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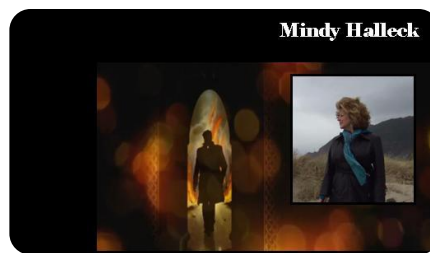
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"Return to Sender A Worthwhile Read!"

About Return To Sender

1955 ~ Father Theo Riley never wanted to be a priest, nor a killer. The former boxing champion and Korean War veteran gave up more than a career when he went into the Army. He lost the only thing he ever wanted: his love, Andréa Bouvre. Friends thought Theo entered the priesthood to mend his broken heart or atone for the massacred orphans he couldn't save in Korea. However, the truth is much darker and more damning, tied to a blood debt and family secret that has haunted Theo since he was a boy. He drinks to forget he ever had a life of his own—waits for death, prays for mercy, and hopes for a miracle. He gets all three when a child goes missing, another shows up on his doorstep, and the love of his life drives back into his world; the seaside hamlet of Manzanita Oregon. Theo's dream reunion with Andréa becomes a nightmare when a serial killer who considers himself a holy man targets the town and everyone Theo loves. Drinking days decidedly behind him, Theo and some old warriors set out to send evil back to hell and a few good souls to heaven in RETURN TO SENDER.

Book Trailer Available @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTChYxzVjfM&feature=youtu.be>





[Mindy Halleck](#) is an award winning fiction writer, novelist, and social media and writing instructor. In 2014, after many years as a non-fiction author she released her debut novel, *Return To Sender*, a literary thriller set on the Oregon Coast in the 1950's. Halleck also blogs at [Literary Liaisons](#) and is an active member of the Pacific Northwest writing community. In addition to being a writer, Halleck is a happily married, globe-trotting beachcomber and three-time cancer survivor. www.MindyHalleck.com [AMAZON](#) page [Facebook](#) [Twitter @Mindyhalleck](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Goodreads](#) [Blog](#) [google+](#)

Return To Sender ~ Endorsements:

"In Return to Sender, Mindy Halleck writes about family and neighborhoods and the ways our roots define our lives with the assured vividness of Dennis Lehane and the unflinching edge of Gillian Flynn. An old school, can't-put-it-down read."

Larry Brooks, critically-acclaimed bestselling author of four psychological thrillers, in addition to his work as a freelance writer and writing instructor. www.StoryFix.com

Mindy Halleck's Return to Sender has it all: a protagonist, Theo Riley, with a psychic wound that caused him, as a child, to kill three other human beings, then become a priest in an effort to find redemption for his soul, and a serial killer antagonist who makes Hannibal Lecter look like a choir boy. And add to that a fast-paced plot that slows down only when Theo periodically stops for a reflective moment that takes one's breath away in its profundity. You'll find yourself pondering your own redemption as you accompany Theo on his quest to save the woman he loves, his beloved beach town, and himself in this novel that will haunt you long after you've put it down.

Gloria Kempton, Writing Coach and author of ten books, including *Write Great Fiction: Dialogue*, and *The Outlaw's Journey: A Mythological Approach to Storytelling*. www.gloriakempton.com

Mindy Halleck's Return to Sender is a deeply evocative novel wherein the protagonist, Theo Riley is a Roman Catholic Priest who carries a dark cross and earns redemption through blood and tears. This is a novel that explores what it means to have faith in a world torn by conflict.

Bill Johnson, Author of *A Story is a Promise* & *The Spirit of Storytelling*, www.storyispromise.com.

"Monsters don't just happen." In her debut novel, Mindy Halleck creates a monster--Genghis Hansel--who needs a warrior-priest to release him from his demons. "Return to Sender" is a big book with a cast of edgy characters. It is a deep love story and a thriller rolled into one.

Jack Remick, Author and Instructor www.jackremick.com ~ Montaigne Medal and BOTYA Finalist.

The vivid imagination of a born story-teller comes to life in Mindy Halleck's new novel, Return to Sender, starring a warrior-priest as reluctant hero—he waits for death, he prays for mercy, he hopes for the miraculous return of his fighting skills—as he faces a stone killer, the ruthless dragon-antagonist rising up from the mists with vengeance in his heart. Set against a backdrop on the picturesque—and often quixotic—Oregon seacoast, Return to Sender blooms with a sterling cast and some peachy plot-twists.

Robert J. Ray, The Weekend Novelist www.RobertRay.com

Return To Sender, Featured Indie novel in Kirkus Review Magazine, January 2015

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Mindy's One Line BIO

Award winning author, [Mindy Halleck](#) is also a blogger and beachcomber who often is found writing in coffee shops from Mukilteo to Manzanita.

Longer Bio:

[Mindy Halleck](#) is an award winning Pacific Northwest author, blogger and instructor. Mindy's short story, *The Sound of Rain*, which placed in the Writer's Digest Literary contest blossomed into her novel *Return to Sender*, a featured debut novel in Kirkus Review Magazine, January 2015 and in July received the 'READERS CHOICE' award from Readers Favorites.

Mindy believes writing is a life-long apprenticeship, and as a cancer survivor who wrote her way through *dis-ease*, she believes writers can aid healing their mind, body and soul through writing. Not wanting to write about her cancer she turned to creative writing to explore her fear of death, loss and survival through fictional characters.

"I took my cancer deep into my fiction writing, explored, healed and then left it there."

As an inspirational instructor she emboldens writers to explore their deepest secrets, fears and loves, and then gets excited when a student's light bulb flashes and they take rapid-fire notes. Additionally, Mindy urges writers to embrace social media early in their professional endeavors, and skillfully shows them how to reach out and find an audience in the vast cyber-world, through blogging, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and other social media venues.

In her past career as Vice President in a Fortune 500 Company, a sales and marketing professional, and small business marketing trainer, Mindy Halleck brings those same tools to the writing world, saying,

"Being an author is a small business, and social media is a small business owner's best friend."

Mindy blogs about all things writerly at [Literary Liaisons](#) and is an active member of the Pacific Northwest writing community. A one-time romance columnist and travel writer, she is now a happily married, globe-trotter, gardener, and three-time cancer survivor.

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SEATTLE AUTHOR USES SIXTY-YEAR OLD KOREAN WAR LETTERS AND PICTURES AS INSPIRATION FOR DEBUT NOVEL, RETURN TO SENDER.

Seattle Washington, November 1st, 2014 Author, Mindy Halleck releases her debut novel, Return To Sender, under [Booktrope Books Publishing](#). Using long forgotten Korean War letters and pictures as the backstory, Return To Sender deals with modern day issues of war; forsaken orphans in foreign lands, and an unending soldier's ailment, unaddressed until recently – Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. Return To Sender unfolds in the 1950s in the sleepy beach hamlet of Manzanita on the Oregon Coast where the protagonist has returned from war, as a priest with a past.

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