

Dani Pettrey & Blind Spot Q&A

1. Can you share a little about yourself?

My husband Mike and I have been married 25 years. We have two beautiful daughters, two adorable grandsons, one awesome son-in-law, and a one-hundred and twenty pound Newfoundland puppy who looks more like a bear than a dog, but has the sweetest temperament ever. I love hiking, kayaking, traveling, the beach and am always in search of the world's best iced mocha. I love connecting with readers, so please drop by www.danipettrey.com and say hi!

2. How long have you been writing?

I've been writing for fourteen years, published for seven, and my tenth book will release in July. It was a long, slow journey getting published, but it was definitely God's perfect timing, and it's been a whirlwind ever since.

3. What do you enjoy most about the writing process?

I love so many aspects of the writing process. Everything from daydreaming the initial idea, watching the characters come to life during the first draft, fine-tuning and deepening the story threads during the revisions—I love all of it. I even adore the scent of fresh ink and feel of warm paper as it comes out of the printer. I know it's such an author thing to say, but it's true. The most satisfying aspect, however, is hearing from my readers. Every contact literally makes my day.

4. Can you tell us a little about Blind Spot?

Blind Spot features federal agent Declan Grey and crisis-counselor Tanner Shaw as they face down one of the greatest terrorist threats to American since 9/11.

5. Is there a theme to Blind Spot?

I don't set out to write a story with a particular theme in mind. Rather, I sit down and write the story the Lord lays on my heart, and then I look back and discover the common theme running throughout the characters' journeys. Hope is the theme of Blind Spot. Hope in friendships, family, loved ones and, most importantly, hope in Christ and all that we have in and through Him and His constant presence and love.

6. Your heroine, Tanner Shaw, works to combat human trafficking and continues to help victims make a new life for themselves in the aftermath. How does she handle combating such darkness and evil in the world?

Tanner's hope, faith in God, and in His calling on her life, equips her in the battle to break the chains of atrocious bondage for victims of human and sex trafficking. Her faith sustains her through the darkness and the battle is worth ever scary she endures to help set just one woman free.

7. Are there any organizations combating human trafficking that you'd like to highlight?

Thankfully, there are many organizations and individuals battling this horrific human rights' violation. Two that come to mind directly are:

International Justice Mission: <https://www.ijm.org/>

Araminta Freedom Initiative: <http://aramintafreedom.org/>

8. How did you go about researching Blind Spot? Any area of research you found particularly compelling?

Research for Blind Spot involved a wide array of topics—everything from motorcycle skills, to weapon choices, police procedure, bombs, and, definitely most heartbreaking, the epidemic of human trafficking.

9. What are you working on now? What can readers look forward to next from you?

I'm currently working on two projects. I'm revising book four of the Chesapeake Valor series, which will release in July. I'm also extremely excited to be partnering again with Dee Henderson and Lynette Eason on a novella collection. When those projects are complete, I will dive into my new series, Coastal Guardians, which features Coast Guard Investigative Service special agents and is set in coastal North Carolina. I'm thrilled to be able to bring new characters and new settings to my readers in the coming years.