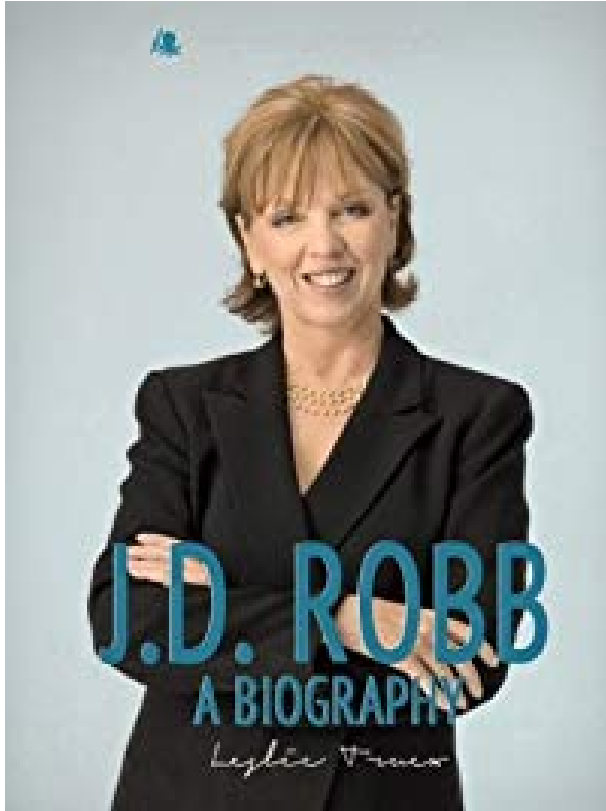


# J.D. Robb: A Biography



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**ABOUT THE BOOK** J.D. Robb is the pen name Nora Roberts uses for her In Death series of futuristic police procedurals. She is a prolific writer with over 200 published novels, 176 New York Times bestsellers, and over 400 million copies of her books in print worldwide. Over 34 of the books are from Robb's In Death series and since 2007, each In Death book has been a New York Times bestseller. Robb didn't grow up dreaming of mystery, romance or writing. However, she was an avid reader and enjoyed making up stories. A snowstorm that left her alone with two young children and a need to fill the time, led her to write her stories down.

Once she started, she didn't stop. **MEET THE AUTHOR** Leslie Truex is an online entrepreneur and freelance writer. She is the author of *The Work-At-Home Success Bible* (Adams Media) and *Jobs Online* (self-published). Her small business articles appear on *Lenovo's Small Business Insights*, the *Houston Chronicle's Chron.com*, and *eHow*. She's written several hundred articles on fitness and nutrition for *LIVESTRONG.com*.

She teaches work-at-home and writing related courses through Piedmont Virginia Community College. She has a B.A. in Psychology from Willamette University and an MSW from California State University, Sacramento. Her social work experience includes school counseling, public health and adoptions. She is also an AFAA certified aerobics instructor. **EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK** Since her first book in 1981, Nora Roberts' name has become synonymous with romance books. She was the first romance writer inducted into Romance Writers of America's (RWA) Hall of Fame and her name dons the RWA's Lifetime Achievement

Award. When she wanted to add suspense to novels, her publisher, Bantam discouraged her because of her success with romance novels.

But when she moved to Putnam in 1992, it asked if she would be willing to publish some of her works under a pseudonym to allow them to publish more of her work without saturating the market. According to Roberts, each publisher had only a certain number of slots available per year to publish each author. By having a second name, she could continue to write at her quick pace and the publisher could release more books written by her. She was resistant to the idea until her agent explained a pseudonym was similar to Pepsi, Diet-Pepsi, and caffeine-free Pepsi; each appeals to a different group. Roberts agreed to use another pen name under the condition that she could write an on-going series of romantic suspense.

Along with her prolific output, she is known for helping change romance books by making women stronger and more independent, and exploring the male protagonists point of view. Romance and mystery writer Janet Evanovich told Book Magazine, ...We see more variety in the genre in terms of heroine age and occupation. And today's heroine is stronger, more self-reliant.

Of course, Nora was always ahead of the pack.

Her heroines were always strong. CHAPTER OUTLINE J.

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