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### “Surprising Revelations About the 1963 Birmingham Church Bombing Case”

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 background led law enforcement officials on the Sixteenth Street bombing case to reveal behind-the-scenes stories about the investigation and prosecution of the Ku Klux Klansmen responsible for the murders of four young girls, a crime that changed the face of civil rights in America and inspired the world.

The search for justice for those little girls spanned four decades and was only finally resolved with the discovery of secretly recorded tapes and several unlikely heroes, such as the young niece of one of the bombers who became a minister and underwent a gender change; and two brave, but terrified sisters who lived in the shadow of the KKK.

### 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*