

# Notes from Judy

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The holidays are busy for all of us—wrapping packages, decorating, cooking, and making merry—but I wanted to take time to wish each and every one of you the happiest of holidays and a blessed 2015. It's a wonderful time to remember gratitude, and I am grateful to you for liking my books, signing up for my newsletter, reading my blog, and being my friend.

The holidays have distracted me from writing and I have no new books coming until June 2015, but I have several projects on my desk you might like to know about:

**Deception in Strange Places**—the print copy of this fifth Kelly O'Connell novel is now available. Order it from Turquoise Morning Press (<https://www.createspace.com/5150612>), Amazon, B&N, and several others. Better yet—ask your local bookseller to order it for you.

**Desperate for Death**—(tentative title), the sixth Kelly O'Connell novel, will be available as an ebook in June with print to follow. Just when Kelly's life has calmed, she faces yet another of life's puzzles. Except the pieces in this one don't fit. First the apartment behind her house is torched, then a string of bizarre "accidents" occur to set her off-balance. Who is stalking her? Is the disappearance of a young girl and her disreputable boyfriend a part of the puzzle? And why are two men using the same name? Is the surprise inheritance another part of the puzzle? At a time when she is most vulnerable, Kelly can't make the pieces fit, but she knows she must protect her daughters. Before Kelly can get the whole picture, she helps the family of a hostage, rescues a kidnap victim and attends a wild and wonderful wedding.

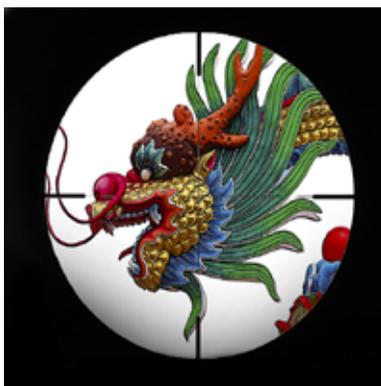
**Potter's Wife**—in the 1990s I wrote and rewrote a historical novel about Bertha Honoré Palmer, wife of Potter Palmer (of Chicago's Palmer House). A recent novel about Marshall Field inspired me to go back to this long dormant project and rework it. Cissy was notable for being one of the first to combine the ideas of wealth and philanthropy. A woman ahead of her time.

**Sequel to The Perfect Coed**—I have 25,000 words on this second Susan Hogan project, which will involve Susan in the fight over open carry laws. It's probably my next project after *Potter's Wife*. No title yet.

**Seventh Kelly O'Connell**—only a thousand words written but it's in the computer and rattling around in my brain. Yes, I'm getting back to serious work—and excited about it.

May all your dreams come true. May love work its magic into your life. May your heart be filled with hope and joy. May you touch every life you meet.

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