

DEADLY DECLARATIONS

BY LANDIS WADE

NOVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- A 250-year-old North Carolina mystery that—if solved—will change U.S. history.
- A historical cover-up; possibly, the first great American government conspiracy.
- A mysterious death tied to the controversial and long lost Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.
- A story mixing history, mystery, humor and suspense, with the doubts and fears that come with aging and career transitions.
- A story of how a small hamlet in the backwoods of colonial North Carolina declared independence from the most powerful nation in the world before they got around to it at the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

TRADE REVIEWS

"A page-turning tale that takes an unexpected journey through law, history, and retiree living." —*Kirkus Reviews*

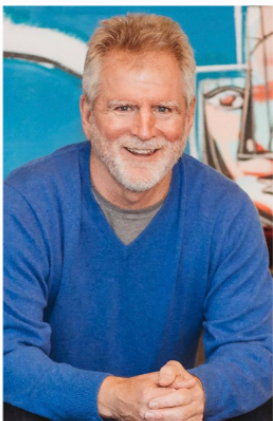
"It's hard to tell where history ends and fiction begins. And as a former trial lawyer, Landis Wade makes the courtroom scenes as entertaining as they are convincing." —*BookLife Reviews*

"*Deadly Declarations* is a fine example of how historical precedents can neatly weave into modern times to create a dilemma that is captivatingly contemporary." —*Midwest Book Review*

AWARDS

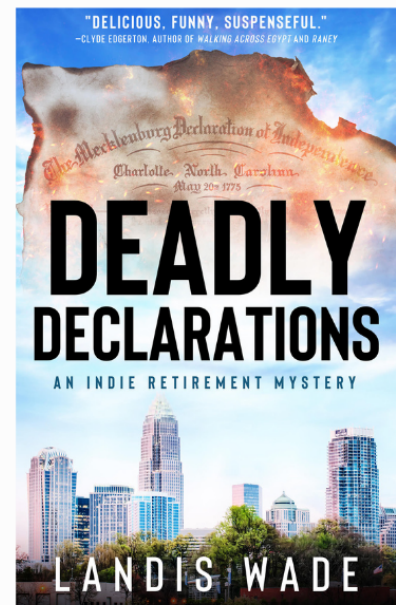
Winner American Fiction Awards: Cozy Mystery
Finalist International Book Awards: Thriller/Adventure
Bronze Medal Readers' Favorite International Book Awards: Legal Thriller
Finalist American Book Fest Best Book Awards: Historical Fiction
Finalist American Book Fest Best Book Awards: Mystery/Suspense
North Carolina Society of Historians Award of Excellence
Finalist CIBA Mystery & Mayhem Awards

AUTHOR BIO



Landis Wade is a recovering trial lawyer, host of *Charlotte Readers Podcast*, and author of books and stories whose third book—*The Christmas Redemption*—won the Holiday category of the 12th Annual National Indie Excellence Awards, and was the 2018 Holiday category Honorable Mention in the 10th Annual Readers' Favorite Awards. He won the 2016 North Carolina State Bar short story contest for *The Deliberation* and received awards for his non-fiction pieces, *The Cape Fear Debacle* and *First Dance*. His short work has appeared in *Writersdigest.com*, *The Charlotte Observer*, *Flying South*, *Fiction on the Web* and in more than six anthologies, including by *Daniel Boone Footsteps*.

The author welcomes the opportunity to develop talks and presentations for bookstore events, libraries, nonprofits, literary festivals, and more.



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- Southern history
- Conspiracy theories
- Humor

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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*

