



*“At Your Throat Suspense”*

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## Press Release

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**San Antonio author signs with 5 Star Gale  
for debut suspense novel, *A Deadly Wilderness***

Author Kelly Irvin announced recently that she has signed a contract with 5 Star Gale for the publication of her debut novel, *A Deadly Wilderness*, in January 2010.

Irvin is a former newspaper reporter who spent several years writing for newspapers on the border in Laredo and El Paso. A graduate of the University Of Kansas School of Journalism, Irvin has been writing nonfiction professionally for 25 years,

For the last 15 years, she has worked in public relations for the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.

In “*A Deadly Wilderness*,” an idyllic wilderness hike turns deadly when a homicide detective tumbles into a ravine and lands on a corpse. Not just any corpse, but the son of a prominent citizen that turns the case into a political hot potato.

The detective teams up with his troubled partner and their boss to solve the murder before city leaders bump them from the case and out of their jobs. And before the twin temptations of alcohol and lust can derail his colleagues. Their

determination to find the man's killer leads them from the wealthiest enclaves in San Antonio to the city's dark underbelly inhabited by a drug cartel and paid assassins.

*A Deadly Wilderness* is a romantic suspense novel that will take the reader along on a tumultuous journey as the consuming need for material wealth drives a deadly wedge among family members who haven't learned when enough really is enough.

The journey ends where it began—in a deadly wilderness. Not everyone will survive the trip.

Irvin's suspense manuscript, "The Dead Parent Society," finished second in the 2007 Molly Contest sponsored by the Denver Heart of Romance Chapter of Romance Writers of America, while her romantic suspense manuscript, "Mine to Avenge," was a finalist in the 2006 American Christian Fiction Writers national Genesis Contest.

The Kansas native is a member of ACFW, Sisters in Crime, and Alamo City Christian Writers.

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