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**DAVID COLIN CARR** has been a freelance editor of fiction and non-fiction since 1988 with writers as far flung as Beijing and Johannesburg. He works collaboratively with clients to bring forth their passion—with clarity and coherence, while preserving their distinctive voice. He is dedicated to projects that manifest the beauty of this planet and the mystery of our hearts—offering compassion, counseling skills, and creativity to bring forth the brilliance of both the writing and the collaborative relationship. Reach David at [www.DavidColinCarr.com](http://www.DavidColinCarr.com).



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**CONSTANCE HALE** has written three books on language and literary style: *Wired Style*, *Sin and Syntax*, and *Vex*, *Hex*, *Smash*, *Smooch*. She has worked at the *Oakland Tribune*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, *Wired*, and *Health* magazines, and her freelance articles have appeared in *The Los Angeles Times*, *Afar*, *The Atlantic*, *Smithsonian*, *Honolulu*, and many others newspapers and magazines. Her eight-part series on writing a sentence is at *The New York Times'* Opinionator. Born in Hawaii and now based there and in San Francisco, she covers writing and the writing life at [sinandsyntax.com](http://sinandsyntax.com).



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**PENNY WARNER** has published over 60 books for both adults and children. Several of her middle-grade mystery series, "The Code Busters" were nominated for the Agatha Award for Best Children's Mystery. Her non-fiction book, *The Official Nancy Drew Handbook*, was nominated for an Agatha Award. Her first mystery featuring a deaf reporter, *Dead Body Language*, won the Macavity Award for Best Mystery and was nominated for an Agatha and an Anthony Award. Reach Penny at [www.pennywarner.com](http://www.pennywarner.com).



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### SHELLEY ADINA

Keynote Speaker

RITA Award® winning author and Christy finalist Shelley Adina wrote her first novel when she was 13. The literary publisher rejected it, but he did say she knew how to tell a story. That was enough to keep her going through the rest of her adolescence, a career, a move to another country, a B.A. in Literature, an M.F.A. in Writing Popular Fiction, and countless manuscript pages.

Shelley is the author of twenty-four novels published by Harlequin, Time Warner, and Hachette Book Group, and seven published by Moonshell Books, Inc., her own independent press. Her latest traditional release is *Keys of Heaven*, Amish women's fiction from Hachette under the name Adina Senft, and her latest indie release is *A Gentleman of Means*, the final book in her Magnificent Devices steampunk series.

Shelley is a world traveler who loves to imagine what might have been. Between books, Shelley loves playing the piano and Celtic harp, making period costumes, and spoiling her flock of rescued chickens.

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