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#### About the Author

Besides publishing her popular craft-of-writing books under the series, *An Editor's Guide to Writing Compelling Fiction* (with more in the works), Jodie Renner is a sought-after freelance fiction editor who specializes in thrillers and other fast-paced fiction. She also publishes numerous popular blog posts on writing captivating fiction, which appear on many blogs, including: Crime Fiction Collective, Jodie Renner Editing, The Kill Zone, The Thrill Begins, The Writer's Forensics Blog, Blood-Red Pencil, Mystery Writing is Murder, and more.

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Jodie has had a lifelong passion for reading, especially fiction, and she loves movies, too. She has had a variety of life experiences, working at a lot of different jobs before she became an English and French teacher and, later, a school librarian. Somewhere in there, she traveled to a lot of different countries and cities, moved thousands of miles, and got a master's degree in literature.

When she's not editing, writing, or reading novels or books by the masters on writing compelling fiction, Jodie loves to pursue her two other passions, photography and traveling. She has traveled extensively throughout North America, Europe and the Middle East, and continues to sneak away whenever she gets the chance. In fact, Jodie loves traveling so much, she's thinking of changing her editing tagline from "Let's work together to enhance and empower your writing" to "Have laptop, will travel."

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