

AUTHOR INTERVIEW QUESTIONSa for Jo Huddleston's blog, 2018

(I reserve the right to make editorial changes; major changes on your approval.)

Please attach to your email jpg images of you and of your front book cover.

Please tell me **here** if your book giveaway is print or eBook: Kindle version of both Sanctuary, A Legacy of Memories and the new sequel, Testament, An Unexpected Return

Please tell me **here** the genre of your novel: Southern Mystery/Suspense

Please put your bio here, 100 word max

About the Author T. M. Brown is a Southern boy at heart, although he's lived and traveled in many states far removed from his beloved boyhood roots in Georgia and Florida. He returned to his Southern roots several years ago while his two sons were still in school and regularly traveled throughout the South before returning to college shortly after his youngest son graduated. In the last fifteen years he has preached, taught and coached in Alabama, Georgia and Florida until his wife and he moved outside of Atlanta and retired to write, travel, and spoil grandchildren.

Please answer **only 3** of these questions:

What takeaway value do you hope your readers receive after reading your book(s)?

Life doesn't always work out as we intend, but if we will only strive to do what is right and persevere, even if that course leads us into uncomfortable, even seemingly unjust circumstances, God will reveal his providential purpose. Doing right always trumps being right.

In both of my books, time-lost Shiloh struggles with inevitable 21st-Century changes and challenges. But one thing remains a constant: selfishness and greed of mankind. The motive remains undeterred even when the methods and means progress with the times.

Ultimately, my stories are parables about real life choices and consequences that eventually I desire my five grandkids to read as a legacy of love from their Poppy. I figure if I can connect with them, my reading audience certainly will as well.

What has no one asked that you would like to share?

What is your favorite dessert? If you don't like sweets. What is your favorite meal?

How do people react when they find out you write?

Since I began writing novels late in life, most of my family and long-time friends scratched their heads and smiled. Some knew me during my three decades in the corporate business world, and others knew me after I went back to school and ultimately seminary. When they heard I decided to write Southern novels, especially mystery/suspense stories many were skeptical. They knew of my inspirational and devotional writing but were curious about my transition into publishing novels with a wide audience appeal. Frankly, so was I. But, I now am convinced that God brings us into uncomfortable places for his purposes. I definitely am not Moses, but I can understand his pushback when asked by God to serve as God's voice to the people in Egypt. Of course, like Moses, God brought a partner along to help along the way. For me, a phenomenal writing coach and editor. She helped me to grasp the nuances of novel writing to bring my story-telling gift to life. Thanks to Kari Scare ([KariLynnScare.com](http://KariLynnScare.com)) the naysayers and skeptics became my most ardent supporters to promote my books.

What's your favorite place you have visited?

Do you believe in writer's block? If so how often do you get it? How do you fix it?

Do you type or write by hand? Computer? Typewriter? Legal pad?

Yes, to the above! I doddle and scrawl out scenes, storylines, and character development ideas in a menagerie of spiral notebooks, legal pads, and even composition books. Armed with my scribbled notes and ideas, then I begin the arduous task of bringing the story to life, scene by scene banging away on my iMac keyboard. Okay, I confess to have progressed beyond the typewriter. Even while typing out my story, I maintain several three-ring binders chock-full of printed out photos, background research, and expanded character and setting profiles, all cluttered with sticky notes and paper-clipped items jutting out in every direction. Thankfully, I progressed to some author-friendly computer programs, such as Scrivner and Evernote too.

What's one genre you have never written, and probably never will?

What was the main inspiration for the new book? Had the idea been on your mind for a while or just popped into it one day?

Why do you feel compelled to write—in your genre or at all?

Lighting Round (please answer **all**):

Vacation: My wife and I love the beach, but a cabin in the mountains is our first choice.

Y'all!!!! In fact, all y'all works too.

Biscuits!!!!

Summer, but Fall's a close second.

Desktop - love my iMac.

Mug! A big one.

Please answer **all** of these questions:

Please tell us a little about your novel,

### **Sanctuary, A Legacy of Memories**

(April 2017, 2nd Edition, January 2018)

Newly retired publishing executive, Theo Phillips, and his wife, Liddy, decide to leave the shadows of Atlanta behind and return to their South Georgia roots in time-lost Shiloh. While making new friends, Theo's interest in a memorial launches him smack dab in the middle of scandal and dark secrets. As Theo digs deeper into the mysterious fire that stole the town's landmark courthouse and a town hero, he and Liddy's retirement dreams take a turn that could unravel both them and the idyllic life they and many others look for in Shiloh.

### **Testament, An Unexpected Return**

(March 27, 2018)

In this sequel to *Sanctuary, A Legacy of Memories*, Theo and Liddy are finally sinking deep roots into their new hometown of Shiloh. Friendships are blossoming as Liddy ponders an offer to become the new art teacher at Shiloh High while Theo sends off his manuscript for *Jessie's Story* to be published. Life appears to be settling down, but ominous shadows from the town's past herald more tragedy lies ahead in little old Shiloh.

*“The testament of a man lies not in the magnitude of possessions and property left to his heirs, but the reach of his legacy long after his death.” Theo Phillips*

Where can readers find you online? (website, blog, social media, etc.—please give links)

Where can readers purchase my Shiloh series novels?

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<https://www.amazon.com/T-M-Brown/e/B06Y17WSJ3>

<https://www.fictionfinder.com/author/detail/1445>

Any local or online bookstore.

Optional: Leave a question you'd like readers to answer.

Why do you think so many Southern authors and their stories resonate so well, breaching geographical and cultural boundaries?