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Lethal Standoff

Justice can be elusive. Family secrets can be deadly. The stakes are high, and the clock is ticking in a volatile criminal case filled with unanswered questions. And Carrington Reed is running short on time to piece together clues that will solve the puzzle.

Hostage negotiator Carrington Reed is called to the scene when reports come in that fifteen hostages are being held by the Kendrix brothers in an abandoned house in south Texas. When she arrives on site, Carrington quickly learns that the brothers are armed and refuse to release their victims, a group of undocumented immigrants, until the local police identify their father's murderer.

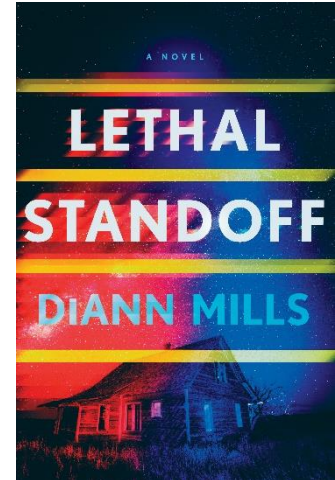
Working closely with Levi Ehrlich, a handsome investigative reporter who has covered some of Carrington's negotiations in the past, she finds herself being undeniably drawn to him. When Carrington digs deeper into the death of the Kendrix brothers' father, she begins to notice that some details surrounding his death aren't adding up.

As Carrington investigates the brothers' claims and tries to piece together their motive for taking innocent people captive, it soon becomes clear that they are trying to hide something and that revenge for their father's death may not be what they're really bargaining for after all. To protect the hostages and ensure the brothers don't carry out the rest of their sinister plot, Carrington must get to the bottom of one family's secret and the truth they're trying so hard to hide before time runs out.

Award-winning author DiAnn Mills delivers pulse-pounding romantic suspense about secrets, betrayal, and finding a path to forgiveness.

In *Lethal Standoff*, bestselling and award-winning author DiAnn Mills . . .

- writes about negotiator Carrington Reed and journalist Levi Ehrlich, who risk their lives to help negotiate the release of undocumented immigrants held hostage at gunpoint
- explores real-life themes of domestic violence, human trafficking, and family secrets
- features characters who overcome their fears and challenges to benefit others, inspiring readers to step forward and help others turn their obstacles into victories



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About the Author



DiAnn Mills is a bestselling author who believes her readers should expect an adventure. She creates action-packed, suspense-filled novels to thrill readers. Her titles have appeared on the CBA and ECPA bestseller lists and won two Christy Awards, the Golden Scroll, Inspirational Reader's Choice, and Carol Award contests. Connect with DiAnn at diannmills.com.

Interview Questions

1. Where did you come up with the idea for the plot of *Lethal Standoff*?
2. Tell us about some of the core themes you discuss in this novel. How can your readers relate to these themes in their own lives?
3. What inspired the personality traits of your main character, Carrington? What personal transformation does she undergo in the book?
4. Who was your favorite character to write about and why?
5. How does faith play a role in the story?
6. What was your favorite scene to write in *Lethal Standoff*?
7. What was the most challenging scene to write in the book?
8. How is this book similar to and different from your many award-winning books?
9. What do you hope readers will take away from the story?
10. Will you give us a sneak peek into your next project?

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