

Lynn Hesse Debuts Well of Rage



Greater Atlanta has a wealth of talented writers and one of the area's best is Lynn Hesse with her novel *Well of Rage*. This award winning debut work follows the cold case investigation of a murder by a rookie police officer named Carly Redmund in Mobile, Alabama. It is a frightening tale about the search for the justice of a murdered son in a time of rampant racism and politically motivated intrigue.

All this comes from an author who definitely knows her subject matter. Hesse is a long time DeKalb County (Stone Mountain) resident who graduated from the county's Police Academy in 1980. That was part of a 23 year career in law enforcement at a time when women were

a rarity in the field. Hesse eventually retired from law enforcement with the rank of lieutenant while working the Tucker Precinct. While working and raising children, she also graduated magna cum laude in criminal justice from Georgia State University. Since retiring from the force, she has pursued a career as a writer and a performance artist who states that her primary interests center on "women's rights, defusing the domestic violence cycle, and mental health."

The novel centers around the discovery of a body at the bottom of a well and the subsequent investigation. Rookie cop Redmund is forced to deal with a superior concealing evidence for political reasons while trying to survive in a hostile environment, develop friends fast in a new city, and solve a cold-case murder to bring justice to a grieving mother. Hesse's narrative of this complicated plot is sure-footed and showcases her own long term experience as a police officer, winning the Oak Tree Press Writing Contest and debuting at the 2016 Decatur Book Festival.

Well of Rage is available at several local book stores, including Decatur's new Half Price Books and the Eagle Eye Bookstore. Signed copies can be purchased at Tall Tales bookstore and there will be book signing events throughout 2017. Of course, you can order copies via Amazon.com. For more information about upcoming events, go to www.lynnhesse.wordpress.com and see the author's Facebook page.

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