinois, Michelle Corbier moved every two to four years usually between San Diego, California and Charleston, South Carolina, for her stepfather's military assignments. While enrolled at the University of California Santa Cruz, she completed a research internship at Syntex in Palo Alto. Medicine brought her to Michigan, where she completed a pediatric residency program in Flint, following her appointment as chief resident in her final year. In Montgomery, Alabama she opened her private medical practice.

Her career included private medical practice, teaching residents and locums tenens. After over twenty years in clinical medicine, she accepted a position with the state of California as a medical consultant.

A member of Crime Writers of Color, Capitol Crimes, and Sisters in Crime, her writing interests cover many genres—mystery, paranormal, thrillers and suspense. Since childhood, she has collected stamps and most days is outside in her garden drinking tea and reading a book.



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Book Details

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Aspiring author Dr. Myaisha Douglas joined the Greensboro Women of Color Writing Group hoping to publish her writing, but never expecting to play amateur sleuth in a real-life murder mystery.

When a friend, and member of the group, is murdered, Myaisha believes she can help the police solve the crime. As an avid mystery fan, she relies on the skills she's gained from those stories to catch the killer.

While determined to get justice for her friend, the amateur detective soon regrets her involvement when the victim's corruption and illegal dealings become public. After their prime suspect is murdered, the police warn Myaisha to stop playing detective, and it looks like the investigation is over for her.

Drawn back into the case after the police charge another member of the group with murder, Myaisha uses her medical knowledge-and years as an armchair detective-in a frantic attempt to bring a killer to justice.

Can Myaisha deliver the murderer to the authorities, or will the doctor become the next victim?

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Chapter Excerpt

EXCERPTED FROM THE PROLOGUE

She dreamed of this moment, fantasized about it. But now, viewing the person she had wished dead splayed across the floor.... Without thinking, she kneeled down, hand trembling, and reached for the blue silk blouse. She froze, mesmerized by a spot where blood oozed onto the fabric. As she gaped, the dead woman's eyelids fluttered.

Startled, she stumbled backward onto her buttocks, bumping up against a chair next to the desk. On hands and knees, she crawled forward, scrutinizing the face. The woman's unseeing eyes never deviated, fixated on the ceiling. Disturbed by the image, she drew down the eyelids, careful not to touch any blood.

Cheap metal cabinets hugged the walls on both sides of the room. She scanned the space, considered whether to search for the documents or depart. Eerily silent, the walls pressed down upon her. The HVAC system kicked in. Cold pricked her skin and goosebumps erupted along her arms. Seconds ticked by. She struggled to remain calm.

The room simultaneously expanded and contracted when she stood. Her hand instinctively reached for the revolver inside her purse. Instead of engendering confidence, the cool, steely weapon instilled fear.

The office should've been empty. She couldn't ransack the office with a dead body present, even if the deceased had been someone she loathed. Sweat beaded on her forehead. Unsure anyone heard the shot, she observed the areas where she stepped. Without thinking, her hand reached forward to shut the door. Fingerprints. She jerked her hand away and fled, leaving the office door ajar.

Deposited on the first floor from the stairwell, she hid behind a large plastic tree. A handful of people paraded through the lobby. At the entrance, a woman stood next to the automatic doors beside the handicap ramp.

In the opposite direction, she spotted a red neon exit sign shining like a beacon. Head down, pacing herself, she crossed the lobby and escaped from the rear of the building.

Excerpt cont.

Humid summer air smacked against her face. The sudden warmth caused more sweating. Before the door slammed shut, she raced across a small patch of pine trees separating the office complex from an adjacent shopping center. She slowed her gait and intermingled with shoppers. She parked her vehicle on the other side of the parking lot.

Inside, she locked the car door, wiped sweat from her forehead, and leaned back against the headrest. Bile refluxed in the back of her throat, leaving a bitter taste in her mouth. She craved water.

Backward from ten, she counted as her heart rate slowed. Her gaze swept the area, checking the surroundings. She listened for police sirens. Uppermost in her mind—where to ditch the gun.

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Sample Interview Questions

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Why did you decide to self-publish?

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Did your medical education prepare you for a career in writing?

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How do you find time to write?

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Do you use your books as a platform for medicine?

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Why did you make all your main characters people of color?

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What would like to convey through your writing?

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Do you place your patients in your stories?

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Do you read anything besides mysteries?

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What can a reader expect to be different about your books compared to other mysteries?

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What would you like your readers to understand about you as an author?

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Main Characters

Dr. Myaisha Douglas is a tall Black, slightly overweight, widowed empty nester with one child in college. She runs her private practice in Greensboro, North Carolina. Boomer is her black Labrador. She is an introvert who enjoys reading, writing and gardening. She belongs to a writing group, Greensboro Women of Color Writing Group (GWCWG), and wishes to publish her writing.

Candace Knight is Myaisha's college friend, and the victim. She is a realtor and business woman who cheats her clients and is driven by success. After her divorce, she married a much younger man, who she intended to divorce before she was murdered.

Adán, Candace's husband, is a life coach. He planned to partner with another woman to start a business before his wife was murdered. He blackmailed the murderer and gets killed.

Deniece, Myaisha's best friend, is a married nurse who teaches at the nursing college.

Todd Gamble is the lead homicide detective. An intellectual, he disagrees with his chief about who murdered Candace.

Ian de Jesus is homicide detective and Todd's partner. He enjoys weight lifting.

AJ Thomas is a divorced firefighter and Myaisha's love interest. They meet at an ACLS (Advance Cardiovascular Life Support) class at the hospital.

Lottie Williams is Candace's cousin and works in a bank loan department before she is laid off. Her husband is disabled after a work injury. Along with Mary, she started the GWCWG.

Mary Thompkins bought rental properties from Candace. A stay-at-home mom of three, she attended college, but dropped out when she became pregnant and married her husband, Greg.

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Target Audience

READERS WHO ENJOY THRILLING MYSTERIES

Fans of mystery and suspense stories will enjoy this novel that introduces readers to Dr. Myaisha Douglas. Black readers will also especially be drawn to this story that features many people of color. In general, all readers will be unable to put down this page-turner as amateur sleuth Myaisha finds herself working to solve a friend's murder.



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