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2ND MONDAY AUTHORS

February 11, 1 - 3 PM

Stop by on the 2nd Monday of each month and meet local authors in the Library lobby! Books will be available to purchase.

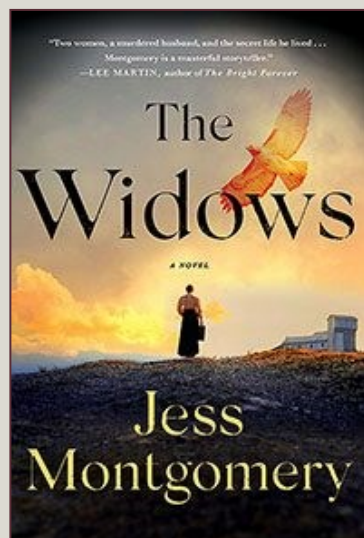


Jess Montgomery (aka Sharon Short) is the author of the Kinship Historical Mysteries. Under her given name, she wears several other literary hats: she is a newspaper columnist, focusing on the literary life, authors and events of her native Dayton, Ohio for the Dayton Daily News; Executive Director of the Antioch Writers' Workshop at University of Dayton; and is an adjunct mentor in the Seton Hill University Low-Residency Writing Popular Fiction M.F.A. program.

Book Featured: *The Widows*, c2019 — *The Widows* is a gripping historical mystery about two women whose lives collide when the man they both love is murdered.

"Deeply felt...the feisty female protagonists do their real-life foremothers proud."

—**Publishers Weekly**



"Inspired by the true story of Maude Collins, Ohio's first female sheriff, and prominent labor and community organizer Mary Harris "Mother" Jones, Montgomery's debut novel features two tough-as-nails, strong-willed women whose empathy leaves a lasting impression. A simultaneous examination of women's rights, coal mining, prohibition, and Appalachian life, make this a fantastic choice for historical fiction fans."

—**Library Journal** (Starred Review)

"An engaging debut... Vivid historical details, an intriguing mystery, and strong female characters."

—**Kirkus Reviews**

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