



Susan Crandall

Author

Unlike so many writers, Susan Crandall did not emerge from the womb with a pen and paper in her hand and a fully formed story in my mind. Instead, she was born with an incredible love for books.

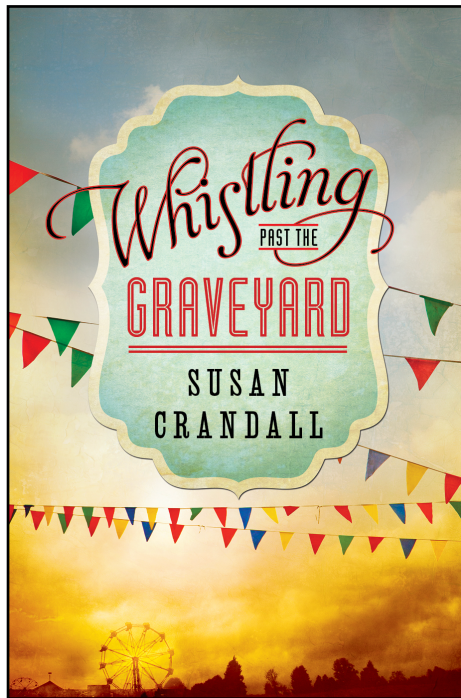
For years, even those exhausting years when her children were young and she worked in my previous profession as a dental hygienist, she was an avid reader. She'd always been fascinated with words - anyone who has caught themselves reading the dictionary when you cracked it open to look up mesopelagic you just might have a writer hiding inside you, too.

Then, her younger sister admitted that she'd been writing, secretly of course. That admission led to Susan editing her sister's work. Then the pair co-authored four novels, none of which were published. Her sister then decided to move on, but Susan was totally addicted.

BACK ROADS was her first solo work, as well as her first published work. And her first award winning novel, winning a RITA for Best First Book for 2003 and two National Reader's Choice Awards.

She has followed her initial success with the publishing of THE ROAD HOME, MAGNOLIA SKY, PROMISES TO KEEP, ON BLUE FALLS POND (Nominee 2007 RITA for Best Single Title / Mainstream Novel), A KISS IN WINTER, PITCH BLACK (2009 Maggie Award Winner), SEEING RED, SLEEP NO MORE (2011 Holt Medallion and Reader's Crown Award Winner). Her first hardcover novel, WHISTLING PAST THE GRAVEYARD will be released in July 2013.

Susan grew up in a small Indiana town, married a guy from that town, and then moved to Chicago for a while. She is pleased to say, that she is back in her hometown. She and her husband have two grown children who make her proud every day. Her son, who has the heart of a poet, is also a writer. Her daughter, who is both beautiful and brilliant, is about to take her first steps into the working world of science.



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