

DEADLY DECLARATIONS

BY LANDIS WADE

DESCRIPTION

It's modern day in the New South City of Charlotte, North Carolina, when an unlikely trio of retirees at the Independence Retirement Community, a/k/a The Indie, team up to solve two mysteries related to the death of a 96-year-old resident. Why was his manuscript about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence missing when they found his body? And why did his handwritten will dated the day he died disinherit his beloved granddaughter (his only heir), and leave his \$50 million fortune to Sue Ellen Parker, the most despised resident at the Indie?

At the urging of Chuck Yeager Alexander, an optimistic soul who loves historical conspiracies, and Harriet Keaton, a former businesswoman with an extreme dislike of Sue Ellen Parker, Craig Travail, a trial lawyer recently ousted from his law firm after 40 years, reluctantly goes to court to challenge the dead man's will for the granddaughter. This decision sets in motion a series of dangerous events that could lead the threesome to discover the answer to a colonial mystery that has evaded historians for 250 years. That is, if they don't die trying.

NOVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- A 250-year-old North Carolina mystery that—if solved—will change U.S. history.
- A historical cover-up; possibly, the first great American government conspiracy.
- A mysterious death tied to the controversial and long lost Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.
- A story mixing history, mystery, humor and suspense, with the doubts and fears that come with aging and career transitions.
- A story of how a small hamlet in the backwoods of colonial North Carolina declared independence from the most powerful nation in the world before they got around to it at the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

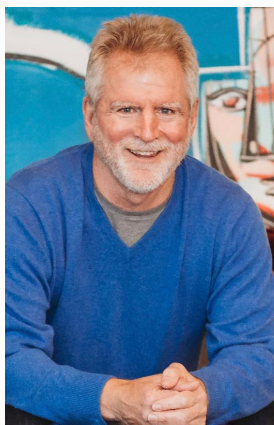
TRADE REVIEWS

"A page-turning tale that takes an unexpected journey through law, history, and retiree living." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"It's hard to tell where history ends and fiction begins. And as a former trial lawyer, Landis Wade makes the courtroom scenes as entertaining as they are convincing." —*BookLife Reviews*

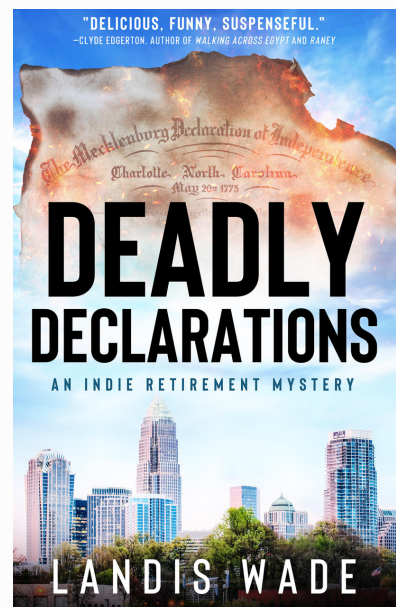
"*Deadly Declarations* is a fine example of how historical precedents can neatly weave into modern times to create a dilemma that is captivately contemporary." —*Midwest Book Review*

AUTHOR BIO



Landis Wade is a recovering trial lawyer, host of *Charlotte Readers Podcast*, and author of books and stories whose third book—*The Christmas Redemption*—won the Holiday category of the 12th Annual National Indie Excellence Awards, and was the 2018 Holiday category Honorable Mention in the 10th Annual Readers' Favorite Awards. He won the 2016 North Carolina State Bar short story contest for *The Deliberation* and received awards for his non-fiction pieces, *The Cape Fear Debacle* and *First Dance*. His short work has appeared in *Writersdigest.com*, *The Charlotte Observer*, *Flying South*, *Fiction on the Web* and in more than six anthologies, including by *Daniel Boone Footsteps*.

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- Conspiracy theories
- Humor

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