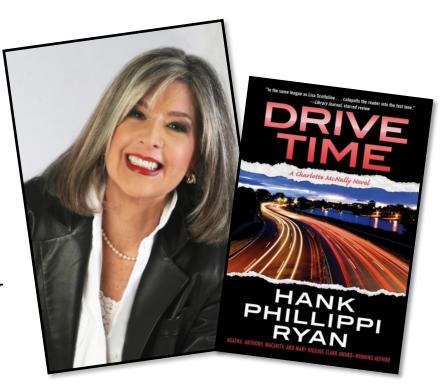
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HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN DRIVE TIME

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HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN

Hank's Bio-80-Word Version

HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN is the on-air investigative reporter for Boston's WHDH-TV, winning 34 EMMYs and dozens more journalism honors. The nationally bestselling author of nine mysteries, Ryan's also an award-winner in her second profession—with five Agathas, two Anthonys, two Macavitys, the Daphne, and Mary Higgins Clark Award. Her books are *Library Journal's* Best of 2014, 2015 and 2016, and SAY NO MORE is an Agatha, Daphne and Mary Higgins Clark Award nominee. Watch for TRUST ME coming in 2018.

Hank's Bio—100-Word Version

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Hank's Bio-the Short Story - 170-Word Version

HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN is the on-air investigative reporter for Boston's WHDH-TV. She's won 34 EMMYs, 14 Murrows, and dozens more honors for her ground-breaking journalism. The nationally bestselling author of nine mysteries, Ryan's also an award-winner in her second profession—with five Agathas, two Anthonys, two Macavitys, the Daphne, and for The Other Woman, the coveted Mary Higgins Clark Award. Critics call her "a superb and gifted storyteller" and "a master of suspense." She is the only author to have won the Agatha in four different categories: Best First, Best Novel, Best Short Story and Best Non-Fiction. Her novels have been named *Library Journal's* Best of 2014 and 2015—and Ryan's newest novel, SAY NO MORE, is a *Library Journal* Best of 2016. It is also honored as a Mary Higgins Clark, Daphne and Agatha Award nominee. Hank is a founder of MWA University and 2013 president of National Sisters in Crime. Watch for TRUST ME in 2018.

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Hank's Bio—the Long Story

A nationally bestselling author of nine mystery novels, HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN has won multiple prestigious awards for her crime fiction: five Agathas, two Anthonys, the Daphne, two Macavitys, and for THE OTHER WOMAN, the coveted Mary Higgins Clark Award. National reviews have called her a "master at crafting suspenseful mysteries" and "a superb and gifted storyteller." Her 2013 novel, THE WRONG GIRL, had the extraordinary honor of winning the Agatha Award for Best Contemporary Novel and the Daphne Award for Mainstream Mystery/Suspense, and is a seven-week Boston Globe bestseller. TRUTH BE TOLD is the winner of the Agatha Award for Best Contemporary Novel – a landmark back-to-back nomination and back-to-back win– and is a Library Journal BEST BOOK OF 2014! It is also an Anthony Award nominee for Best Novel of 2014, a RT Book Reviews nominee for Best Suspense/Thriller of 2014, a Library Journal Editor's Pick and RT Book Reviews Top Pick, with starred reviews from Booklist and from Library Journal, which raves, "Drop everything and binge read!" She also won a second Agatha Award in 2015 for Best Nonfiction as editor of the anthology of essays by mystery authors, WRITES OF PASSAGE, which was also honored with a Macavity Award and Anthony Award. Ryan's novel WHAT YOU SEE is an Agatha nominee for Best Contemporary Novel 2015 and an Anthony nominee for Best Novel 2015.

The latest addition to the Jane Ryland series is <u>SAY NO MORE</u> — a Mary Higgins Clark, Daphne and Agatha Award nominee and *Library Journal* Best Thriller of 2016. Jeffery Deaver says "Superb!" and a *Library Journal* starred review says "Ryan does it again."

The bestselling <u>THE OTHER WOMAN</u>, (now in a third hardcover printing and also available in e-book and paperback), was the first in the new Jane Ryland series from Forge Books. It's listed as a Best Book of 2012 by *the Kansas City Star, the Sacramento Bee, Suspense Magazine,* and *The Boston Globe*, won the prestigious Mary Higgins Clark Award, and was the only novel nominated for the Agatha, Anthony, Macavity, Shamus and Daphne awards for Best Novel of 2012.

