

## p.m.terrell Biography

p.m.terrell is the internationally acclaimed author of the suspense/thrillers *Ricochet*, *The China Conspiracy* and *Kickback*, as well as five non-fiction books. Her ninth book, *Songbirds are Free*, will be released in October 2007.

“p.m.” stands for Patricia McClelland. In 1984, she opened McClelland Enterprises, Inc., one of the first companies in the Washington, D.C. area devoted solely to personal computer training in the workforce. In 1994, she opened Continental Software Development Corporation, which provides programming and consulting services throughout the continental United States and Puerto Rico.

Her clients have included the United States Secret Service, CIA, and Department of Defense. Her specialty is law enforcement- and intelligence-related computer technology.



A full-time writer since 2000, Ms. Terrell draws on her computer background and law enforcement knowledge in her contemporary suspense/thrillers. PBS aired a 30-minute segment on *The China Conspiracy* and the premise that our electronic voting technology is so security flawed, even a foreign government can easily infiltrate it and rig our elections—a finding that many colleges and universities have confirmed. Voice of America aired several segments on *The China Conspiracy* that were broadcast into Communist China. In 2006, PBS aired another 30-minute program on *Ricochet*, whose plot involves our porous southern borders, the ability for Middle Eastern terrorists to cross into the United States posing as Hispanic immigrants, and stolen identities.

Midwest Book Review says, “This author has effortlessly set herself at the top of the ranks of suspense writers” and PBS host Barbara Berlin says, “p.m.terrell is the next John Grisham.” Reader Views’ syndicated columnist Cherie Fisher says, “p.m.terrell is a master storyteller!” and Canadian columnist Simon Barrett says, “It is only a matter of time before we see p.m.terrell on the bestseller lists.”

Ms. Terrell’s next book, *Songbirds are Free*, is historical fiction inspired by the true story of Mary Neely, who was captured by Shawnee Indians in 1780 at Fort Nashborough. The story follows Mary’s two years in captivity, her escape from the Indians and subsequent capture by the British, who held her as a prisoner of war, and her eventual escape and journey home over hundreds of miles of inhospitable territory. It is a story of great courage, and Terrell’s most personal story to date—if alive today, Mary Neely would be her cousin.

More information on p.m.terrell can be found at [www.pmterrell.com](http://www.pmterrell.com) and information on Mary Neely’s true ordeal is located at [www.maryneely.com](http://www.maryneely.com). She currently makes her home in coastal North Carolina.