

# THE DETECTIVE FILES

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## Introduction



Greetings my fellow writers and authors. Fall is finally here upon us. It is that time of year again. Can't believe fall it here. That means Halloween and even Thanksgiving will be here soon. Two of my favorite holidays of the year. The fall also means school is in session and for those who have followed me knows I have just recently moved up to Delaware and began subbing in schools to get people used to me so I can eventually get a teaching job. Speaking of other things. The last few months has been pretty hectic.

My first novel Emma Stevens and the Lord of Crime was released in May and I am now in the process of beginning to work on the sequel as well as on a kid's detective story (Which will be part of a series) and a Young Adult high fantasy series. The kid's detective story/series will be Abbigail Wilson the Kid Detective with the first book being Abbigail Wilson and the Masked Bandit and my YA series will be Verity Chronicles: the Jungle Master, the Witch Doctor and the Demon Lord.

Some of you have already had the pleasure of getting a sample read on both books and I must say I am glad the reactions to both books and stories have been overwhelming positive. I cannot state how much your support in my work and all my series means. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. As you can see in the picture above this is my beautiful little niece and handsome little nephew (say hello to Emerald and Xander).

By the way, I will also be helping teach them when they get older. I'm excited.

## **INTERVIEW/ASK A QUESTION FROM TWITTER**

Here are some of the questions that some of you asked when I asked for questions during the #AskAQuestion session on Twitter.

Check these questions and answers out below:

First Question: Are there topics you avoid when you write? Thanks Mr. Flynt for the question.

No. There are no topics that I avoid. That being said I do not put such topics as rape, murder, terrorism in my kids books like I perhaps might in my adult crime fiction books. I do write both kids and adults books. But generally as a rule there are no holds barred concerning topics for me.

Question 2- Do you feel writing is going learning about ourselves and the craft? Thank you Ms. Romero.

Yes, I absolutely do. As I write no matter which of my WIPs I am working on I learn more about myself and the craft. On the other hand I enjoy learning so that is not much of a surprise. I always enjoy learning more and more about the MCs too.

Question 3- What made you want to be a writer? Thank you Ms. Lisa Reynolds.

I have always loved creating things through art or through writing. I guess going to school helped me improve the techniques which helped me write better. The inspirations for my stories are different. For my kids detective story I was inspired by a student I taught last year.

Question 4- Do you usually remember your dreams? Do you use them to write? Thank you Moonwriter.

Yes, especially in the case of my YA fantasy series Verity Chronicles: The Jungle Master, the Witch Doctor and the Demon Lord. While the concept originally came from a political debate (what is the truth? yes it was political) the characters came to me in a dream.

Question 5- In order to continue to writing your current works, you're required to write something in a different genre? What genre did you chose? Thank you Mr. Wolf.

Good morning. For me, I chose two genres. My first one I chose was a kids story (for kids-a kids detective story) and my second one I chose was a high fantasy

story. Being able to write in different genres is a big plus and help especially if you intend to write many storie

Question 6- When did you first start writing? Bonus if you can say what kind of writing you started with and how you developed! Thank you Mia Leigh Renna.

I started with old crime fiction series (Which would become the basis for my adult crime fiction thriller book) about six years ago. There were 20 in all. Then I did my crime fiction book. Then I changed over to a kids detective story which will soon be out and a YA fantasy too.

Question 7- What kind of crime fiction do you write? Why that kind and not another? Thank you Renee Gendron.

Well, first I do have my adult crime fiction where the detectives are on the hunt for an international terrorist (the villain is a terrorist and he does commit many acts of violence). I also do have a kid's detective story (separate from my adult series) and is family friendly.

Question 8- What is the core difference between accountability and responsibility? (POV or Perspective?) Thank you WritingYogi.

The big difference I feel between accountability and responsibility is that responsibility can be shared whereas accountability cannot. As a leader I would be accountable for my actions but as leaders and followers we can share responsibility for the goals of the organization.

Question 9- How important do you believe it is to get the minor details of the forensics right? Thank you Tom Raley for the question.

I definitely try to get all the details right but if I had to mess up somewhere along the way I would rather mess up on the minor details than say on details concerning the events or characters.

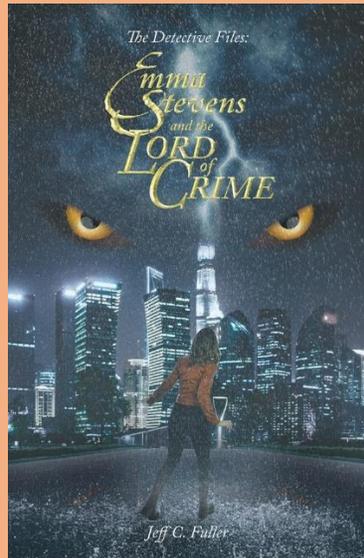
Question 10- What's your favorite band? Thank you Ms. SJ Lomas for the question.

Growing up it was NSYNC and Backstreet boys but now I would say it is Maroon 5. Individual singles I do like George Strait, Alan Jackson, and many others.

Personal Question from me: What do you do outside writing?

I teach kids. I am certified in both Elementary Education and Special Ed.