An award-winning investigative reporter at <u>Boston's WHDH-TV</u> and a television reporter since 1975, her work has resulted in new laws, people sent to prison, homes removed from foreclosure, and millions of dollars in refunds and restitution for victims and consumers. Along with her 33 EMMYs and 14 Edward R. Murrow awards, Hank has won dozens of other honors for her groundbreaking journalism. She's been a radio reporter, a legislative aide in the United States Senate and an editorial assistant at *Rolling Stone Magazine*.

Her first four mysteries, beginning with the Agatha Award-winning PRIME TIME, feature Charlotte McNally, a Boston television reporter. FACE TIME was a BookSense Notable Book, and AIR TIME and DRIVE TIME were both Anthony and Agatha Award nominees for best novel of 2009 and 2010. The McNally series is now available in all new editions.

Hank is also on the national board of Mystery Writers of America and served as 2013 president of national Sisters in Crime.

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT HANK:

Hank's first novel, the bestselling **PRIME TIME** (which won the Agatha Award for Best First Novel in 2007) is actually not her first encounter with publishing. That was in 1969, when she got a summer job as a proofreader, and read the entire Indiana Code of Laws out loud.

Since then, Hank has been a political campaign worker, a radio reporter, a press secretary to a US Congressman, a legislative aide in the United States Senate, and—in a two-year stint in Rolling Stone Magazine's Washington Bureau –worked on the political column "Capitol Chatter" and organized presidential campaign coverage for Hunter S. Thompson.

Hank began her TV career in 1975, anchoring and reporting the news for TV stations in Indianapolis and then Atlanta. She's battled her way through hurricanes, floods and blizzards, wired herself with hidden cameras, chased criminals and confronted corrupt politicians. With ground-breaking reports including revealing mistakes in the 911 system that sent emergency responders to the wrong addresses, a failing jury selection system, firefighters given outmoded and failing equipment, corruption in the mortgage industry and unfair practices by powerful contractors, her hard-hitting journalism has changed laws and changed lives. She has also covered national political conventions, the NBA playoffs and the Super Bowl, and has interviewed newsmakers from Prince Charles to President Carter to Muhammad Ali.

Hank grew up in the Indianapolis area and went to Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, where she majored in Shakespeare (and, she says, "minored" in "independent reading and listening to rock and roll records"). She also studied abroad at the International School in Hamburg, Germany.

Outside Channel 7, Hank is a founding teacher at Mystery Writers of America University. She also served as the 2013 president of national Sisters in Crime, which promotes the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry. She's also on the advisory board of the Lyric Stage of Boston, a professional theater company. There, Hank founded the Lyric's "First Curtain" program, which provides the full theater experience for underprivileged students with free tickets and theater education scholarships.

Hank lives in the Boston area with her husband, a nationally renowned civil rights and criminal defense attorney.

HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN

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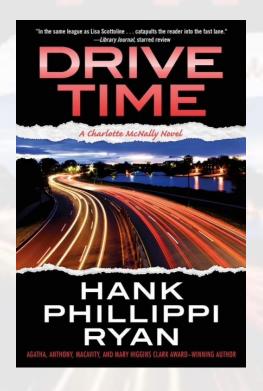
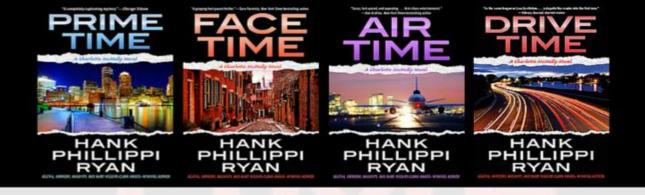




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-Bookreporter.com

"Drive Time may be Hank Phillippi Ryan's best novel yet—a stunning and timely plot enhanced by the life-changing events in her investigative reporter's personal and professional life. A realistic and endearing portrait of a woman trying to have it all. (And if any woman can, that woman is Charlotte McNally.)"

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"Drive Time is Hank Phillippi Ryan at her nonstop best. I loved it! The story grabbed me on the first page and didn't let go until the very last page...and I can't wait for more Charlotte McNally. Smart, witty and no one's fool, Charlie is a heroine for today. Readers won't be able to get enough of her."

-Carla Neggers

"Loved it! Smart, funny, fresh, intriguing and thoroughly entertaining—I highly recommend this series."

-Suzanne Brockmann

"....The fact that the author herself is an investigative TV journalist and multiple Emmy-Award winner lends an unmistakable authenticity to the novel, which is recommended."

-Gloria Feit, Midwest Book Reviews