



INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING AUTHOR
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ABOUT TESS GERRITSEN

Internationally bestselling author Tess Gerritsen took an unusual route to a writing career. A graduate of Stanford University, Tess went on to medical school at the University of California, San Francisco, where she was awarded her M.D.

While on maternity leave from her work as a physician, she began to write fiction. In 1987, her first novel was published. *Call After Midnight*, a romantic thriller, was followed by eight more romantic suspense novels. She also wrote a screenplay, “*Adrift*,” which aired as a 1993 CBS Movie of the Week starring Kate Jackson.

Tess’s first medical thriller, *Harvest*, was released in hardcover in 1996, and it marked her debut on the New York Times bestseller list. Her suspense novels since then have been: *Life Support* (1997), *Bloodstream* (1998), *Gravity* (1999), *The Surgeon* (2001), *The Apprentice* (2002), *The Sinner* (2003), *Body Double* (2004), *Vanish* (2005), *The Mephisto Club* (2006), *The Bone Garden* (2007), *The Keepsake* (2008; UK title: *Keeping the Dead*), *Ice Cold* (2010; UK title: *The Killing Place*), *The Silent Girl*, and now *LAST TO DIE*. Her books have been translated into 37 languages, and more than 20 million copies have been sold around the world.

In July of 2010, TNT premiered its new series “*Rizzoli & Isles*,” based on the bestselling series by Gerritsen. Angie Harmon (*Law & Order*) and Sasha Alexander (*Mission: Impossible III*) star as Boston detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles, good friends and sometimes partners, who together solve crimes and bust some of Boston’s most notorious criminals. The series also stars Lorraine Bracco (*The Sopranos*) as Jane’s demanding and intrusive mother and Lee Thompson Young (*FlashForward*) as Det. Barry Frost, Jane’s somewhat green partner. The series went on to be a hit, and is just wrapping its third season.

As a novelist/M.D., Gerritsen’s specialty is in translating complicated medical science for lay readers. She often lectures at science education events and teaches a writing course on Cape Cod for physicians who want to become novelists. She is also the only Asian thriller writer who has achieved bestseller status.

Her books have been top-5 bestsellers in the United States and abroad. She has won both the Nero Wolfe Award (for *Vanish*) and the Rita Award (for *The Surgeon*). Critics around the world have praised her novels as “Pulse-pounding fun” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*), “Scary and brilliant” (*Toronto Globe and Mail*), and “Polished, riveting prose” (*Chicago Tribune*). *Publisher Weekly* has dubbed her the “medical suspense queen.”

Now retired from medicine, she writes full time. She lives in Maine.