## NEWS/INFORMATION



Emma Stevens and the Lord of Crime (the 1<sup>st</sup> book in The Detective Files series) may have been released in May but the news has not stopped. The sequel to the book is being worked on (along with the kid detective series and my YA fantasy series). The contest for a free signed copy of the book has been cancelled due to lack of participation but there will be another chance very soon.

So in the mean time what has happened?

Updates to the website have been added.

Samples (or rough drafts of the old crime fiction series which the adult crime fiction series is based on is completely up onto the website). And when I say rough drafts they are literally rough drafts for your enjoyment. Also samples of both the YA Series and the kid detective book is also up for your enjoyment (in PDF format). So do come and check those out.

The samples to the old crime stories can be found here:

<https://thedetectivefiles.wixsite.com/lordofcrime/articles>

The samples to the kids and YA series can be found here:

<https://thedetectivefiles.wixsite.com/lordofcrime/kid-s-corner>

Where to get my adult crime fiction book: Here:

[https://www.amazon.com/Detective-Files-Emma-Stevens-Crime-ebook/dp/B07RV9JH7R/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=2TI2SHK0168PA&keywords=emma+st](https://www.amazon.com/Detective-Files-Emma-Stevens-Crime-ebook/dp/B07RV9JH7R/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2TI2SHK0168PA&keywords=emma+st)

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As more news comes this way stay tuned and be the first to catch it. Have great weekend.

### **RECENT REVIEWS OF OTHER WORKS**

Here I will recap and post the review of books I read in the last month to also recognize and support other members of the wonderful #WritingCommunity

#### **Werewolve Nights Review (4 stars) by Mari Hamill**

Wow! What can I say! Werewolve Nights by Mari Hamill is not your typical werewolve books. This has the elements of fiction, fantasy, mystery and werewolves all into one. It was well written and kept me reading from begining to end. From the begining to the end I never got the feeling I knew how it was going to end and kept reading. When I did think I figured it out I quickly realized i did not and was pleasantly surprised. The main character Catherine is indeed a strong female character who mostly would rather work in her shop and study werewolve lore rather than try to find another man after the disappearances of an ex boyfriend and ex husband. Yes, it is part romance and part mystery. The mystery part was for trying to understand what was really going on. This really became apparent after she landed an acting role. Her determination is somewhat tested after she gets the acting job with the lead guy which eventually makes her realize what she had previously beleived to not be entirely true. Overall, a well written story and one that will keep readers into it until the end.

#### **Twisting Fate Review (4 Stars) by Elizabeth Evans**

Twisting Fate is a well written story filled with drama. Drama that eventually leads to a revenge scheme leading to the deaths of two people. The story keeps the

reader intrigued and wondering who it was that was behind the scheme? Not once did I say to myself when will the story end of this plot is so simple I already have it figured it out. No, it kept me intrigued and me want to read more. Definitely not a kid friendly book but a good one nevertheless. It is a must read if you like drama and trying to figure out things. Twisting fate is indeed an appropriate title

### **Review of Counting Kitties (EC Early Childhood literature) by Sarah Linx 5 stars**

Here is my review for Counting Kitties. A young children's literature book. Counting Kitties is a very good children's book. Given that I now have a almost two year old niece and almost one year old nephew finding good educational books to help them read and count is going to be vital and this will certainly help. The pictures in the book were wonderful and made the story even flow easier. Well written and an easy read which I expect for young children's literature. Beautifully written. 5 stars.

### **Death Doll Review (4 stars) by Brian White**

The Death Doll by Brian White (4 Stars) is an entertaining story. Very unique character and a very good and different story than the typical zombie stories I had read previously. It was well written, good character development, good plot development and not once did I have to scratch my head trying to figure out what was happening to this person or that person or what was happening here or there. Very clear. Good and easy to follow. Good interesting character particularly Didi who I feel is a force to be reckoned with. The story is also action packed and not once did I ever feel like when is the action going to start? It never drags on. It keeps you up and interested and the suspense was also indeed one of the better parts of the story (along with the characters). Again well written.

### **The Pale Faced Lie-A True Story (5 Stars) Review by David Crow**

The Pale Faced Lie: A True Story by David Crow brought out many emotions in me. Sympathy, empathy, surprise and disbelief are just a few of the emotions I felt while reading this outstanding book. I would be lying if I said this was an easy read it was not but it is a read that is needed. The subject of child abuse is easily one of the hardest topics to talk about and address even in today's society. I say this because as a Special Education teacher my job is to ensure the well being of kids and to ensure they are safe and able to learn. This is stark contrast to the truth of the story told by Mr. Crow. Throughout his childhood he suffers many traumatic

experiences yet in the end he overcomes it by reaching the finishing life. The fact that this story is a true story makes me wonder why some people who are abused turn out bad and some who go through hardships are able to overcome their obstacles and succeed. Again, this is not an easy read but it is one I would highly recommend for people to ready. A true story and one with an important lesson that no matter the circumstances we face how we respond to them is far more important than anything else. His perseverance is to be commended and those who want a book with hard issues with good lessons this is definitely a must read.

There have been so many good reads and I do highly recommend checking these works out by these writers. Also do check my site [detectivefiles.org](http://detectivefiles.org) for more reviews and other books I recommend as well. Have good fall.

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