



## **'HAILEY DEAN MYSTERIES: A PRESCRIPTION FOR MURDER'**

### **Cast Bios**

**NANCY GRACE** – An outspoken, tireless advocate for victims' rights and one of television's most respected legal analysts, Nancy Grace appears regularly on ABC's "Good Morning America." She is the founder and publisher of CrimeOnline.com, a crime-fighting digital platform that investigates breaking crime news, spreads awareness of missing people and shines a light on cold cases. In addition, "Crime Stories with Nancy Grace," a daily show hosted by Grace, airs on SIRIUS XM's Triumph Channel 132 and is downloadable as a podcast. Previously, she was the powerful force behind CNN Headline News' (HLN) top-rated "Nancy Grace" and A&E's limited series "Grace vs. Abrams."

A former prosecutor with an unparalleled record of success, she has guested on The Oprah Winfrey Show, "The View," "The Today Show," "Dr. Oz," "Dr. Phil" and "Larry King Live," among others, dispensing her firebrand take on the modern justice system. In addition, she was a highlight and fan favorite of "Dancing with the Stars: Season 13," finishing in the competition's coveted Top 5. All her earnings from the show went to support the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 2011, Grace was named one of the most impactful and powerful women in entertainment by both leading industry trade magazines, *Variety* and *The Hollywood Reporter*.

Grace's first book, *Objection!*, was published in 2005 and became an instant New York Times bestseller. Her two subsequent novels, *The Eleventh Victim* (2009) and *Death on the D-List* (2010), were also New York Times bestsellers. Her latest work of fiction, *Murder in the Courthouse*, was released in time to coincide with the first in a series of original Hallmark Movies & Mysteries originals based on her popular characters. "Hailey Dean Mystery: Murder, With Love," which Grace executive produced, premiered on October 23, 2016, with second and third installments ("Hailey Dean Mysteries: Deadly Estate" and "Hailey Dean Mysteries: Dating is Murder") aired in 2017. Hallmark Movies & Mysteries began their annual Summer of Mystery programming event with three original Hailey Dean movies in 2018 ("Hailey Dean Mysteries: 2+2=Murder," "Hailey Dean Mysteries: A Marriage Made for Murder," and "Hailey Dean Mysteries: A Will to Kill"), and fans can look forward to three all-new films in May 2019.

She is the recipient of several American Women in Radio & Television "Gracie Awards" for her "Nancy Grace Investigates" primetime report on Court TV and has been awarded the Individual Achievement/Best Program Host honor. Grace has also been widely recognized by many notable organizations (including the Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation, Crime Victims United of California and The Retreat) for her advocacy work on behalf of victims' rights.

Grace's life changed forever in 1979 when her fiancé, Keith Griffin, was shot and killed. In the aftermath of that crime, Nancy abandoned plans to become an English professor and turned her focus to criminal justice. She became a Law Review graduate of Mercer Law School and

received her degree in constitutional and criminal law from New York University. Additionally, she donated her time to help staff the hotline at an Atlanta battered women's center for over 10 years.

Nancy Grace initially came to television from the Atlanta Fulton County District Attorney's Office, where she served more than a decade as a special prosecutor of felony cases involving murder, rape, child molestation and arson. Known for her authentic sensibility and for not holding back her opinion on high-profile cases, she was tapped to co-host Court TV's "Cochran and Grace" and later, the live, daily trial coverage program, "Closing Arguments." She also presided over the daytime hit "Swift Justice with Nancy Grace," for which she received an Emmy® Award nomination.

2007 saw Grace's marriage to investment banker David Linch. In a recent interview she said, "After I lost my fiancé, it seemed like it would be better to always be alone than to risk being hurt again. I thought God had closed that door and given me my career instead. But then someone came into my life, and I realized: this is worth the risk."

Another life milestone followed – the birth of twins John David and Lucy. "These babies are my miracles," she says.

Now, everything important in Grace's life – including her unwavering crusade for true justice – comes back to family. Since her marriage and the birth of her children, Nancy says, "I feel even more passionate about fighting for victims."

Nancy Grace, her husband and her twins reside in Atlanta and New York City with their rescue pets, a dog, a cat and two guinea pigs.

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**KELLIE MARTIN (Hailey Dean)** – While Kellie Martin has garnered many acting credits, she is probably still most fondly remembered for her work as Becca Thatcher in the popular ABC series "Life Goes On," for which she received an Emmy® nomination for Best Supporting Actress. From there, Martin played the title role in the CBS drama "Christy," as well as medical student Lucy Knight on NBC's "ER" from 1998-2000. Martin broke ground as Army Captain Nicole Galassini on "Army Wives," and appeared in the quirky TBS comedy "The Guest Book." Most recently, she starred in Lifetime's "Death of a Cheerleader." She has starred as fan-favorite sleuth Hailey Dean in the "Hailey Dean Mysteries" franchise, which is in its eighth installment. Martin also serves as executive producer on the popular Hallmark Movies & Mysteries "Emma Fielding Mysteries" franchise.

Other recent television projects include starring roles in the Hallmark Channel Original Movies "So You Said Yes," "The Christmas Ornament," "I Married Who?" and "Smooch;" a starring role in Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Original "Hello, It's Me" and guest starring roles on ABC's "Private Practice" and "Grey's Anatomy," Lifetime's "Drop Dead Diva" and AMC's "Mad Men."

Among her feature film credits are *Open House*, *Malibu's Most Wanted*, *A Goofy Movie*, *Matinee* and *Troop Beverly Hills*.

In 1999, Martin took on a new role as national spokesperson for the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (AARDA). Drawing on her family's experience (her sister Heather passed away at age 19 from complications of a misdiagnosed case of lupus), Martin works to raise awareness of autoimmune disease as a major women's health issue. Among her activities: lobbying on Capitol Hill; participating in the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women 2000; and meeting with patients and family members to share her story. In 2001, Reader's Digest named Martin a national "Health Hero" on its cover; and a year later, Lifetime Television's Intimate Portrait featured Martin and her work with AARDA. In 2003, Martin was honored with the Michael Wayne Public Service Award by Lupus LA.

In 2001, Martin graduated from Yale University with a degree in art history. In 2004, she was accepted to the AFI Directing Workshop for Women where she directed her first short film. In 2014, Martin's first novel, Madam, which she co-authored, was published by Penguin Group.

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