**Biography:**

Jodé is a life long resident of Poughkeepsie, New York, which serves as the setting for her crime fiction. In her writing, she draws upon her many years as an attorney to capture the tensions that arise when a small community is rocked by tragedy.

Author of the best-selling SEATS: NEW YORK Theatre guidebook, her debut thriller, “*The Midnight Call*” was released by Immortal Works Publishing in 2019. “*The Midnight Call*” won numerous awards including: the 2021 Independent Press Award for Legal Thriller, the 2020 Bronze IPPY Award, the 2020 American Fiction Award for Legal Thriller, was a nominee for the Harper Lee Prize for Legal Fiction, a 2021 finalist for the Book Excellence Awards, was short-listed for the 2019 Clue Award, and received the First Place Blue Ribbon as “Best Police Procedural” by Chantireviews.com.

“*Hooker Avenue,”* the second installment of the “Queen City Crimes” Series was released by Level Best Books in April 2022, won the 2022 Independent Press Award for Crime Fiction and was a Finalist for the 2022 American Fiction Award and received First Place Honors for the 2022 Clue Award. It was also a Finalist/Honorable Mention for the prestigious RWA/KOD Daphne Du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense, and a Finalist for the Silver Falchion Award.

Jode’s third installment of “The Queen City Crimes” series, “*The Empty Kayak,*” was released in May 2023 and was a *Kirkus Review* Editor’s selection. It has been named a Finalist for the Clue Award, Book Excellence Award, Readers Favorite Award, Independent Press Award, and BestThriller.com.

In October, 2023, Jode was honored with the 37th Annual Arts Mid-Hudson Dutchess County Executive Arts Award for Individual Artist of the Year.

Jode received her BA and JD from Syracuse University, and while studying at NYU Law School she served as a contributing editor to “*The Kaminstein Legislative History Project: A Compendium and Analytical Index of Materials Leading to the Copyright Act of l976*." Concentrating on law and literature, Jodé obtained her MA in English Literature from Eastern Michigan University, and has taught at Detroit Mercy Law School and Marist College.

She has developed “The Writer’s Law School,” which is an educational program designed to inform writers and artists about how to protect their artistic rights. Jode has presented the program to international writing associations, arts organizations and libraries. And she is a book reviewer for Booktrib.com and the New York Journal of Books.

Presently, she also co-hosts and co-produces *Backstage with the Bardavon* Podcast, which invites the listener backstage for intimate conversations with musicians and performers appearing at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and UPAC in Kingston, NY. The podcast is available on Itunes, Spotify, iHeart Media, and Google.

Jode is a member of The Authors Guild, New York State Bar Association, Mystery Writers of America, International Thriller Writers, Sisters In Crime, Romance Writers of America and Women Fiction Writers Association. She is a member of the Committee on Entertainment, Sports and the Arts for the New York Bar Association. Her book reviews can be found at Booktrib.com and New York Journal of Books.

Her hobbies include: golf, watercolor painting, photography, baking, cinema, gardening, travel, and, of course, reading.

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**Book Awards**

THE MIDNIGHT CALL

2021 – Independent Press Award­­—Winner – Legal Thriller

2020 – American Fiction Award —Winner —Legal Thriller

2020 – Independent Publishers Book Awards—Winner—Bronze IPPY Award

2020 – Golden Quill – Desert Rose RWA—Finalist for Suspense

2020 – Write Touch Readers Award – Wisconsin RWA—Finalist

2020 - Reader’s Favorite —Honorable Mention

2019 – National Readers Choice Award – Oklahoma RWA—Finalist

2019 –Clue Award— Shortlist

2014 – Clue Award—Finalist

2014 – Chantireviews.com —“Best Police Procedural”

HOOKER AVENUE

2023—Silver Falchion Award - Finalist

2023— RWA/KOD Daphne DuMaurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense -Finalist/Honorable Mention

2023—Clue Award —Finalist/First Place Winner

2022 – Independent Press Award­­—Winner – Crime Fiction

2022—American Fiction Award – Finalist

2022—Bookshelf Awards—Honorable Mention

THE EMPTY KAYAK

2024 — Book Excellence Award - Finalist

2024—Independent Press Award – Finalist

2023 – Best Thriller Award - Finalist

2023—Clue Award – Finalist

2023—Readers Favorite International Book Awards—Honorable Mention

2023 – Kirkus Reviews –Editors Indie Selection – July issue

THE QUEEN CITY CRIMES SERIES

2023- CIBA Awards Mystery Series - Finalist

**Other works:**

*Seats: New York* (180 Seating Plans to New York Metro Area Theatres, Concert Halls and Sports Stadiums) (Hal Leonard Publishing) Second and Third Editions.

Seats is *the* guide to the best seats in the house. It includes 180 Seating Plans to theatres and arenas with color-coded pricing guide, ticket concierge for locating the best discount seats, maps and directions to the New York Theatre District.

*Seats: Chicago* (125 Seating Plans to Chicago/Milwaukee Metro Area Theatres, Concert Halls and Sports Stadiums) (Hal Leonard Publishing)

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