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“5 Life Lessons of a Police Officer”

Award-winning author, T.K. Thorne, became a police officer during the first decade of women policing in Birmingham, Alabama, retiring years later as a captain. Her experiences overcoming barriers taught her life lessons that she applied along her journey. She speaks about being a woman in a macho man’s world; not ending up in a space capsule; and fulfilling her own dreams. An experienced speaker, T.K. shares five life lessons that inspire audiences to overcome their own challenges and realize their dreams.

Bio:

T.K. Thorne’s childhood passion for storytelling deepened when she became a police officer in Birmingham, Alabama. “It was a crash course in life and what motivated and mattered to people.” When she retired as a captain, she took on Birmingham’s business improvement district as the executive director before retiring again to write fulltime.

Both careers and a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Alabama provide fodder for her writing, which has garnered several awards, including ForeWord Reviews’ “Book of the Year for Historical Fiction” for her debut novel *Noah’s Wife* and *Angels at the Gate*, the coming-of-age story of Lot’s Wife, which won the Benjamin Franklin Award for historical fiction. The *New York Post’s* “Books You Should Be Reading” list featured her first non-fiction book, *Last Chance for Justice*, which details the behind-the-scenes investigation of the 1963 Sixteenth Street church bombing case. Most recently, Thorne explores murder, mayhem, and magic when a police officer discovers she’s a witch in her newest novel, *House of Rose*, the first of the Magic City stories.

She loves traveling, especially to research her novels, and speaking about her books and life lessons. She writes at her mountaintop home near Birmingham, often with a dog and cat vying for her lap.

“...a terrific storyteller.”

—Sena Jeter Naslund, author of *Ahab’s Wife*