

LANDIS WADE

AUTHOR OF *DEADLY DECLARATIONS*
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LANDIS WADE AUTHOR & PODCASTER

Landis Wade is a recovering trial lawyer and host of the popular Charlotte Readers Podcast (where he has conducted more than 300 author interviews), whose third book—*The Christmas Redemption*—won the Holiday category of the 12th Annual National Indie Excellence Awards. He lives in Charlotte, Durham, and Watauga County, North Carolina, where he writes and podcasts, visits his grandchild, and fly-fishes. His love of history led to this novel.

In *Deadly Declarations*, an unlikely trio of retirees try to solve the 250-year-old mystery of the controversial First American Declaration of Independence, actions which—if successful—will change US history. That is, if they don't die trying.



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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Landis would love to be a guest on your podcast, radio show, or television program. Suggested interview questions are listed below:

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MECK DECK

- Why did you decide to write a novel that involves the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence?
- What are some of the undisputed facts in favor of the Meck Dec?
- What are some of the undisputed facts against the Meck Dec?
- Did John Adams really accuse Thomas Jefferson of copying from the Meck Dec?
- Who was Captain James Jack and did he really ride 500 miles from Charlotte-town to Philadelphia to deliver resolutions to the North Carolina delegates of the Continental Congress in May, 1775?
- What are some of the controversies surrounding the Meck Dec?
- Why did you choose to put the Meck Dec on trial in a will caveat case and how real are the legal issues addressed in the will contest trial?

QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITING & CREATIVITY

- How did your experience as a trial lawyer for 35 years impact the direction of the novel?
- How did you find creativity in life's third act?
- What was the process like, starting and producing an interview based literary podcast?
- What have you learned about writing by interviewing other authors?
- Why is it a good idea to listen to fellow authors talk about writing and the business of writing?
- Why is writing a book like starting a business?
- What is the difference between author platform building and book marketing?
- What is the value of rejection and revision?

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WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

"A feast of good reading that will have you licking your chops. Delicious, funny, suspenseful."

-Clyde Edgerton, author of *Walking Across Egypt* and *Raney*

"This is a novel rooted in history and mystery and imagination—a crackling good book."

-Frye Gaillard, American historian, and author of *A Hard Rain: America in the 1960s*

"Humor, a good puzzle, a peek inside some artful legal maneuvering, engaging characters—all the absolutely perfect ingredients for a mystery."

-Cathy Pickens, author of *Charlotte True Crime Stories* and the *Southern Fried Mystery* series

"A sizzling combination of historical mystery, courtroom drama, and warm, burgeoning friendships in a retirement community. I simply couldn't put it down."

-Dannye Romine Powell, author of *In the Sunroom with Raymond Carver* and *Parting the Curtains: Interviews with Southern Writers*

"Landis Wade is a master of the light-hearted legal thriller. If you're not careful, you might just get a history lesson. There's so much life in these pages!"

-George Hovis, author of *The Skin Artist*

"In Landis Wade's capable hands, what starts off as a challenge to a perplexing will becomes a heart-pounding race to discover the truth."

-Heather Bell Adams, author of *Maranatha Road* and *The Good Luck Stone*

"Landis Wade combines the precision of a lawyer with a natural storyteller in this historical thriller. A page turner brimming with North Carolina history – and fun!"

- Scott Syfert, author of *The First American Declaration of Independence?* and *Eminent Charlotteans*

"Deadly Declarations is what you'd get if *National Treasure* and *The Firm* had a book baby. Deliciously un-put-downable. Two thumbs up!"

-Tracy Clark, multi-nominated Anthony, Shamus, and Lefty Award finalist and winner of the 2020 Sue Grafton Memorial Award for the *Cass Raines Chicago Mystery Series*

"The plot bursts with danger, complications, and intrigue right until the last page. A terrific page turner—you won't be able to put it down. May this be the first of many."

-Webb Hubbell, former U. S. Associate Attorney General and author of *When Men Betray* and *The Eighteenth Green*.

