



About **FRACCIDENTAL DEATH**

When grad student Summer Cassidy arrives in West Virginia to test water quality near fracking sites, she confronts fouled wells, puzzling illnesses, and cyberespionage. The community splits into two camps, each with high stakes: jobs that feed families and millions in investments versus clean water and the good health it makes possible.

Gut-wrenching betrayals, explosions, and murder ignite the pages of this fast-paced mystery. Surrounded by chaos and deceit, can Summer track the source of contaminants before more people get sick—or even die—simply by turning on their taps?

FRACCIDENTAL DEATH continues the adventures of hydrogeologist Summer Cassidy that began in the award-winning thriller **WET WORK**.

About the author

Clarksburg, WV, native **Donna Meredith** lives in Tallahassee, Florida, with her husband John. Her award-winning novels include *The Glass Madonna*, *The Color of Lies*, and *Wet Work*. She also wrote *Magic in the Mountains: Kelsey Murphy, Robert Bomkamp, and the West Virginia Cameo Glass Revolution*. Her work has appeared in the *Tallahassee Democrat*, *Tallahassee* magazine, *Goldenseal*, *Seven Hills Review* and *Southern Literary Review*. She graduated from Fairmont State College, West Virginia University, and Nova Southeastern University and studied creative writing at Florida State.

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REVIEWS OF *FRACCIDENTAL DEATH*

“DONNA MEREDITH’S *FRACCIDENTAL DEATH* COMBINES A GRIPPING MURDER MYSTERY with a beautifully observed northern West Virginia setting and a lot of easy-to-digest information about the business of extracting oil and gas today. The main character is a young woman who is a graduate student trying to remain scientific and even-handed while the love of her life, a wounded veteran, has become an activist against fracking— and her thesis advisor seems to be having a nervous breakdown— or else is in real danger. The book moves fast, but never sacrifices the protagonist’s struggle to learn, love, and deal with a pill-popping mother. **IT’S A SOLID, ENGAGING READ— THAT ALSO HAS A BRAIN.**”

—Meredith Sue Willis, assistant professor of creative writing at NYU and author of *Higher Ground*, *Love Palace*, and other books

“IN *FRACCIDENTAL DEATH*, DONNA MEREDITH HAS HONED A SHARP-AS-AN-AX HEROINE. Hydrologist Summer Cassidy has the world by the tail. Young, pretty, smart, she’s more slugger than tree-hugger—a beer-guzzling, truck drivin’ grad student who wants facts, not fluff. She’s tough as shale, but just like those West Virginia mountains, there may be a fissure or two beneath the surface . . . **IF YOU THINK SCIENCE IS BORING, YOU’VE NEVER MET SUMMER CASSIDY.** And if you’ve never thought about what’s in your drinking water, now might be a good time to start.”

—LC Fiore, author of *Green Gospel*

“ONCE AGAIN, DONNA MEREDITH BRINGS US A CAPTIVATING PAGE-TURNER. This time, we follow the bold scientist Summer Cassidy as she takes on the West Virginia fracking industry, and as the bodies start piling up, the suspense keeps building.”

—Doug Alderson, author of *Wild Florida Waters* and other books

“**I WISH EVERY CONCERNED WEST VIRGINIAN WOULD READ IT.**”

—Norman Julian, novelist and columnist

“Meredith has succeeded in making this a fascinating read by combining a fast-paced crime drama with **WELL-RESEARCHED, DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT ONE OF THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES FACING US TODAY.** She has given an accurate and timely look at issues confronting us in Florida and elsewhere around the country as we debate the question of allowing hydraulic fracturing in our communities. **IF YOU ENJOY A GOOD MYSTERY WITH CAREFULLY DEVELOPED CHARACTERS AND A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE, THIS IS YOUR BOOK.**”

—*Southern Literary Review*, by Pat Spears, author of *Dream Catcher* and *It’s Not Like I Knew Her*

“*Fraccidental Death* by Donna Meredith is a **FAST-MOVING CORPORATE MYSTERY THAT PULLS THE READER THROUGH TENSE TWISTS AND TURNS**, intricate but never boring scientific analyses, and nuanced descriptions of how emerging technologies clash with public safety and environmental concerns. **IF YOU’RE A READER WHO’S TUNED INTO THE POLITICAL DEBATE OVER THE ENVIRONMENT, A YOUNGER ADULT FASCINATED BY THE POWER OF SCIENCE TO EXPOSE TRUTHS HIDDEN IN THE WORLD, OR JUST LOOKING FOR A ROLLICKINGLY GOOD THRILLER . . . DIG INTO THIS FUN, FAST 280-PAGE WHODUNIT.**”

—Tallahassee Democrat, review by Dr. Penny J. Gilmer, Nancy Marcus Professor Emerita of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Florida State University

