

About the Authors



Meredith Lee is the pen name for the Austin-based writing team of Sue Meredith Cleveland and Dixie Lee Evatt. Their process includes research trips to foreign counties to sample wine and food and, when required, the occasional dramatic performance of a scene to make sure it “works.”

Sue Meredith Cleveland (left) Dixie Lee Evatt (right)

SUE MEREDITH CLEVELAND, Author and Artist

Sue is an award-winning artist who has worked in multiple media including oil, watercolor and fiber. Her earliest publications include articles advocating childbirth education and humanizing hospital care. Two mysteries that Sue collaborated on with Dixie were finalists in the 2017 and 2018 Writers’ League of Texas Manuscript contests. *One Slip Over the Line*, Sue’s work-in-progress Young Adult novel, was a 2015 finalist in the Cynthia Leitich Smith Writing Mentor Award. Sue’s essays, literary memoir pieces, and short stories have been featured in award-winning literary journals, magazines, and blogs. Sue has written two pre-published Middle Grade novels: *A Shadow Over Silver* and *Blue Water Over Dark Secrets*.

DIXIE LEE EVATT, Writer and Word-Wrangler

A former political writer for the *Austin American-Statesman*, Dixie later taught writing at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication at Syracuse University. While there she published a book, along with colleagues, on the communication practices of small organizations, *Thinking Big. Staying Small*. When she teamed up with Sue to write fiction, they sold a screenplay treatment to a Hollywood producer. Although the movie was never made, they used the seed money to found *ThirtyNineStars*, their publishing company. They also produced a second screenplay based on the life of a Waco schoolteacher who was imprisoned in World War I because of his German heritage and his work with early radio broadcasting. That screenplay, *Wireless*, was a finalist for the Chesterfield Writer’s Film Project in 2003.

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